

FOCUS SESSION 30:

South-South Cooperation from a Regional Perspective

Wednesday, 11:45-13:00, Room: DIEZMO 4

Objective:

The objective of this session will be to hold a discussion about the governance schemes put into practice by regional organizations to set their cooperation agendas and about their coordination criteria.

Session Format:

The facilitator of the session will be the distinguished journalist Joseph Warungu (Knight International Journalism Fellow). The format of the dialogue will be “Davos-style” followed by a discussion with the commentators. The objective is to foster an open debate.

Speakers/Panelists:

- Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC).
- Cristina Xalma, Researcher of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB).
- Juan Manuel Valle, Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AMEXCID) and President of the Project of Integration and Development of Mesoamerica.
- Suleiman J. Al-Herbish, Director General of the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID).
- Carissa Etienne, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- Benjamin Mwape, Restless Development-Zambia

Commentators:

- Gerson Martínez, Minister of Public Works of The Republic of El Salvador.
- Elayne Whyte, Executive Director of the Project of Integration and Development of Mesoamerica.

Background/Narrative:

The economic crisis the world experienced in the recent years caused a reduction of budgets destined for development cooperation projects. This is even more evident among developing countries participating in South-South Cooperation schemes. To face this situation of multiple needs and scarce resources, the parties involved make choices to prioritize and use their resources more effectively. This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to know first-hand the successes and challenges of cooperation-related mechanisms from different places of the world.

Related Links:

AUC: www.au.int/en/commission

SEGIB: www.segib.org

AMEXCID: www.amexcid.gob.mx

Project Mesoamerica: www.proyectomesoamerica.org

OFID: www.ofid.org

PAHO: www.paho.org

Restless Development: www.restlessdevelopment.org

Ministry of Public Works of El Salvador: www.mop.gob.sv

Mr. Joseph Warungu's Profile: www.icfj.org/about/profiles/joseph-warungu

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