

Global South-South Development Expo 2022

**South-South Cooperation Directors General Forum for Sustainable Development**

*“Strengthening South-South and triangular cooperation institutional capacity and ecosystem for sustainable and resilient future in the context of COVID-19 and other global crises.”*

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Date: **Wednesday, 14 September 2022**

Venue: **ESCAP Hall, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

Time	Agenda Item
10:00 – 10:50	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Overall Moderator: <b>Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang</b>, Designated Representative of Director, UNOSSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcoming remarks by co-hosts and co-sponsors</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mrs. Ureerat Chareontoh</b>, Director-General, Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)</li> <li><b>Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana</b>, Executive Secretary, ESCAP <a href="#">[video message]</a>; <b>Mr. Adnan Aliani</b>, Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP</li> <li><b>Mr. Amer Bukvic</b>, Director General, Global Practices and Partnerships, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)</li> <li><b>Mr. Naoki Ando</b>, Director General, Operations Strategy Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Guest speakers</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H.E. Ms. Adriana María Mira de Pereira</b>, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador</li> <li><b>H.E. Mrs. Millicent Cruz-Peredes</b>, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Thailand, Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional DG Forum</li> <li><b>H.E. Mr. Yousef Hassan Khalawi</b>, Secretary General, Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)</li> <li><b>Mr. Liu Hua</b>, Head of Technical Cooperation, Deputy Director General, IAEA <a href="#">[video message]</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>The session will welcome the participants and set the scene by presenting the pre-forum survey results and inputs from regional DG Forums and other regional mechanisms on SSC/TrC to review progress on the recommendations of the DG Forum 2021 at global, regional, national levels by governments, the UN entities, and multilateral organizations.</p>
10:50 – 11:00	Group photo
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Session 1: Strengthening SSC/TrC institutional capacity and ecosystem for resilient and sustainable future</b>

	<p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Muntasir Majdoub Hamid Ahmed</b>, Technical Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderated panel discussion</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mrs. Olaya Ondina Dotel Caraballo</b>, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Prabhat Kumar</b>, Additional Secretary (Economic Relations and Development Partnership Administration) of the Ministry of External Affairs, India <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Xu Wei</b>, Director, Department of International Cooperation, China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> <li>4. <b>Mrs. Ali Bazi Fatoumia</b>, Director General, Comorian International Cooperation Agency (CICA)</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Mohamed Methqal</b>, Ambassador General Director of Morocco International Cooperation Agency (AMCI)</li> <li>6. <b>Ms. Lina Puentes</b>, Coordinator of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interactive Q&amp;As</b></li> </ul> <p>The session will provide an opportunity to take stock of the challenges, capacity development needs and gaps, and opportunities in strengthening the Global South’s SSC/TrC institutional capacity and ecosystems. Focus will be given to emerging and the most pressing demands for support in the context of COVID-19 response and recovery.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What progress has been made so far in strengthening institutional arrangements and national ecosystems for SSC/TrC in the Global South since the adoption of the BAPA+40 outcome document?</li> <li>2. What are the most pressing capacity development needs and gaps to better plan and manage South-South and triangular cooperation in developing countries?</li> <li>3. What were the success factors and challenges of SSC/TrC during COVID-19? What lessons can be drawn from the COVID-19 experience on how to strengthen the importance and relevance of SSC/TrC ecosystem? Is there any lesson learned for SSC/TrC to respond to climate change and other global crises?</li> <li>4. Some countries have devised innovative and non-conventional delivery mechanisms for South-South and triangular cooperation leveraging UN field presence, entailing low transaction costs, lighter administrative structures – what have we learnt from these experiences?</li> <li>5. How can we improve the understanding of and build the institutional capacity and ecosystems necessary for SSC/TrC among all stakeholders? What would be recommendations for development cooperation agencies and international development community to achieve this?</li> </ol>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 2: SSC/TrC financing mechanism</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. David Jackson</b>, Director, Local Transformative Finance, UNCDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderated panel discussion</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Rahman Nurdun</b>, Vice President of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Steve Olive</b>, Mission Director, Regional Development Mission for Asia, USAID</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Ronald Hartman</b>, Director, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, External Relations and Governance Department, IFAD <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Al Shaimaa Al-Sheiby</b>, Senior Director, Strategic Planning and Economic Services, OPEC Fund for International Development <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> <li>5. <b>Ms. Madhu Raghunath</b>, Sector Leader for Sustainable Development for Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand (BMPT) Program, World Bank <a href="#">[virtual format]</a></li> <li>6. <b>Mr. Anouj Mehta</b>, Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interactive Q&amp;As</b></li> </ul> <p>The session will seek to share options, knowledge, and good practices around different SSC/TrC financing mechanisms. By doing so, the session will address the role of different SSC/TrC stakeholders—from emerging economies to multilateral development banks, triangular partners, and UN system entities—in</p>

	<p>mobilizing resources and innovative finance to support the Global South’s SSC/TrC efforts. The session will feature speakers that can share their first-hand experience and lessons learned in financing SSC/TrC initiatives especially during the pandemic. It will also discuss how the lessons-learned could be of use when developing countries respond to other urgent global crises including, climate change through SSC/TrC.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What financing mechanisms can developing countries apply to facilitate SSC/TrC as an important vehicle to accelerate the SDGs attainment? How do developing countries align domestic financing, aid, foreign direct investment, other forms of capital to facilitate SSC/TrC?</li> <li>2. What challenges and opportunities did developing countries have in accessing SSC/TrC finance during COVID-19?</li> <li>3. What lessons could be learnt from the two years of the pandemic to secure adequate financing to boost SSC/TrC under the current global contexts and constraints?</li> <li>4. What is the role of different SSC/TrC stakeholders and what measures can they take in bridging the financing gaps and growing needs in the global South?</li> <li>5. What role do Southern-led development banks and the private sector currently play in financing SSC/TrC and how can this be further strengthened?</li> </ol>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 3: The role and efforts of the United Nations system in building capacities needed for SSC/TrC</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Denis Nkala</b>, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, UNOSSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation of the UN system-wide strategy on SSC/TrC and capacity building efforts</b> <b>Mr. Denis Nkala</b>, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, UNOSSC</li> <li>• <b>Moderated panel discussion</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Amb. Beatrice Pacunega Manano</b>, Head of the Department for International Economic Cooperation, Uganda [virtual format]</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Mario Cimoli</b>, Executive Secretary, ECLAC <i>TBC</i></li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Haoliang Xu</b>, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support</li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Rie Vejs Kjeeldgaard</b>, OIC DDG for Field Operations and Partnerships Portfolio and Director of Partnerships and Field Support Department, ILO</li> <li>5. <b>Ms. Gita Sabharwal</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, Thailand</li> <li>6. <b>Mr. Oliver Paddison</b>, Chief, Country with Special Needs Section, ESCAP</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Interactive Q&amp;As</b></li> </ul> <p>The session will discuss how the UN system entities and other multilateral organizations can support SSC/TrC efforts of their member states in a more coherent and systematic way. The UN system entities will share their ongoing efforts for strengthening SSC/TrC ecosystem not only within member states but also within the UN system, in consideration of the UN System-wide Strategy on SSC/TrC and the Action Plan. The session will also discuss the GA Res/A/76/221 which calls upon the UNDS to mainstream SSTC in UNSDCFs at country-level and in regional collaborative frameworks.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What efforts and progress have been made by the UN system entities in supporting member states’ capacity building in SSC/TrC institutionalization and ecosystem enhancement since the adoption of the BAPA+40 outcome document?</li> <li>2. What institutional, operational, and programmatic changes have been made within the UN system entities to better support member state’s SSC/TrC efforts?</li> <li>3. How can developing countries leverage the UN system support in building capacity to better plan and manage SSC/TrC?</li> <li>4. What are the new opportunities and implications that the UN System-wide Strategy on SSC/TrC and the UNDS reform would bring to strengthening SSC/TrC ecosystem at country, regional and global levels?</li> <li>5. How can Member states and UNDS ensure mainstreaming of SSTC in UNSDCFs at country-level and in regional collaborative frameworks? Are there good examples and experiences?</li> </ol>

	6. What are some good examples of UNDS support to Member States in mainstreaming SSTC in SDG planning, monitoring and reporting through the VNRs?
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:15	<p><b>Session 4: Multi-stakeholders' engagement and coordination for SSC/TrC</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Eiji Wakamatsu</b>, Director, Deputy Head, Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department, JICA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderated panel discussion</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>H. E. Amb. Imad Zuhairi</b>, Director General, Palestinian International Cooperation Agency (PICA)</li> <li>2. <b>Amb. Maria Luiza Lopes</b>, Vice-Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. Sudarat Damrongwatanapokin</b> (D.V.M., Ph.D), Advisor to Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, and to Southeast Asia One Health University Network</li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Lauren Landis</b>, Representative and Country Director for Kenya, WFP</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Patrick Mugirwa</b>, Officer in Charge, Partners in Population And Development (PPD)</li> <li>6. <b>Ms. Yuefen Li</b>, Senior Advisor, South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, The South Centre [virtual format]; <b>Ms. Rashmi Banga</b>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Integration Among Developing Countries, UNCTAD</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Interactive Q&amp;As</b></li> </ul> <p>The session will discuss and explore how to build capacities of different stakeholders around SSC/TrC practices, what policy options are needed, and how to support enabling environment needed for multi-stakeholder partnerships in SSC/TrC. Speakers from national development cooperation agencies, inter-governmental organizations, and UN system entities will share good practices and lessons learned on building and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships while facilitating SSC/TrC.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the examples of good practices around building and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships and coordination while facilitating SSC/TrC? How were the multi-stakeholder partnerships initiated and supported, especially during COVID-19?</li> <li>2. What are the benefits, incentives, and barriers of engaging multi-stakeholders in SSC/TrC?</li> <li>3. How can we increase understanding of and build capacity of effective multi-stakeholder partnerships among all SSC/TrC stakeholders?</li> <li>4. How can governments create an enabling environment to strengthen engagement and build capacity of other stakeholders (i.e. private sector, civil society) in South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives?</li> </ol>
16:15 – 16:45	<p><b>Way forward</b></p> <p>Overall Moderator: <b>Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang</b>, Designated Representative of Director, UNOSSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overall outcomes</b></li> <li>• <b>Recommendations/action items</b></li> </ul> <p>Understanding the importance of enhancing the national ecosystem for SSC/TrC, having taken stock of Southern countries' most pressing institutional capacity development needs, good practices, and available training service offerings, the session will highlight the <i>overall outcomes</i> of the Forum. It will subsequently discuss and agree on <i>key recommendations and joint action items of the DG Forum 2022</i> among all participants.</p>
17:00	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>The DG Forum 2022 and the GSSD Expo 2022 will be closed together. There will be no separate closing remarks delivered for the DG Forum 2022.</p>