



# Enabling Environments for CSO Engagement in Development: Lessons from GPEDC 2015/16 Monitoring for Agenda 2030 implementation

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## DESCRIPTION

Without a strong civil society that can engage in policy dialogue, service delivery, research, monitoring and the pursuit of accountability, it will be difficult to achieve the SDGs. Civil society organizations (CSOs) are anticipated to play a significant role in SDG implementation and monitoring, referred to in SDG 17. Enabling environments for civil society and CSOs' development effectiveness are also important aspects of the peaceful, inclusive societies and accountable institutions called for under SDG 16. Yet the shrinking space civil society is facing in a growing number of countries is an obstacle to development effectiveness and therefore an urgent matter. This event will explore progress made in implementation and monitoring of civil society enabling environments and CSO development effectiveness in line with the GPEDC's Indicator Two. It will propose steps to accelerate progress, including strengthening capacity for multi-stakeholder dialogue, monitoring and good practice guidance.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Cooperation and Deputy Prime Minister, Sweden

## PANELISTS

Mr. Eltahir Suliman Eidam, Under Secretary, Ministry of International Cooperation, Sudan

Ms. Marian Haider, Head of Aid Management and Coordination Unit / National Coordinator GPEDC Second Monitoring Round, Minister of International Cooperation Sudan

Mr. Richard Ssewakiryanga, Executive Director, Uganda National NGO Platform, CPDE representative and Co-chair of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment

Alejandro Guerrero-Ruiz, Monitoring Team Coordinator, OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team for the GPEDC

Jacqueline Wood, Senior Policy Advisor, Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment

## MODERATOR

Julia Sánchez, President-CEO, Canadian Council for International Cooperation and CPDE Co-chair