

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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Concept Note

National ecosystem enhancement matters to all South-South and triangular cooperation (SSC/TrC) stakeholders for successful engagement in and meaningful contribution to SSC/TrC as a means of achieving sustainable development and future. The BAPA+40 outcome document explicitly calls upon the UN development systems to assist developing countries with their institutional capacity development needed for SSC/TrC.¹ By responding to the call, the redesigned South-South Cooperation Directors General Forum for Sustainable Development (DG Forum) aims at **supporting the Global South with their South-South and triangular cooperation ecosystem enhancement.**

Scope and Purpose:

This year’s DG Forum will focus on making voices from the Global South heard on their challenges, approaches and good practices for *“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.”* The DG Forum 2022 attracts the participation of Directors General of development cooperation agencies, national focal points for SSC/TrC, and other institutional partners from governments; representatives of UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, as well as regional and subregional institutions. The Forum will provide a space for countries and other key stakeholders to

- discuss their pressing capacity development needs and gaps to better plan and manage South-South and triangular cooperation, including emerging demands in the context of COVID-19 recovery and other global crises;
- share good practices and experiences in strengthening Southern countries’ institutional capacities and national ecosystems;
- discuss the role of the UN system and multilateral organizations in building institutional, human and technical capacities within Member States and the UN system needed for South-South and triangular cooperation.

¹ A/RES/73/291, para. 27(c).

Expected Outcomes:

The Outcome of the DG Forum will be specific recommendations and/or capacity development action plans to address the Southern countries' capacity development demands and priorities to move forward South-South and triangular cooperation agenda for sustainable development *at all levels* and *by all key stakeholders*. It will help to develop a **capacity development service catalogue for SSC/TrC ecosystem enhancement**, which pools capacity development services offered by broad SSC/TrC partners as resources for South-South peer learning and help to shape the design of **pilot South-South capacity development initiatives**, which will be facilitated by UNOSSC with the support of interested partners.