

Title of session: The Global Scene: How to collectively influence the new global agenda – the African perspective

Objective: To encourage the debate among African PFD stakeholders about the upcoming global conferences: Second High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development (HLM2), Habitat III and the COP22 Low Emissions Solutions Conference.

Background:

Three highly relevant meetings for the Development community will take place during the last months of 2016. The first one is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, *Habitat III*, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, on 17-20 October 2016. This meeting is likely to adopt the *New Urban Agenda* (NUA) that will guide the policies and cooperation on cities and humans settlements of a wide range of actors – and particularly for the international cooperation and United Nations programmes — over the next 20 years. Although *Habitat III* will be the first UN summit after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and should contribute to its implementation, NUA should develop a more comprehensive view of the transition towards an increasingly urbanized world. As such, this agenda will lay the groundwork for policies and strategies that will influence the management of cities and human settlements.

Shortly after, between the 7th and 18th of November, COP22 Low-Emissions Solutions Conference will take place in Marrakech (Morocco). It will review the key commitments agreed in Paris last year, where every country is responsible for producing a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the period to 2030 as well as a Low-Emission Development Strategy (LEDS) to 2050. The Solutions Conference will be dedicated to share ideas, knowledge and brainstorm about concrete solutions, at national and global level. It is the first time in COP history that a large-scale technical-solutions conference is being organized for country delegations, placing innovative technological solutions at the heart of the meeting. The hope is that the Solutions Conference at COP22 will be the first of a series of similar annual events at future COPs.

Eventually, the 2nd High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), is taking place amidst the backdrop of Agenda 2030, which underscores the need for enhanced and effective development cooperation. As a global multi-stakeholder partnership that strives for greater effectiveness, quality and development impact of all types of development cooperation, the GPEDC is in a strong position to support Agenda 2030. In the run-up to the 2nd High Level Meeting of the GPEDC, which will take place in Nairobi between the 28th of November and 1st December 2016, a second Round Monitoring is underway with around 80 countries participating to: (a) take stock of the implementation of the principles of effective development cooperation; (b) identify and help scale up initiatives for development; and (c) serve as a learning space and contribute to the implementation of the SDGs and the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action.

Methodology: (1 hour 30 minute) Moderated session with experts and discussion with the audience. Moderator and speakers (see Agenda)