

STATEMENT BY MR. HENRY ROTICH, EGH, CABINET SECRETARY/ NATIONAL TREASURY DURING A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE MEDIA ON THE SECOND HIGH LEVEL MEETING (HLM2) OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (GPEDC) ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE SAROVA STANLEY HOTEL, NAIROBI

**All Media Houses Present
Ladies and Gentlemen**

1. Let me welcome you all and thank you very much for sparing time to attend this press briefing. As you might be aware, Kenya has been honoured to host another important international conference which is the Second High Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) to take place from 28th November to 1st December 2016 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi. The meeting will consist of two days of preparatory meetings on 28th and 29th November 2016 and two days of the High Level Segment on 30th November and 1st December, 2016.

2. The meeting's high-level segment (30 November – 1 December 2016) will include seven plenary sessions, each preceded by an amphitheater session allowing technical-level exchange; and a series of side events and marketplace stalls for showcasing successful innovation and sharing knowledge. During the preparatory meetings, a number of forums are planned which include; Civil Society, Youth, Women, Parliamentarians, Local Government, Foundations and the Private Sector fora, along with a workshop on Global Partnership monitoring, among others.

3. Discussions on development cooperation have been based, on reduction of cost of doing business between the Development Partners and recipient countries which started in Rome (2003), then Paris (2005), Accra (2008), Busan (2011) and Mexico (2014). The objective of the meetings was to bring together the full range of development actors to ensure finance, knowledge and policy have maximum impact on development results.

4. In Busan (2011), the International Community changed the approach of emphasizing on transaction costs to focusing on development effectiveness. As a result of this new thinking other stakeholders of development assistance were invited to discuss harmonization and co-ordination in the spirit of partnership. These include Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Philanthropies, South/South and Triangular cooperation have been embraced. During Fourth High Level Meeting on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, South Korea in 2011, the stakeholders also renewed commitments and endorsed the Global Partnership for Effective Development

Cooperation (GPEDC). The First High Level Meeting of the GPEDC was held in Mexico City, Mexico in April 2014.

5. Today, I am happy to inform that the Second High Level Meeting of the GPEDC will take place in Nairobi from 28th November – 1st December 2016. This is happening in Nairobi after adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. The SDGs encourages us to observe human-rights based, universal and transformative approach to development.

The SDGs provide the overarching framework for us to renew our commitment to eradicate poverty and fast-track inclusive and sustainable development, including urgent action on climate change.

6. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Third Financing for Development also adopted in 2015 incorporates the means of implementation in which it acknowledged that the new agenda requires—*inter alia*—effective development cooperation and inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation is fully aligned with this intent as expressed through 17th SDG: Goals on *Partnerships for the Goals*.

7. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation is an inclusive forum that every two years, brings together the full range of Development Actors, from governments, Parliaments, International Organizations, Trade Unions, Private Sector, Civil Society and the Foundations. Through this multi-stakeholder platform, the Global Partnership provides practical support and shares knowledge to boost development impact across the globe, essential for the delivery of development results and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

8. While the SDGs address *development outcomes*, such as ending extreme poverty, the Global Partnership focuses the *quality of development inputs and results*. The Global Partnership therefore focuses on development effectiveness and the “how” we achieve both development goals and the SDGs. HLM2 provides a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to assess and set the tone and prioritize agendas for the Global Partnership.

9. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, The HLM2 to take place in Nairobi will seek to enhance the positive impact of development co-operation by taking stock of the implementation of internationally-agreed principles of development cooperation, that is: *Ownership of development priorities by developing countries; Focus on development results; Inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships; and Transparency and Accountability*. The principles are implemented through a set of ten indicators which are monitored globally every two years. The 2015/2016 monitoring results will therefore feed into discussions during the

Nairobi High Level Meeting. The HLM2 will also provide a learning space to showcase successful examples and lessons learned, and identify innovative approaches to sustainable development that can be scaled up.

10. The overall objectives of HLM2 therefore include: taking stock of the implementation of development effectiveness principles and commitments; providing a learning space on development effectiveness and showcasing successful examples; identifying and scaling up initiatives and innovative approaches to development; and position the GPEDC as a center of excellence for development effectiveness, providing a significant contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA).

11. One of the results HLM2 is an outcome document which is currently with all the stakeholders. The HLM2 outcome document will: (i) outline renewed commitments on increasing the effectiveness of development co-operation for diverse stakeholder groups; (ii) agree on how the Global Partnership can contribute to implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and; (iii) define new working arrangements for the GPEDC. Inclusive consultations ahead of HLM2 have contributed to a draft outcome document and final deliberations prior to the HLM2 will feed into and shape the Nairobi Outcome Document.

12. I am happy to inform you that Kenya will be championing a flagship topic, “*on Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth*” which will be led by the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Youth Affairs.

13. Finally, Let me once more take this opportunity to invite the media as key stakeholders to inform Kenyans and therefore publicize the HLM2 for wider participation and engagement to this important event. We also invite you to participate during the HLM2 to ensure coverage. For more information on your participation, please log on to the HLM2 website at www.hlm2nairobi.go.ke

Thank you!