**PROGRAMME**

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 September 2022  
**Venue:** ESCAP Hall, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand  
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| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Opening**  

Overall Moderator: **Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang**, Head of Delegation, UNOSSC

- **Welcoming remarks by co-hosts and co-sponsors**
  1. **Mrs. Ureerat Charoenrit**, Director-General, Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)  
  2. **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary, ESCAP [video message]  
  3. **Mr. Datuk Amer Bukvic**, Director General, Global Practices and Partnerships, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) [virtual format]  
  4. **Mr. Naoki Ando**, Director General, Operations Strategy Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) [virtual format]

- **Guest speakers**
  1. **H.E. Ms. Adriana María Mira de Pereira**, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador  
  2. **Ms. Millicent Cruz Peredes**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Representative to UN ESCAP  
  3. **H.E. Mr. Yousef Hassan Khalawi**, Secretary General, Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)  
  4. **Mr. Liu Hua**, Head of Technical Cooperation, Deputy Director General, IAEA [video message]

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.

| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Session 1: Strengthening SSC/TrC institutional capacity and ecosystem for resilient and sustainable future** |
Moderator: Mr. Muntasir Majdoub Hamid Ahmed, Technical Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB

- **Moderated panel discussion**
  1. **Mrs. Olaya Oninda Dotel Carballo**, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic
  2. **Mr. Prabhat Kumar**, Additional Secretary (Economic Relations and Development Partnership Administration) of the Ministry of External Affairs, India [virtual format]
  3. **Mr. Xu Wei**, Director, Department of International Cooperation, China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) [virtual format]
  4. **Mr. Mohamed Hicham Baiz**, Advisor to H.E Ambassador Director General of Morocco International Cooperation Agency (AMCI), in charge of Triangular Cooperation
  5. **Ms. Lina Puentes**, Coordinator of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia [virtual format]

- **Interactive Q&As**

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.

Guiding questions:

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?
2. What are the most pressing capacity development needs and gaps to better plan and manage South-South and triangular cooperation in developing countries?
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?
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?
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?

12:00 – 13:00 **Session 2: SSC/TrC financing mechanism**

Moderator: **Ms. Jenifer Bukokhe Wakhungu**, Deputy Director, Local Transformative Finance, UNCDF

- **Moderated panel discussion**
  1. **Mr. Steve Olive**, Mission Director, Regional Development Mission for Asia, USAID [virtual format]
  2. **Mr. Anouj Mehta**, Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
  3. **Ms. Ama Brandford-Arthur**, Senior Partnership Officer, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, IFAD [virtual format]
  4. **Ms. Al Shaimaa Al-Sheiby**, Senior Director, Strategic Planning and Economic Services, OPEC Fund for International Development [virtual format]
  5. **Ms. Madhu Raghunath**, Sector Leader for Sustainable Development for Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand (BMPT) Program, World Bank [virtual format]

- **Interactive Q&As**

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 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.

Guiding questions:
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?
2. What challenges and opportunities did developing countries have in accessing SSC/TrC finance during COVID-19?
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?
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?
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?

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3: The role and efforts of the United Nations system in building capacities needed for SSC/TrC

Moderator: Mr. Denis Nkala, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, UNOSSC

• Presentation of the UN system-wide strategy on SSC/TrC and capacity building efforts
  Mr. Denis Nkala, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, UNOSSC

• Moderated panel discussion
  1. Amb. Beatrice Pacunega Manano, Head of the Department for International Economic Cooperation, Uganda [virtual format]
  2. Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support
  3. Mr. Luis F. Yáñez, Secretary, ECLAC [virtual format]
  4. Ms. Rie Vejs Kjeeldgaard, OIC DDG for Field Operations and Partnerships Portfolio and Director of Partnerships and Field Support Department, ILO
  5. Ms. Gita Sabharwal, UN Resident Coordinator, Thailand
  6. Mr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, Country with Special Needs Section, ESCAP

• Interactive Q&As

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.

Guiding questions:
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?
2. What institutional, operational, and programmatic changes have been made within the UN system entities to better support member state’s SSC/TrC efforts?
3. How can developing countries leverage the UN system support in building capacity to better plan and manage SSC/TrC?
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?
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?
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 | **Session 4: Multi-stakeholders’ engagement and coordination for SSC/TrC**

**Moderator:** Mr. Eiji Wakamatsu, Director, Deputy Head, Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department, JICA

- **Moderated panel discussion**
  1. H. E. Amb. Imad Zuhairi, Director General, Palestinian International Cooperation Agency (PICA)
  2. Amb. Maria Luiza Lopes, Vice-Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)
  3. Dr. Sudarat Damrongwatanapokin (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
  4. Ms. Lauren Landis, Representative and Country Director for Kenya, WFP
  5. Mr. Patrick Mugirwa, Officer in Charge, Partners in Population And Development (PPD) [virtual format]
  6. Ms. Yuefen Li, Senior Advisor, South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, The South Centre [virtual format]; Ms. Rashmi Banga, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Integration Among Developing Countries, UNCTAD

- **Interactive Q&As**

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, intergovernmental organizations, and UN system entities will share good practices and lessons learned on building and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships while facilitating SSC/TrC.

Guiding questions:
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?
2. What are the benefits, incentives, and barriers of engaging multi-stakeholders in SSC/TrC?
3. How can we increase understanding of and build capacity of effective multi-stakeholder partnerships among all SSC/TrC stakeholders?
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?

| 16:15 – 16:45 | **Way forward**

**Moderator:** Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Head of Delegation, UNOSSC

- **Moderated panel discussion**
  1. Mr. Elmaddin Mehdiyev, Director of the Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
  2. Mr. Eiji Wakamatsu, Director, Deputy Head, Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Operations Strategy Department, JICA
  3. Mr. Muntasir Majdoub Hamid Ahmed, Technical Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB
  4. Ms. Jenifer Bukokhe Wakhungu, Deputy Director, Local Transformative Finance, UNCDF
  5. Mr. Denis Nkala, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, UNOSSC

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 overall outcomes of the Forum. It will subsequently discuss and agree on key recommendations and joint action items of the DG Forum 2022 among all participants.

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