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## **DT Global Launches as New Partner in International Development Space**

WASHINGTON, DC. (July 29, 2019) – As of July 26, 2019, the former international development arm of AECOM, Development Transformations (DT), and the Global Peace and Development (GPD) Charitable Trust have joined together to form DT Global, a new independent international development consulting firm. Built on more than 50 years of combined experience, DT Global is intended to become a leader in international development – transforming lives around the world by applying ingenuity, data-driven research, and passion to its portfolio of more than 180 global projects.

DT Global is pioneering a new way of doing business – starting with a unique structure where GPD Charitable Trust is the principal owner of the for-profit consulting entity. This model will allow DT Global to channel the majority of fees received from contracts back into its partner non-profit, DT Institute, to support initiatives that test new ideas or expand on donor partner priorities. Drawing on an extensive network of private sector partners and foundations, DT Institute – launching in October 2019 - will be both a funder and an implementer, driving innovation and strengthening communities and leaders. Together, the DT Global family will have the unique ability to augment existing donor-funded programs through matching grants and provide modern solutions to program financing.

John DeBlasio serves dual roles as Chairman of DT Global and Chairman of the Board of DT Institute, as well as retaining his position as Founder and Executive Director of the GPD Charitable Trust. “Our unique profit-sharing model and partnership with the DT Institute will allow DT Global to further invest in the communities where our team has worked to transform lives for more than 50 years,” shared Mr. DeBlasio, who went on to say: “We believe this synergistic approach will allow us to achieve profit with a purpose and allow us to drive better outcomes for all.”

DT Global is truly global, with headquarters in Washington DC, USA; Madrid, Spain; and Adelaide, Australia. Clients include the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), the European Union (EU), the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), as well as other public and private sector stakeholders.

Retaining key staff, technical knowledge and expertise, and management systems from both AECOM and DT – coupled with cutting edge in-house data analytical capabilities – supports strong project design, innovative piloting, and impact measurement. This emphasis on experience, evidence, and learning ensures that DT Global provides clients and partners with strong, responsive, context-appropriate programs that achieve maximum impact on the ground.

Torge Gerlach – previously the President of AECOM’s International Development unit – has assumed the role of DT Global’s Chief Executive Officer. “We’re excited about the new development model DT Global is pioneering – one which uses research and data to advance innovation, and local partnerships and expertise to deliver transformative solutions for the communities in which we work,” Mr. Gerlach said. “DT Global will place a strong emphasis on innovation and adaptation, reinforced by processes developed over 50+ years of experience working closely with our development partner institutions.”

From early stage crisis and stabilization assistance to economic development, governance, and environmental work, DT Global provides a continuum of support to communities along the development spectrum in five principal development areas: Economic Growth, Environment & Infrastructure, Human Development, Governance, and Stabilization & Transition.

## About DT Global

With corporate offices in the USA, Spain, and Australia, DT Global’s portfolio spans more than 90 countries, with dedicated project offices in 31 countries and over 700 talented technical experts in every region of the world. The DT Global family – made up of DT Global, the non-profit DT Institute, and the GPD Charitable Trust – represents an international cadre of development practitioners with best-in-class technical expertise to deliver innovative solutions across sectors. This worldwide presence enables DT Global to rapidly mobilize resources and adapt programming for greater impact. DT Global is pioneering a new way of doing international development and transforming lives beyond expectation.

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