

PLENARY SESSION 3:

New dynamics of international development cooperation: South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation and Knowledge Sharing in the context of Development Effectiveness

16 April, 9:30-11:30, Room TBC

Objective:

Contribute to the construction of a new configuration of the International Development Cooperation scene, by exploring the actual portfolio of South-South Cooperation (SSC) flows, showcasing effective SSC, Triangular Cooperation (TrC) and Knowledge Sharing (KS) schemes, fostering a multi-stakeholder approach, and debating innovative institutional arrangements as enabling frameworks for new partnerships.

Introduction/Background:

The rapidly changing global dynamic has challenged our preconceived notions of the international development cooperation architecture. In the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which will demand innovative solutions to increasingly complex phenomena, policymakers have the opportunity to further facilitate the valuable contributions of emerging development actors. This also entails a review of the modalities of cooperation that enrich conventional aid relationships and will play a major role in the achievement of the post-MDG development goals.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as well as the many different forms of Knowledge Sharing, have been a valuable tool, but their scope and relevance within the larger development cooperation arena have registered an important progress in an increasingly multipolar world. KS and SSC/TC have a common denominator – both in terms of modalities for development cooperation, and in terms of substantive pillars for Effective Development Cooperation. SSC is not restricted to KS, and is increasingly expanding to include other types of flows (such as concessional loans, grants, Foreign Direct Investment, trade, cultural, scientific and academic cooperation, among others). In turn, KS is not restricted to exchanges between Southern countries, but is also taking place through North-North, North-South and South-North schemes, largely enabled by easy-to-access and non-expensive communication technology.

The increasingly dynamic nature of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as well as Knowledge Sharing, is vividly reflected in country-led innovations ranging from regional frameworks, financial arrangements, institutional innovations, multilateral support options, and striving online communities.

In this promising context, the future of development effectiveness will also depend on the scope and quality of SSC, TrC and KS as modalities for cooperation in a multipolar world, in particular vis-à-vis the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The First High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation is a unique space to harness this growing vitality, drawing on the manifold efforts by the multiple stakeholders involved.

Deliverables:

1. Discussion on the ways in which South-South Cooperation has evolved over the last two decades and what these changes imply,
2. Feature/exhibit of concrete examples of successful SSC and Trc projects and experiences,
3. Showcase voluntary actions by Southern partners to advance Busan goals and principles,
4. Identify a number of thematic issues in the Post-2015 development framework in which SSC and TC can have a particular added value.
5. Evaluate of the need for re-establishing the mandate and membership of the Task Team on South-South Cooperation under the GPEDC.

Session Format:

2 hours, Davos-style, dynamic discussion, divided into two segments. Panellists will be invited to make short and discussion-oriented interventions, which will then be followed by feedback from the floor (from a number of pre-determined commentators, sitting on the front row).

The session will be moderated by a high-profile journalist, who will ensure continuity and coherence between both segments.

Speakers/Panellists:

- **José Antonio Meade Kuribeña**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **Armida S. Alisjahbana**, Minister for National Development and Planning, Indonesia
- **Seiji Kihara**, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
- **Serdar Çam**, President of TIKA TBC
- **Gao Hucheng**, Minister of Commerce of China TBC
- **Thomas Silberhorn**, Parliamentary State Secretary of BMZ, Germany
- **Abul Maal A. Muhith**, Minister of Finance of Bangladesh
- **Emilia Pires**, Minister of Finance of Timor Leste
- **Manasvi Srisodapol**, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
- **Jorge Daccarett Bahna**, Executive Director of the Chilean Cooperation Agency
- **Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish**, Director General of OFID, Saudi Arabia
- **Amb. Fernando Abreu**, Executive Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency
- **Richard Ssewakiryanga**, CPDE Co-Chair
- **Martin Rivero**, Executive Director of the Uruguayan Agency of International Cooperation (AUCI), and president of the Executive Committee of the Ibero-American Program of Strengthening South-South Cooperation (SEGIB)

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