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Summary

The Co-chairs of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (Indonesia, Nigeria, UK) hosted a side event on its work. Speakers from the Co-chairs' offices provided an overview of the Partnership – a political forum for governments, business, civil society and others to help ensure that development cooperation effectively achieves results, and a mechanism to promote learning and accountability. In doing so, they outlined how the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation could contribute to a renewed global partnership for development, and to the design and implementation of a post-2015 development framework. Panelists representing a number of constituencies – including “traditional” donors, developing countries, small island developing states, the private sector, foundations, and civil society – as well as members of the audience engaged in an interactive discussion. Some key messages include:

- **The shift at Busan from “aid effectiveness” to “effective development cooperation” does not mean donors can step back from their commitments.** Commitments on issues like predictability and untying continue to be assessed through the monitoring framework, and international commitments in other areas of development cooperation, including aid levels, should continue to be honored.
- **Implementation of commitments on effective development cooperation should be grounded in countries' national processes.** Developing countries are moving ahead with implementation of Busan commitments at the country level. Countries are incorporating Busan principles into accountability mechanisms; linking development cooperation with reforms in other areas, such as climate finance and effective institutions; looking at ways to bring in new, “non-traditional” development partners into development cooperation mechanisms; and using regional platforms as a way of following the agenda.
- **It will be important to deliver on the promise of Busan to bring in non-governmental development partners more fully into efforts to improve development cooperation, particularly at country level.** Foundations offer important – and often innovative - programmes, but remain largely outside of country-level development effectiveness efforts, including alignment with government planning cycles. Expanding engagement of the private sector in development cooperation should be a positive for both business and government, and should not overlook small business and the informal economy in developing countries. Promoting a country-level environment that fosters the engagement of civil society in development is critical, as civil society continues to be a crucial partner in all areas of development cooperation, including in ensuring inclusiveness of development cooperation efforts.