



United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation 2022

Key Priorities and Future Directions in Advancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable COVID-19 Recovery: Towards a Smart and Resilient Future

Date and Time: 12 September 2022, 18:20-19:35 BKK time/ 7:20-8:35 am NYT

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) UNESCAP, Level 2, Bangkok, Thailand

CONCEPT NOTE

To highlight the importance of South-South Cooperation, the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 58/220 decided to observe the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on 12 September every year. The date commemorates the adoption in 1978 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (BAPA).

The 2022 high-level commemoration of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation will be organized during the Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo. The observance will be co-hosted by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), Government of Thailand, and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). During the event, stakeholders will reflect on the vital role of South-South and triangular cooperation in supporting Member States achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and deliver on the Decade of Action, while effectively recovering from the global COVID-19 crisis, and building resilient, sustainable, smart and inclusive societies.

The global landscape has shifted significantly in recent decades. The world has seen important economic and demographic changes, cascading impact of climate change, a pandemic which has affected all dimensions of life, rising geopolitical tensions and refugee flows, and rapid advancement in the availability and use of digital technologies. These developments have fundamentally changed the way that people live, study, work, connect and socialize. They offer new challenges but also provide new opportunities for human development.

Achieving the ambitious targets of the 2030 Agenda and adapting to the changing global context will require engagement from all stakeholders leveraging their diverse and unique strengths. South-South and triangular cooperation are important cornerstones of development and will serve as vital modalities for action as complements to North-South cooperation. Their significance has also been underscored by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. "As the world recovers from the devastating social,



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economic and human impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, along with existing threats of climate change, South-South and triangular cooperation is the need of the hour” he said.¹

This event will be an occasion for UN Member States to celebrate the United Nations Day for South-South cooperation and redouble their advocacy and commitment towards the contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation to deliver urgent development solutions.

This commemoration will also feature the launch of the publication *“Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development – Vol. 4”*, which presents over 130 good practices from more than 50 partners, including Member States, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, and other development stakeholders. The publication also highlights solutions on COVID-19 response and recovery, poverty alleviation, climate action, trade facilitation and digitalization. Building on the three prior highly successful editions, the fourth volume significantly expands the South-South and triangular cooperation knowledge base across all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting innovation, and a greater diversity of partners now leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation collaboration for development.

A reception and a cultural event will be hosted by the Government of Thailand and ESCAP.

¹ United Nations System-Wide Strategy on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development, <https://unsouthsouth.org/2021/11/19/united-nations-system-wide-strategy-on-south-south-and-triangular-cooperation-for-sustainable-development/>



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AGENDA

Professional MC (TICA)

- **6:20 pm** – MC opens the event
- **06:25 pm** – Remarks by **Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang**, Head of Delegation, *United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)*
- **06:30 pm** – Remarks by **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of *ESCAP*
- **06:35 pm** – Video Remarks by Host Country/ Thailand - **H.E. Dr. Suriya Chindawongse**, Permanent Representative of *Thailand* to the United Nations
- **06:40 pm** – Video Remarks by **H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff**, Permanent Representative of *Argentina* to the United Nations, *President of the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation*
- **06:45 pm – 06:50 pm** Launch of “*Good Practice in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development Vol. 4*” Publication & Video
- **06:50 – 07:00** – **Cultural Music Show**
- **07:00 pm – 07:15 pm** Video Statements by selected Permanent Representatives representing groups of countries (3 min each)
 - **H.E. Mr. Munir Akram**, Permanent Representative of the **Islamic Republic of Pakistan** to the United Nations and *Chair of the Group of 77 and China (G-77)*
 - **H.E. Mrs. Agnes Mary Chimbiri-Molande**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of *Malawi* to the United Nations and *Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs)*
 - **H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile**, Permanent Representative of *Botswana* to the United Nations and *Chair – Bureau of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)*
 - **H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of *Indonesia* to the United Nations and *Chair of the Group of Twenty (G20)*
- **07:15 pm – 07:35 pm:** Video Messages by Permanent Representatives and partners
 - **H.E. Ambassador Ronaldo Costa Filho**, Permanent Representative of *Brazil* to the United Nations.
 - **H.E. Mr. Zhang Jun**, Permanent Representative of *People’s Republic of China* to the United Nations



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- **H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj**, Permanent Representative of *India* to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ms. Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif AL-Thani**, Permanent Representative of *Qatar* to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Hwang Joonkook**, Permanent Representative of the **Republic of Korea** to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ms. Mathu Theda Joyini**, Permanent Representative of *South Africa* to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ambassador Sonia Pereira**, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargée d'Affaires of *Colombia* to the United Nations
- **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director General, *World Health Organization (WHO)*
- **Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi**, Director General, *International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*

07:35 pm – Closing of Event