

## **FOCUS SESSION 21:**

### **South-South Cooperation and the Post-2015 Agenda for Global Development: Innovative Modalities and Institutional Evolution”**

Wednesday 8:00 – 9:15, Room 4

The event will address future contributions of South-South cooperation (SSC) to the post-2015 global development agenda with a focus on two critical issues. On the one hand, the session will explore the relevance of mutual accountability as a key partnership principle. On the other hand, panelists will present the findings of an international research effort on recent institutional trends in SSC by the think tank network of the Managing Global Governance Programme.

#### **Objective:** *(maximum 4 lines)*

To establish how Think tanks have a role in suggesting how the principle of accountability can be best translated into action.

To share systematic information and evidence on recent institutional trends in SSC. The session try to close this knowledge gap by presenting findings and insights.

#### **Session Format:** *(maximum 10 lines)*

Panelists will respond to the following guiding questions:

- What is the common ground on mutual accountability among OECD-DAC donors and providers of South-South cooperation?
- What are differences in how "Northern" and "Southern" countries view accountability?
- How should collective accountability in addressing global development challenges for the post-2015 agenda look like?
- Looking at the evidence from your research project, what are the main challenges of institutional evolution in South-South cooperation?
- What are important next steps in your country in this regard?
- How could SSC agencies shape a collective contribution to the evolution of the global development system?

#### **Speakers/Panellists:**

Introduction by two VIPs

Panelists:

- **Li Xiaoyun**, Research Center for International Development at China Agricultural University
- **Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) / Bangladesh
- **Neissan Besharati**, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
- **Sachin Chaturvedi**, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) / India
- **Jorge Pérez**, Instituto Mora / Mexico
- **André de Mello e Souza**, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA) / Brazil

**Concluding remarks: Thomas Fues / DIE**

**Chair: Stephan Klingebiel / DIE**

**Background/Narrative:** *(maximum 10 lines)*

The focus session address progress and challenges in transforming the institutional framework for South-South cooperation (SSC) and triangular cooperation provided by or in coordination with middle-income countries.

In addition, in the post-2015 debate, global accountability features prominently as one of the key principle that should guide the future of development cooperation. There can be no international cooperation without accountability, hence is relevant to consider this issue into the debate.

**Related Links:**

**Organisers:**

- China / academic network / China International Development Research Network (CIDRN)
- Mexico / think tank / Instituto Mora
- India / think tank / Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- South Africa / think tank / South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA)
- Germany / think tank / German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

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