



TAKING STOCK OF EFFECTIVENESS PRINCIPLES AT COUNTRY LEVEL

BRINGING EVIDENCE FROM ASIA-PACIFIC TO THE GPEDC SENIOR LEVEL MEETING

A Pre-SLM Side Event Hosted by the Governments of Nepal and Bangladesh

Friday, 12 July 2019 • 5:00-6:30pm, reception 6:30-7:30pm • Millennium Hilton, One UN Plaza

As the GPEDC Senior Level Meeting seeks to further commitments on the global effectiveness agenda, it is critical that deliberations are anchored by country-level realities. This pre-SLM side event, co-hosted by the Government of Nepal and the Government of Bangladesh, will provide a forum for consultation with countries in the Asia-Pacific region with respect to the effectiveness agenda.

The primary objective of the event will be to capture the priorities of Asia-Pacific countries on key issues being discussed at the SLM, thus advocating for their perspectives to be reflected in the discussions. Questions to be considered in the side event discussions include:

- What does the 'effectiveness agenda' currently look like at country level in the Asia-Pacific region?
- How do countries see the balance between a focus on the 'unfinished business' of previous aid effectiveness commitments and newer dimensions, such as private finance and South-South cooperation?
- What is the value proposition of the monitoring survey to Asia-Pacific countries? How should it evolve to drive progress on global commitments at country level?

The expected **outcome of the event will be a set of messages reflecting the priorities of Asia-Pacific countries**, to be brought into deliberations in the SLM on 13-14 July.

Seating is limited; **RSVP for the side event by 5th July** to ashley.palmer@undp.org.

Speakers:

- Government of **Nepal**: Mr. Rajan Khanal, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- Government of **Bangladesh**: Mr. Monowar Ahmed, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance
- Government of **Myanmar**: H.E. U Thaug Tun, Union Minister, Ministry of Planning and Finance
- Government of the **Philippines**: Mr. Rolando Tungpalan, Undersecretary, National Economic and Development Authority
- Government of **Cambodia**: Mr. Rith Vuthy, Deputy Secretary General, Council for the Development of Cambodia
- Government of the **Solomon Islands**: Mr. Samuel Wara, Director, Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation (*tbc*)
- Government of **Japan**: Mr. Susumu Kuwahara, Deputy Assistant Minister, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal

