

FOCUS SESSION 4:

Locating South-South Cooperation within Emerging Development Cooperation Architecture

Tuesday 15 April 2014, 8:00 – 9:15 am, Room 4

Background

South-South cooperation (SSC) is increasingly gaining momentum. The focus on SSC received renewed attention since the fourth High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Busan in 2011. The focus session has been proposed to provide conceptual clarity and practical insights about SSC for the GPDEC in Mexico. The core objective of the proposed focus session is to seek ways and means to integrate the South-South cooperation resultatively in the global partnership of effective development cooperation (GPEDC). While South-South Cooperation is being thought as one of the important elements of the emerging global development cooperation architecture, there is a definite need to take a closer and rigorous look at this evolving phenomenon from multi-stakeholders' perspectives. The session has been developed from that vantage point.

Southern Voice on Post-MDG International development Goals in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi and Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka held a dialogue titled "Deconstructing South-South Cooperation: A South Asian Perspective" on 28th March, 2014 in New Delhi, India. The outcome document of the New Delhi Meeting will be disseminated by *Southern Voice* during the GPEDC Mexico Ministerial in April 2014.

Objective

The specific objectives of the panel will be the following:

- i. Bring about further conceptual clarity by demystifying SSC in terms of its context, objectives, scope and policy framework and consider whether this adds up to a set of general principles for SSC that can have wider utility
- ii. Explore the practicalities of SSC by assessing their modalities and instruments and their effectiveness; what value would the general principles under (i) have for assessing these practicalities?
- iii. Revisit specific experiences of SSC through empirical evidence and case studies; consider how existing cooperation frameworks, such as DAC, support, learn from, and build on these experiences.

Session Format

The duration of the session will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. It will take place in a panel discussion format with provision for floor discussion. Three-five eminent panelists representing different constituencies will make short opening statements on different aspects of the theme. The moderator (chair) of the session will then instigate and manage an interactive exchange between the panelists and other participants. The session will be rounded off with a set of closing statements from the panelists and a brief summary of the key messages from the moderator.

Core Issues for Discussion

1. How important is South-South cooperation in the evolving context of international development cooperation?
2. Is it necessary and possible to develop a framework and a set of general principles as regards South-South Cooperation?
3. Can we improve upon the DAC-centered development cooperation framework by building on, learning from and leveraging South-South cooperation experiences?

Chair/Speakers/Panelists

Chair:

Ambassador Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair, Southern voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Presentation of Resource Document and Delhi Outcome: *Dr. Fahmida Khatun*, Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Panelists:

1. *Dr. Ashraf El Araby*, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Egypt (TBC)
2. *Minister Jaime Miranda*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador (TBC)
3. *Prof. Mustafizur Rahman*, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh
4. *Ms. Tomoko Nishimoto*, Director and Special Advisor to the United Nations Environment Programme and Executive Director on South-South Cooperation, UNEP
5. *Dr. Shekhar Shah*, Director-General, the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), India

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