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# Global South-South Development Expo 2018

*Showcasing Institutions Supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation*

*in Preparation for the Second High-level United Nations Conference  
on South-South Cooperation  
(BAPA+40 Conference)*

27 to 30 November 2018  
United Nations Headquarters, New York

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## PROGRAMME BROCHURE



# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 0- Tuesday 27 November Pre-Expo Discussion and Satellite Side Events		Room
9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Round Table on Making the Case for a Bigger Role for South-South Cooperation in Delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals that Impact Children – <i>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)</i>	Danny Kaye Room, UNICEF House, Ground Floor, 3 United Nations Plaza
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum: Review of Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Context of the BAPA+40 Conference – <i>Government of Indonesia, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), UNOSSC Asia-Pacific</i>	Conference Room 12, United Nations Secretariat
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Fifth Regional Networking Forum for the Arab States and the Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States regions – <i>UNOSSC ASECS</i>	Email GSSD Expo Secretariat for information
1.15–2.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration through South-South Cooperation – <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i>	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
3–6 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> South-South Global Thinkers: The Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for South-South Cooperation. Second Steering Committee Meeting – <i>UNOSSC, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i>	Doha Conference Room, UNOSSC, 304 East 45th St., 11th floor
3–6 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Inclusive Partnerships for South-South Cooperation: Accelerating the 2030 Agenda through Traditional and Innovative Modes of Development Cooperation – <i>UNDP</i>	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

DAY 1- Wednesday 28 November		Room
9–10 a.m.	<b>High-level Opening Ceremony</b>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
10:10–11:30 a.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 1:</b> South-South Cooperation in Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Recovery in an Age of Technological Revolution – <i>UNDP</i>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
11:50 a.m.–1.10 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 2:</b> South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Good Practices for Decent Work on ILO Flagship Programmes and Cross-cutting Policy Drivers towards BAPA+40 – <i>ILO</i>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
12:45–2 p.m.	Lunch Break - <i>Sponsored by the India, Brazil, South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation</i>	Vienna Café, United Nations Secretariat
1–2 p.m.	<b>Special Event:</b> India, Brazil and South-Africa (IBSA) Fund -15year Anniversary Celebration and Report Launch	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
1.15–2 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Knowledge Creation and Sharing for South-South and Triangular Cooperation – <i>UNOSSC</i>	Conference Room E, United Nations Secretariat
1.15–2.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Triangular Cooperation in the Era of the 2030 Agenda: Contributions to the BAPA40+ Conference – <i>Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation (GPI)</i>	Conference Room 7, United Nations Secretariat
2-4 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> South-South Cooperation-Partnerships Utilizing Artificial Intelligence to Scale Resilience and Renewable Energy Goals for SIDS through the SAMOA Pathway framework - <i>UNDP, Island Resilience Partnership, and GridMarket</i>	Amartya Sen Conference Room, 10th FL, FF-BLD, 304 E 45th Street
2–3.10 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 3:</b> Innovative Financing Mechanisms for South-South and Triangular Cooperation – <i>Permanent Mission of India to the UN, UNOSSC</i>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
3.20–4.40 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 4:</b> Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development – <i>UNOSSC, UNESCO, UNV</i>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
3–4.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Intergovernmental Organizations on Promoting and Scaling Up Good Governance through South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation – <i>Commonwealth Secretariat, UNOSSC</i>	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
5–6.20 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 5:</b> Promoting Sustainable Development through Engaging Youth and Women in South-South Cooperation – <i>UN Environment (UNEP)</i>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
6.30–8 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception and Talk Show:</b> Launch of Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation Exhibition and Report Volume 2 in 6 UN languages	Vienna Café, United Nations Secretariat

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DAY 2- Thursday 29 November		Room
9–10:20 a.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 6:</b> South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Sustaining Peace and Promoting Inclusive Development – UNOSSC	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
10.40 a.m.–12 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 7:</b> From Fragility to Resilience in Rural Settings: The Role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation – FAO, IFAD, WFP	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Regional interactive dialogue of the Latin American and Caribbean countries on the priorities of the region, with a view to the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation– UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	Conference Room 4, United Nations Secretariat
12–1.30 p.m.	Lunch Break	Vienna Café, United Nations Secretariat
12-1.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Launch of the UNFPA Volume of South-South in Action – United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	UNFPA Headquarters, 220 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017
1.15-2.30 p.m.	<b>Side event:</b> Ten Years and 7,000 Projects: Evidence and Instruments of SSC to Achieve the SDGs in the Context of BAPA+40 – Launch of the Book <i>A Decade of SSC in Ibero-America – Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB) and Ibero-American Programme for the Strengthening of South-South Cooperation (PIFCSS)</i>	Conference Room 8, United Nations Secretariat
1.30–2.50 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 8:</b> Private-sector Partnerships for Inclusive and Sustainable South-South Cooperation – Asia Foundation, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
3–4.20 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 9:</b> South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Promoting Green Growth and Sustainable Cities – Sustainable Urban-Industrial Development along the “Belt and Road” – United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), UNOSSC	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
3–4.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South Cooperation Event on Uniting for Action at BAPA+40 and Beyond – UNOSSC and ASSC	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
4.40–6 p.m.	<b>Thematic Solution Forum 10:</b> Leveraging South-South and Triangular Cooperation to Deliver Health Outcomes – Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), UNFPA	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

DAY 3- Friday 30 November		Room
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	<b>High-level Forum of Directors General Forum for Development Cooperation Towards BAPA+40:</b> The Role of Practitioners in Scaling Up the Impact of South-South and Triangular Cooperation for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – UNOSSC, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
9–10.20 a.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Francophone stakeholders networking in South-South and tripartite cooperation, on the way to BAPA + 40 – International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), UNOSSC	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> The Republic of Korea (ROK)-UNOSSC Facility: Innovation in Practice, Challenges and Solutions – Government of the Republic of Korea, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific	Conference Room A, United Nations Secretariat
10.30-11.50 a.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Impact Assessments, Monitoring and Evaluation for South-South and Triangular Cooperation Initiatives: A Discussion on Potential Approaches and Methodologies – UNOSSC	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
12- 1:15 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> The Case of South-South Cooperation for Peace and Development – UNOSSC	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
12:45-2:15 p.m.	Lunch break	Vienna Café, United Nations Secretariat
12.45-2:15 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Promoting the Ecosystem for South-South Cooperation in Africa – UNDP Regional Service Centre in Africa	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat
1:40- 3 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Special Introductory Session on the Establishment of the World Green Economy Organization - WGEO	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
3–4.30 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Promoting South-South Cooperation in Science and Technology for Sustainable Development – Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), Mustafa Science and Technology Foundation (MSTF), United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing (UN-OHRLS), UNOSSC	Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat
3–5 p.m.	<b>Side Event:</b> Public Service Innovations through South-South Network –Government of Bangladesh, UNOSSC, , Astana Civil Service Hub (ACSH)	Conference Room 8, United Nations Secretariat
5–6 p.m.	<b>GSSD Expo 2018 Closing Ceremony</b>	Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

## Side Event

### **Round Table on Making the Case for a Bigger Role for South-South Cooperation in Delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals that Impact Children**

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Danny Kaye Room, UNICEF House, 3 United Nations Plaza, East 44th St. between 1st and 2nd Avenues, ground floor

South-South Cooperation has evolved into a mature and critical modality for delivering development results. This is recognized under Sustainable Development Goal 17, which acknowledges that South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation are essential in delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There has been significant progress made in protecting the rights of children and improving their welfare. UNICEF believes that South-South cooperation is a valuable tool not only for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals but also in fulfilling the rights of all children and young people, especially those in the global South. Despite the above progress, however, South-South cooperation has not been used systematically and on a global scale to address persisting and emerging development challenges affecting children and young people.

This round-table discussion seeks to make the case for a bigger role for South-South and triangular cooperation in delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals that impact children and young people. Within the preparatory processes leading up to the BAPA+40 Conference, UNICEF and UNOSSC, in collaboration with the Governments of Argentina, Thailand and Uganda and the Islamic Development Bank, are convening a round-table discussion on the role of South-South and triangular cooperation in advancing the Goals that impact children.

The round table will seek to:

- Build a case for the potential role of South-South and triangular cooperation in delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals that impact children and young people;
- Showcase success stories of Governments and partners in achieving results for children, which are increasingly shared and scaled up through different South-South cooperation modalities; and
- Produce a summary note highlighting some principles and priorities for the potential role of South-South and triangular cooperation in advancing the Goals that impact children that could inform deliberations for the BAPA+40 Conference.

**Organizer:** *UNICEF, UNOSSC*

## Side Event

### **Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum: Review of Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the context of the BAPA+40 Conference**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Conference Room 12, United Nations Secretariat

South-South cooperation is one of the key drivers of the regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific and has resulted in increased volumes of South-South trade, foreign direct investment flows and technology transfer. Developing countries have accumulated considerable expertise, experience and lessons in their own development processes, which have been shared with other developing countries in the form of technical assistance and significantly influenced the landscape of the South-South cooperation in this region and beyond.

In response to the need for greater collaboration and coordination of South-South and triangular cooperation in the Asia and the Pacific region, UNOSSC, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Government of Thailand through the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) launched the Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum on South-South and Triangular Cooperation. Participants at the Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum in June 2018 discussed relevant issues and themes relating to the BAPA+40 Conference.

Building further on those discussions, the Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum is being organized at the GSSD Expo 2018 to review issues pertaining to the BAPA+40 Conference and its outcome documents. The central objectives of the meeting will be:

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- Discuss the region's priorities in the lead-up towards BAPA+40 conference.
- Review the issues paper prepared by the BAPA+40 Secretariat within the context of the Asia-Pacific region's perspectives and inputs to the BAPA+40 outcome document.
- Discuss next steps for the Asia-Pacific DG Forum.

**Organizer:** *Government of Indonesia, UN ESCAP, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific*

## Side Event

### **Fifth Regional Networking Forum for Arab States, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): South-South Cooperation in a Green Economy for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security”**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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The climate change action and green-economy agenda is key for sustainable agricultural and food security. In this regard, UNOSSC, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), and key regional and global stakeholders, aims to support the Member States in the Arab States region, Europe and the CIS in systematically advancing their respective South-South and triangular cooperation agendas.

The overarching theme of the Fifth Regional Networking Forum on South-South Cooperation for Arab States, Europe and the CIS will be South-South cooperation in a green economy for agricultural development and enhanced food security. The main objective of the Forum is to create an open setting conducive to knowledge-sharing that aims to support the participants in further improving their understanding of the trends and opportunities for advancing South-South and triangular cooperation in a green economy for agricultural development.

The Forum will also take stock of the tangible results and strategic outcomes of the implementation of partnership initiative on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security (SSTC-ADFS) that was jointly supported by IFAD, IsDB and UNOSSC.

**Organizer:** *IFAD, IsDB, WGEO, UNDP, UNOSSC ASECIS*

## Side Event

### **Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration through South-South Cooperation**

1.15–2.30 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

The dynamics of the modern migration patterns are changing: in 2017, developing regions hosted some 43 per cent of the world's 258 million international migrants; of those, 97 million, or 87 per cent, originated from other developing regions. To address the opportunities and challenges of the changing dynamics in migration, the developing countries need to work together. Countries in the global South are already doing this by generating their own knowledge and best practices, which are often more relevant and easily replicable. However, many of these countries are unaccustomed to being destinations for migrants and lack the resources, structures and governance frameworks to manage these new patterns effectively.

Enhancing South-South cooperation on migration will therefore be an important tool for ensuring positive outcomes for both migrants and societies and addressing potential challenges. Migration therefore needs to be reflected in the preparation and process of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40 Conference) in a way that is consistent with the global debates on migration and development.

This side event will discuss these issues and promote, mobilize and improve access to the technical and policy expertise needed to support the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), of which South-South expertise and experience will be an important component.

**Organizer:** *International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

## Side Event

### **South-South Global Thinkers: The Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for South-South Cooperation. Second Steering Committee Meeting**

3–6 p.m.

Doha Conference Room, UNOSSC, 304 East 45th Street 11th Floor (between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

The South-South Global Thinkers: the Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for South-South Cooperation, supported by UNOSSC and UNDP, facilitates collaboration among the think tank networks to advance thought leadership and evidence-based research and development to inform policy dialogues and decision-making on South-South cooperation in the context of sustainable development.

The Executive Secretariat of the Global Thinkers, hosted by UNOSSC and UNDP, is convening the 2nd Steering Committee meeting for the South-South Global Thinkers networks members and founders to discuss the progress of the work and identify and agree on a research agenda for South-South and triangular cooperation for 2019.

**Organizer:** *UNOSSC, UNDP*

## Side Event

### **Inclusive Partnerships for South-South Cooperation: Accelerating the 2030 Agenda through Traditional and Innovative Modes of Development Cooperation**

3-6 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

One of the major trends of the past two decades has been the transformation of economic growth, and the impact this has had on many Middle-Income Countries. Among others, China has achieved unprecedented economic and social development with impressive progress in poverty reduction, since its opening-up and reform in 1978.

During the process, China has also seen a rapid expansion of its engagement in providing foreign assistance and South-South Cooperation drawing on its domestic development experience. Over the past four decades, China has provided \$60 billion aid globally, growing at approximately 10% each year since 2003. According to a recent estimate, China's net foreign aid reached \$5.8 billion in 2016, which could equal a ranking as 7th among the top development cooperation providers.

While traditional modes of development engagement led by China continue to be strengthened, increasing efforts have been made on exploring new types of partnerships with different stakeholders, such as Public-Private Partnerships as well as private sector and civil society engagement, in order to step up development cooperation between China and the world. As outlined in the 2030 Agenda, successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. Inclusive partnerships are in urgent need to mobilize the resources required and to unlock the full potential for transformative change.

Against this backdrop, UNDP China, with support from the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), and the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC) under the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China, is organizing a side event along the Global South-South Development Expo 2018. The focus on the event is to bring together government officials, businesses, international organizations, academia, and civil society, to showcase examples and discuss concrete solutions and experiences for accelerating the 2030 Agenda through South-South Cooperation.

The objectives of the session are:

- **Experience sharing** on innovative approaches for South-South Cooperation through the collaboration between UNDP and China with diversified partners with the aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals globally.
- **Awareness raising** for the international community to effectively engage with China on South-South Cooperation that advances developing countries' achievements of their national priorities under the 2030 Agenda for Development.
- **Stakeholder engagement** between enterprises, governments, academia and civil society organizations to strengthen mutual understanding and information sharing, whilst exploring practical solutions and concrete activities on how inclusive partnerships can be better leveraged for sustainable development globally.

**Organizers:** *UNDP*



### High-level Opening Ceremony

9–10 a.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

The Global South-South Development Expo 2018 will begin with the High-level Opening Ceremony featuring distinguished and powerful champions of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation. Prominent dignitaries and senior officials will deliver keynote statements to launch the Expo, set its tone and agenda, and share their ongoing commitment to innovation and inclusive South-South and triangular partnerships.

The High-level Opening Ceremony will feature messages and statements from high-level representatives of the Member States, United Nations entities and other key stakeholders.

### Thematic Solution Forum 1

#### **South-South Cooperation in Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Recovery in an Age of Technological Revolution**

10:10–11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

South-South Cooperation is rooted in the principles of equality and trust and supports countries in similar development contexts, and facing similar challenges, to find and share solutions that are easier to adapt to their priorities and needs at the global, national and local levels. SSC has the increasing potential of generating knowledge flows and collaborations around the sort of catalytic innovations that promise impact at scale. This is particularly the case against the backdrop of technology-driven transformation that can both lift people out of poverty as well as exacerbate the digital divide.

SSC partnerships can serve as an accelerator to innovations for rural transformation and poverty reduction as well as in shifting corporate approaches to innovation. In practical terms, this can include innovative technological solutions focused on increasing productivity and value chains; and also access to markets and financial products from the private sector for farmers, rural entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprises.

This panel discussion will take stock of some of the experiences to illustrate examples of how technological transformations are leveraged in ways that leave no one behind, in the context of South-South Cooperation.

**Organizers:** *UNDP*

### Thematic Solution Forum 2

#### **South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Good Practices for Decent Work on ILO Flagship Programmes and Cross-cutting Policy Drivers towards BAPA+40**

11:50 a.m.–1:10 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

South-South cooperation is demand-driven collaboration between two or more developing countries guided by the principles of solidarity and non-conditionality and aimed at implementing inclusive and distributive development models. The International Labour Organization (ILO) considers South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as important means to promote and implement the Decent Work Agenda in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 8 on decent work and economic growth and Goal 17 on partnerships for the Goals.

In this Thematic Solution Forum, the latest contributions made by the ILO development cooperation portfolio for promoting the use of South-South and triangular cooperation will be shared. An overview will be provided of the five ILO flagship programmes, namely, Better Work, Building Social Protection Floors for All (SPF), the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour and Forced Labour (IPEC+), Jobs for Peace and Resilience (JPR), and Occupational Safety and Health – Global Action for Prevention (OSH-GAP), and their cross-cutting policy drivers that contribute to the national employment policies.

**Organizers:** *ILO*

### Thematic Solution Forum 3

#### **Innovative Financing Mechanisms for South-South and Triangular Cooperation**

2 – 3:10 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

The strength of South-South cooperation lies in its ability to address development challenges of countries of the South through shared values and within similar development contexts based on mutual interest and understanding. South-South cooperation enables countries to play an important role as facilitators in many different areas, such as institutional strengthening, health, gender equality, climate change, food safety, scientific and technological innovation, infrastructure, trade, finance and investment, and regional integration.

This Thematic Solution Forum will focus on instruments and best practices in innovative South-South financing for the Sustainable Development Goals, with participation from various South-South cooperation funds, banks and partnership initiatives. The Forum will provide an overview of how South-South financing instruments, models and mechanisms can advance collaboration and partnerships in terms advantageous to developing countries and coherent with the policy and operational guidance outlined in major United Nations documents on South-South cooperation.

**Organizers:** *Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, UNOSSC*

## Thematic Solution Forum 4

### **Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development through South-South Cooperation**

3:20–4:40 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

This Thematic Solution Forum aims to showcase achievements and good practices of the partners in promoting youth entrepreneurship for sustainable societies, and resilient and safe communities. It will also create a space for new and innovative partnership initiatives and ideas supporting entrepreneurship opportunities among youth at the global, regional and national levels. Panelists from South-South and triangular cooperation partnering countries including Cambodia, China and Gabon, as well as institutional partners including the China-Africa Development Fund, IBSA Fund, Office of the SG's Youth Envoy, UNESCO and UNV, will share information on multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives led by countries and supported by United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and private sector partners.

Youth participants with their proposals for entrepreneurial start-ups will complement the discussions, contributing fresh ideas for the development of youth in the regions.

The Youth4South (Y4S): Advanced Youth Leadership Programme of UNOSSC, launched in November 2017, targets cross-cutting topics of agriculture, rural development, reproductive health and entrepreneurship. Its aim to develop capacities of established young leaders from developing countries with knowledge, tools and networks offered by South-South and triangular cooperation for exchanges and the scaling up of homegrown solutions. Y4S aligns its thematic focuses with targeted thematic areas of Youth2030: The United Nations Strategy on Youth.

**Organizers:** *UNOSSC, UNESCO, UNV*

## Thematic Solution Forum 5

### **Promoting Sustainable Development through Engaging Youth and Women in South-South Cooperation**

5–6:20 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

Youth and women, as two key stakeholders and contributors to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, have a key role to play in the global South. The global South is a major driver in global economic growth and offers opportunities that can be leveraged from its demographic dividend. Against this backdrop, South-South cooperation provides an innovative and effective approach to respond to emerging economic and environmental challenges.

This Thematic Solution Forum will reflect and showcase the best practices relating to youth and gender in the context of South-South cooperation and provide solutions with regard to achieving environmental sustainability. It will also highlight the role and opportunities for engaging young people and women in the South-South and triangular cooperation partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

It is anticipated that the forum will:

- Strengthen awareness among countries and stakeholders of the potential and opportunities for youth and women in strengthening and widening South-South and triangular cooperation to support the preparation for the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- Enable the sharing of experiences and solutions among Member States and opportunities for engaging youth and women in South-South and triangular cooperation to support their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Organizer:** *UNEP*

## Welcome Reception and Talk Show

**Welcome Reception and Talk Show on the Launch of Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation Exhibition and Report Volume 2 in 6 UN languages**

6:30–8 p.m.

Vienna Café, United Nations Secretariat

UNOSSC jointly with Phoenix TV, a United Nations accredited television broadcaster and partner of UNDP, will host a 30-minute talk show segment to discuss how Southern partners are working jointly to scale up good practices on South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development. Perspectives and experiences will be shared by representatives from United Nations Member States, United Nations entities, and media.

### Special Event

#### **India, Brazil and South-Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund) 15-Year Anniversary Celebration and Launch of the IBSA Fund Report for 2018**

1–2 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

The India, Brazil, and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund) has established itself as a flagship initiative of South-South cooperation in partnership with the United Nations system. In 15 years, the fund has contributed over \$37 million to alleviating poverty and hunger in 19 partner countries through 31 unique projects. IBSA efforts are advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and shaping the multilateral vision and operational approaches to promote, strengthen and enable South-South cooperation.

To take stock of these accomplishments, the IBSA Fund will hold a 15-year anniversary celebration and launch of the IBSA Fund report for 2018. At this event, the private sector, civil society, academia and philanthropic organizations focused exclusively on South-South cooperation solutions will convene with Missions to the United Nations, representatives of countries benefiting from the IBSA Fund, and IBSA project partners to discuss successful innovations and good practices in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Organizers:** *IBSA Fund*

### Side Event

#### **Knowledge Creation and Sharing for South-South and Triangular Cooperation**

1.15-2 p.m.

Conference Room E, United Nations Secretariat

South-South and triangular cooperation remain important cornerstones for development, as complements to traditional North-South cooperation. Despite this momentum, the potential of South-South Cooperation needs to be fully realized for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Some major barriers that have been identified relate to knowledge creation and sharing. In short, Member States have been calling for better systems for identifying, cataloging, analyzing, and sharing South-South and triangular solutions.

In response to these calls, many United Nations entities and other development partners have scaled-up their knowledge activities. For the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), this has meant strengthening the South-South in Action series of reports plus investing resources into other knowledge products. Simultaneously, other stakeholders have been generating their own reports, case studies, policy papers, and similar knowledge products.

During this side event, four reports detailing South-South and triangular cooperation programmes will be launched:

- South-South Cooperation for Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: A Trade and Development Perspective (UNCTAD).
- Forging a Path Beyond Borders: the Global South (UNCTAD)
- South-South in Action: UNESCO (UNESCO and UNOSSC).
- South-South in Action: Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA and UNOSSC).

**Organizers:** *UNOSSC*

### Side Event

#### **Triangular Cooperation in the Era of the 2030 Agenda: Contributions to the BAPA+40 Conference**

1:15–2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 7, United Nations Secretariat

Triangular cooperation is a transformative modality that builds on the complementary strengths of different development partners to bring innovative and flexible solutions to address dynamic development challenges. It can arise from a combination of South-South and North-South cooperation, creating horizontal coalitions around the pursuit of shared development goals.

During this side event by the Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation (GPI), participants will discuss the following topics: contributions of triangular cooperation to the 2030 Agenda; building a global and national ecosystem for South-South and triangular cooperation; advocacy activities by GPI; implementation of the guidelines of GPI; comparative advantages of triangular cooperation; and reporting on triangular cooperation.

#### **The overall aim of the side event is to:**

- Demonstrate how triangular cooperation can be an effective means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Highlight the value added of triangular cooperation by showing evidence from concrete partnerships and their results; and
- Discuss key messages and share experiences and lessons learned with respect to triangular cooperation for the BAPA+40 Conference.

**Organizers:** *GPI*

## Side Event

### **South-South Cooperation: Partnerships Utilizing Artificial Intelligence to Scale Resilience and Renewable Energy Goals for SIDS through the SAMOA Pathway framework**

2 - 4 p.m.

Amartya Sen Conference Room, 10th Floor, FF-BLD, 304 E 45th Street

Artificial Intelligence is increasingly being used to accelerate the speed and scale of the global energy transition. This Side Event will demonstrate how public-private partnerships are using technology and data to not only transition the Republic of Palau toward renewable energy and resilient infrastructure, but creating a blueprint for SIDS around the world to achieve climate mitigation and climate adaptation goals - at no-cost to governments. In the spirit of the SAMOA Pathway, the objective of the event will be to develop “genuine, durable partnerships” with governments committed to transforming national energy infrastructure in the face of climate change.

**Organizers:** *UNDP, Island Resilience Partnership, GridMarket*

## Side Event

### **Intergovernmental Organizations on Promoting and Scaling Up Good Governance through South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation**

3–4:30 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) outside of the United Nations system are increasingly engaged in promoting cooperation and partnerships among developing countries, often also involving support from developed countries, in their respective fields of competence.

IGOs have regularly contributed to the report of the UNDP Administrator to the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (HLC) on the implementation of BAPA and decisions of the HLC and have actively participated in debates and discussions at HLC sessions. Several IGOs have been represented at annual GSSD Expos where they have attended segments of their choice, e.g., Directors General forums, leadership forums or thematic sector-specific events. At these forums, they have explained their best practices and shared experiences with other participants in the use of South-South and triangular cooperation modalities in their respective operations.

Led by the Commonwealth Secretariat, this side event will promote an inter-active dialogue among participating IGOs, NGO, CSOs, and other stakeholders on the theme, “Promoting and scaling up good governance through South-South Cooperation”. The Commonwealth Secretariat is the intergovernmental organization of the 53 countries, and 2.4 billion people in the Commonwealth of Nations, a unique association of sovereign and equal members voluntarily cooperating with each other in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress. COMSEC has played an active role in previous session of the HLC, and it has recently concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation with UNOSSC. It is collaborating with UNOSSC in organizing this event.

**Organizers:** *Commonwealth Secretariat, UNOSSC*

## Thematic Solution Forum 6

### South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Sustaining Peace and Promoting Inclusive Development

9–10:20 a.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

The endorsement of the 2030 Agenda sparked renewed global momentum to establish cross-sectoral, cross-regional and thematic partnerships towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. UNOSSC established a dedicated programme to respond to the demand from countries, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and other partners to promote more and better South-South and triangular cooperation towards sustaining peace and inclusive development. UNOSSC understands that the inclusion of Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions is an important step; however, sustainable peace will be achieved only if all Goals are met.

In this context, it is essential that global South partners support each other and promote contextually relevant and inclusive alternatives to support conflict prevention and promote durable peace. This session will be an opportunity to showcase Southern-led effective experiences in conflict prevention, peacemaking and conflict transformation; reflect on lessons learned; and provide concrete policy recommendations to create contexts for greater peace, dignity and justice for all. It will provide an opportunity to put forward innovative ideas for South-South cooperation on peace, development and human security in preparation for the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation.

**Organizers:** UNOSSC

## Thematic Solution Forum 7

### From Fragility to Resilience in Rural Settings: The Role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation

10:40 a.m.–12 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

Fragility plays a crucial role in determining global development outcomes. Its centrality and importance in the global development agenda and the need to reduce the risk of disasters have been echoed by several international initiatives, such as the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, and the Stockholm Declaration on Addressing Fragility and Building Peace in a Changing World.

The session will explore how United Nations entities can facilitate, support and increase the exchange of experiences between Group of Seven Plus (g7+) countries in building resilience. It will focus on sharing experiences of fragile-to-fragile cooperation that can help to bridge the development-humanitarian-peace nexus, with an emphasis on the areas of rural development, rural transformation, food security and nutrition. Specific objectives identified for this session are to:

- Share countries' experiences that can promote resilience-building for strengthening rural livelihoods in g7+ countries, bridge the development-humanitarian-peace nexus and support countries to advance progress towards food and nutrition security in the context of conflict and fragility. Participants from g7+ Member



States are invited to speak on their resilience initiatives;

- Provide an overview of United Nations approaches and opportunities to complementing the efforts of Governments in creating resilience-building for g7+ countries, with a focus on advancing progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 2 on zero hunger;
- Share results, impact and lessons learned with concrete examples (i.e., case studies) from the portfolios of the speakers' organizations;
- Identify forward-looking opportunities for concerted inter-agency action to broker South-South and triangular cooperation in contexts of fragility.

**Organizers:** *FAO, IFAD, WFP*

## Thematic Solution Forum 8

### **Private-sector Partnerships for Inclusive and Sustainable South-South Cooperation**

1:30–2:50 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

In recent years, the role of the private sector in Asian-led South-South cooperation has evolved. As Asian companies become part of the development-cooperation equation with partner countries, they increasingly look for ways to improve the social impact of their investments. Business is no longer seen as peripheral to discussions on how to reduce poverty and create positive community impact. Rather, Asian companies have expanded their exploration of responsible investment, corporate social responsibility activities, and shared-value strategies. Shared-value strategies have both social and business value, advancing economic competitiveness while at the same time addressing social and development challenges.

This session will present case studies that reveal how the private sector in the Asia-Pacific region is contributing to sustainable development in the region, forging innovative partnerships and restyling the form and practice of Asian development cooperation as these partnerships evolve.

Session participants will, inter alia:

- Explore possibilities for stronger private-sector entry points into post-BAPA+40 South-South cooperation;
- Deepen understanding of the norms and values underpinning the private-sector involvement in Asia-Pacific South-South cooperation;
- Identify mechanisms for facilitating multi-stakeholder collaboration in Asia-Pacific countries as inputs for further discussion at the BAPA+40 Conference;
- Discuss and disseminate policy-relevant material that captures the objectives, actions and possibilities of Asia-Pacific South-South cooperation; and
- Strengthen the role of private-sector Apex bodies with similar South-South facilitating inter-governmental organizations.

**Organizers:** *Asia Foundation, UN DESA, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific*

## Thematic Solution Forum 9

### **South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Promoting Green Growth and Sustainable Cities – Sustainable Urban-Industrial Development along the “Belt and Road”**

3–4:20 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

In recent decades, cities in some of the fastest-growing developing economies in the world have experienced both industrialization and urbanization. Industrialization has catalyzed urbanization by creating economic growth and job opportunities that draw people to cities. Industrial development creates a high demand for labor with the promise of better living conditions in urban areas. At the same time, it results in technological innovation, which improves agricultural productivity and enables a small rural population to support a much larger urban population.

This session will build on the outcomes of the annual “BRIDGE for Cities” event co-organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Finance Centre for South-South Cooperation. The event promotes the implementation of the 2030 Agenda via the Belt and Road Initiative, with which it shares many similarities, in all participating countries. It offers municipal stakeholders an international platform to share and exchange ideas, success stories and lessons learned for the advancement of inclusive and sustainable urban and industrial development in cities along the Belt and Road and beyond.

In this session, four case cities – Trieste, Italy; Shanghai, China; Vienna, Austria; and Chengdu, China – were selected to present their lessons learned with regard to four different urban development concepts and focus areas: urban-port-industrial symbiosis in Trieste’s efforts towards becoming a sustainable city; smart productivity and trade in Shanghai’s efforts towards becoming a smart city; soft environment for urban investments in the case of Vienna as a liveable city; and urban agribusiness in Chengdu’s efforts towards becoming a park City of Banjul of The Gambia and representative from Bangladesh will also showcase their initiatives in promoting green and sustainable growth at the City level.

**Organizers:** *UNIDO, UNOSSC*

## Thematic Solution Forum 10

### **Leveraging South-South and Triangular Cooperation to Deliver Health Outcomes**

4:40–6 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

South-South cooperation is an effective and an increasingly relevant global technical cooperation mechanism for improving health outcomes by strengthening health capacities in countries. By stimulating knowledge-sharing among countries and the promotion of horizontal partnerships, Member States have been accelerating health development efforts in countries while facing significant health challenges.

The wealth of experience in terms of good practices applicable to South-South and triangular cooperation is vast, ranging from health systems, to communicable diseases, to non-communicable diseases and risk factors, to the social determinants of health.

This session aims to:

- Present concrete examples of the impact of South-South cooperation and horizontal partnerships on health outcomes;
- Present the UNFPA innovative health practices within South-South cooperation, including the outcome document from the UNFPA thematic consultation on the road to the BAPA+40 Conference; and
- Present the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Funding Mechanism for Cooperation among Countries for Health Development in support of South-South and triangular cooperation.

**Organizers:** *PAHO/WHO, UNFPA*

## Side Event

### **Regional interactive dialogue of the Latin American and Caribbean countries on the priorities of the region, with a view to the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation**

9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Conference Room 4, United Nations Secretariat

**Organizers:** *ECLAC*

## Side Event

### **Launch of the UNFPA Volume of South-South in Action**

12–1:30 p.m.

UNFPA Headquarters, New York, NY

South-South in Action is one of UNOSSC's flagship series of reports. It provides a space for South-South and triangular partners to promote and share successful homegrown solutions to development challenges. During this event UNFPA and UNOSSC will launch a new volume, titled "South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Action: Sexual and Reproductive Health".

**Organizers:** *UNFPA*

## Side Event

### **Ten Years and 7,000 Projects: Evidence and Instruments of South-South Cooperation to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals in the Context of BAPA+40 – Launch of the Book A Decade of South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America**

1.15-2.30 p.m.

Conference Room 8, United Nations Secretariat

The Ibero-American countries share the same South-South cooperation culture, with the principles, values and objectives that make it possible to advance their own specific approach to development cooperation.

The publication, A Decade of South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America is part of a sustained effort to convert the increasingly shared knowledge in the interest of inclusive and sustainable development. The publication condenses the history of over 7,000 South-South cooperation projects and initiatives that represent uncountable hours of work exchanging experiences and designing solutions adapted to the challenges of each of the Ibero-American countries.

The main aim of the side event is to present evidence of the contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation to global development based on the accumulation of experiences generated by the Ibero-American countries that is being shared with other regions particularly in the context of the BAPA+40 process. This evidence is presented in the aforementioned book that will be launched.

**Organizers:** *SEGIB, PIFCSS*

## Side Event

### **Alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South Cooperation Event on Uniting for Action at BAPA+40 and Beyond**

3–4:30 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

This side event is a follow-up to one organized at GSSD Expo 2017 in Antalya, Turkey. At that event NGOs and CSOs concerned with developmental and humanitarian activities were encouraged meet and share experiences of operating in developing countries worldwide. In their discussions, they focused particularly upon the lessons learned and methods developed in their operations in developing countries which have been usefully applied in their work in other developing countries. Some also described successful outcomes of their efforts in promoting self-reliance in their partner organizations in developing countries based upon experiences of working in similar socio-cultural environment in other developing countries.

The discussions were informative and produced some useful conclusions and recommendations. To translate these conclusions and recommendations into an effective programme of action, the participants agreed to form an “Alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South Cooperation”. They elected a 3-member Steering Committee, with a coordinator among them, to facilitate this process.

During this side event it is expected that, in addition to the expansion of the Steering Committee, the Alliance would reflect upon the last 12-months and consider the strategy it would develop for its journey on the road to the BAPA+40 Conference.

The publication *South-South in Action: Scaling-up Private Sector Enterprises in OIC Member Countries*, jointly produced by ICCIA and UNOSSC, will be launched at this side event.

**Organizers:** *UNOSSC, ASSC*

## High-level Forum of Directors General for Development Cooperation

### **Towards BAPA+40: The Role of Practitioners in Scaling Up the Impact of South-South and Triangular Cooperation for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

The annual DG Forum seeks to bring together Directors General from cooperation agencies of national governments of the South and other partners, to provide an opportunity for them to exchange views on South-South and triangular cooperation approaches and methodologies, as well as to serve as match-making platform for further strengthening partnership. The Forum is a multi-stakeholder platform for South-South cooperation that offers an opportunity to make proposals for further mainstreaming South-South and triangular cooperation and is open to all interested actors involved in South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation.

The 2018 edition of the DG Forum, celebrating ten-year anniversary since the first one held in 2008 in New York, taking place within the process leading up to the second United Nations High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in March 2019 (BAPA+40), will give the participants, representing Member states and other actors, an opportunity to exchange views and ideas about issues in relation with the themes of the Conference.

The overall theme of 2018 DG Forum is “Towards the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40): The Role of Practitioners in Scaling up the Impact of South-South and Triangular Cooperation for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The focus areas for the DG Forum include:

- Institutionalization of South-South cooperation
- Reporting on the impact of South-South and triangular cooperating: the sharing of experiences and the promotion of partnership
- The role of the United Nations in scaling up South-South and triangular cooperation
- South-South cooperation: regional perspectives
- Road to the BAPA+40

**Organizers:** UNOSSC, JICA, IsDB

## Closing Ceremony

5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

## Side Event

### **Francophone Stakeholders Networking in South-South and Tripartite Cooperation, on the way to BAPA+40**

9–10:20 a.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

The International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) and UNOSSC is organizing a roundtable discussion on the theme “Francophone stakeholders networking in South-South and tripartite cooperation, on the way to BAPA + 40”.

The round table will last two hours and will aim to answer the following questions:

- How to put the Francophone approach of development of tripartite cooperation to good use of the implementation of the SDGs by Francophone countries?
- What role can/should Francophone actors play in the implementation of this approach?
- How are Francophone actors mobilizing and structuring themselves for this purpose within the Network of Francophone Actors for South-South and Tripartite Cooperation (RAFSUD)?
- How can OIF and UNOSSC collaborate in the mobilization of Francophone countries/actors in the perspective and at the 2nd UN High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation?

**Organizers:** *OIF, UNOSSC*

## Side Event

### **The Republic of Korea (ROK)-UNOSSC Facility for Capacity Development for Poverty Reduction through South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Science and Technology, Phase 2**

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Conference Room A, United Nations Secretariat

The Facility for Capacity Development for Poverty Reduction through South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Science and Technology, Phase 2, was approved on 30 June 2016. In February 2017, the Steering Committee endorsed the selection of 10 Republic of Korea institutions to implement the components of the Facility.

The main objective of Phase 2 was to ensure that the work done by the Republic of Korea institutions would be sustainable and scalable. This required that the Facility be implemented within the framework of the planning frameworks of the partner countries so that the work could be extended and scaled up using national resources. In this way, the Facility could have a real impact in helping partner countries to achieve their Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This side event will be co-organized by the Government of the Republic of Korea (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Science and ICT) and UNOSSC. The main objective of the event is to share the experience of implementing this unique programme with similar initiatives, with a view to building more partnerships. Specifically, this event will:

- Demonstrate a partnership model with South-South and triangular cooperation;
- Demonstrate South-South and triangular flexibility in programming for results;

- Demonstrate how technology transfer can be used to transform communities;
- Demonstrate the transformative power of ICT regarding gender; and
- Show some of the results achieved on the ground

**Organizers:** *Government of the Republic of Korea, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific*

### Side Event

#### **Impact Assessments, Monitoring and Evaluation for South-South and Triangular Cooperation Initiatives: A Discussion on Potential Approaches and Methodologies**

10.30-11.50 a.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

There is growing evidence from developing countries themselves that point to demand for improved evaluation frameworks to ensure the sustainability of South-South cooperation. Southern countries have stated that there should be a focus on the development, testing and steady application of monitoring and evaluation approaches that are specifically tailored to the principles and conduct of South-South and triangular cooperation but at present, there is a major gap in those areas. This does not suggest problems intrinsic to this modality of cooperation but rather, possible shortfalls in design, delivery, management, and monitoring and evaluation. Thus, the developmental value of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation – their ability to secure and help sustain a flow of benefits over time to Southern countries, especially to excluded and marginalized populations – will require greater attention to these issues.

This side event will showcase work of South-South and triangular stakeholders that are already actively exploring ways to address some of these challenges. A number of potential frameworks have been developed, tested and proposed by partners. Participants at this session will:

- Share homegrown frameworks and learn from one another's approaches;
- Discuss challenges and lessons learned when designing and implementing these frameworks; and
- Identify questions for further research and conversation.

**Organizers:** *UNOSSC*

### Side Event

#### **The Case of South-South Cooperation for Peace and Development**

12–1.15 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Secretariat

The event aims to support analysis and deliberation for representatives of member countries, United Nations agencies, think tanks, academia, donors, CSOs and other relevant actors committed to promoting Southern solidarity and cooperation to achieve a world of peace and inclusive development for all.

For this side event, UNOSSC will open a space to share evidence on the relevance and emerging characteristics of South-South cooperation on peace and development. During the event, speakers will present the findings on three independent research projects that are currently under way:



- The Case of South-South Cooperation on Peace and Development, a research paper developed by the Global South Unit for Mediation of the BRICS Policy Centre (Brazil) and Global South Thinkers on Peace and Development;
- Initial Mapping of South-South Cooperation Experiences: Meta-analysis from the South-South in Action Series and other publications of UNOSSC and partners (2016-2018): Case studies from Argentina, Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Colombia, Croatia, South Sudan, The Union of the Mediterranean, UNESCO, G7+ (fragile-to-fragile cooperation) and many others.
- Independent Report on South-South Cooperation: Timothy Shaw, Member of the Advisory Board of the Independent Report on South-South Cooperation, Faculty Fellow, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

**Organizers:** UNOSSC

## Side Event

### Promoting the Ecosystem for South-South Cooperation in Africa

12:45–2:15 p.m.

Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat

The UNDP Strategic Plan 2018–2021 outlines South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as essential instruments to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and refers to the importance of implementing the UNDP strategy on South-South and triangular cooperation and its core objectives. Indeed, one of the Service Packages outlined in the UNDP strategy on South-South and triangular cooperation aims at creating the enabling environment at the country and regional levels to promote that cooperation.

Through the Regional Project on South-South Cooperation, under the Regional Programme for Africa, UNDP has been working to transform the development cooperation landscape and promote the emerging-development-partner role of African countries in the overall development cooperation arena. Some countries that have showed successful engagement and initial results to date are Botswana, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa. Other countries in the pipeline are Angola and Zimbabwe.

In advance of the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (the BAPA+40 Conference), UNDP, in partnership with UNOSCC, is organizing a panel discussion to share the experiences from the architects of the South-South agenda in creating the optimum ecosystem at the national and regional levels to make South-South cooperation happen.

**Organizers:** UNDP RSCA

## Side Event

### **Special Introductory Session on the Establishment of the World Green Economy Organization**

1:40- 3 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Headquarters

A green economy plays a major role in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication by enhancing the ability to manage natural resources sustainability, with lower negative environmental impacts, while increasing resources' efficiency and reducing waste. The recent passage of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change has seen strong levels of commitment by world leaders to shift to a green economy.

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) emerged in this context as an organization that intends to support global actions towards the green, low-carbon, climate-resilient development model. The WGEO seeks to promote the widespread acceptance and increased importance of a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, by linking financing, technology, capacity building and other elements of the enabling environment for a green economy.

It is in this spirit that the United Arab Emirates represented by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, in partnership with the United Nations officially launched WGEO in Dubai in 2016 to serve as an international platform dedicated to facilitating public and private partnerships, and promoting international cooperation and knowledge sharing towards increased adoption of a green economy. Subsequently, the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) stepped up to support the establishment of WGEO on behalf of the UAE Government.

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the mission and the vision for the WGEO in providing holistic catalytic support to promoting the green economy agenda, as well as to review the proposed strategic outlook for the organization.

**Organizers:** *WGEO*

## Side Event

### **Promoting South-South Cooperation in Science and Technology for Sustainable Development**

3-4:30 p.m.

Conference Room 11, United Nations Headquarters

Scientific and technological advances have transformed the world and impacted almost every aspect of life in it. The frontiers of human knowledge continue to widen, limited only by resource constraints, financial and behavioral. Many developing countries are endeavoring to adopt measures, both nationally and in cooperation with other developing countries to gain access to knowledge through academic activity, research and joint programmes.

Two examples of cooperation among developing countries in these spheres are the establishment of the Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) in New Delhi at the India Habitat Centre in 1989; and the Commission on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), with headquarters in Islamabad, Pakistan, in 1994. A third example is of Mustafa Science & Technology Foundation (MSTF) of Iran, with prizes for excellence in science and technologies

awarded to scientists, scholars and promising students from developing countries, and their diaspora in developed countries.

The side event will focus on the potentials and challenges being faced by developing countries in promoting science & technology through education, research and related activities at the national, regional and global levels through the use of South-South and Triangular Cooperation modalities in the effort. The debate would cover the impact of these efforts in various socio-economic sectors, including education, healthcare, agriculture, infra-structure, industries, climate change measures.

**Organizers:** COMSATS, MSTF, UN-OHRLLS, UNOSSC

## Side Event

### **Public Service Innovations through the South-South Network for Public Service Innovation**

3-5 p.m.

Conference Room 8, United Nations Secretariat

The South-South Network for Public Service Innovation (SSN4PSI) was launched at the Global South-South Development Expo on 27 November 2017 in Antalya, Turkey. SSN4PSI is a collaborative platform where governments, private-sector organizations, experts and academics exchange knowledge, experiences and expertise on public service innovation. One of the most important methods employed by SSN4PSI is matchmaking. Matchmaking ensures that countries that have successfully tackled public service challenges in the past can effectively export solutions to countries that need them the most.

The main objective of this side event is to develop a deeper understanding and broader exchange in the global South by identifying vital and novel innovations for scaling up public service innovation, more specifically:

- Facilitating matchmaking among participating countries and other relevant stakeholders;
- Facilitating an inclusive understanding of the kinds of service delivery innovations that create sustainable impact and the process of creating that impact;
- Exhibiting proven pathways from innovation prototyping to scaling up; and
- Exploring more broadly the role of public service innovations in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Organizers:** Government of Bangladesh, UNOSSC Asia-Pacific, Astana Civil Service Hub (ACSH)

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