

CONCEPT NOTE: SPOTLIGHT 10

Enhancing the Effectiveness of South-South and Triangular Cooperation - Evidence and Country Examples

14 December 2022, 8:00 – 9:30 AM CET

Background:

South-South and Triangular Co-operation (SSTrC) provide innovative, cost-effective, flexible and context-specific solutions to development challenges. It is important however that both modalities are effective, maximize development impact and target those furthest behind, as recognized in the outcome document of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40).

Countries engaged in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) work together to identify challenges and tools to support partners engaged in these modalities. Efforts to date have resulted in a Self-Assessment Framework for *Effective South-South Cooperation* and a roadmap to implement the [Voluntary Guidelines for Effective Triangular Co-operation](#) of the Global Partnership Initiative for Effective Triangular Co-operation.

Based on these experiences, this spotlight session will discuss how to scale up the use of the Self-Assessment Framework for *Effective South-South Co-operation* and the roadmap to implement the *Voluntary Guidelines for Effective Triangular Co-operation* at the country-level to promote more and better South-South and Triangular Co-operation.

Purpose of the session:

The purpose of the session is to convene partner countries, development partners and non-State organizations to foster an open and forward-looking discussion on how the effectiveness principles (country ownership, focus on results, transparency and mutual accountability and inclusive partnerships) help improve SSTrC practices around the world, based on insights developed by partners involved in the GPEDC over the last few years. Speakers will propose concrete actions to further use the Self-Assessment Framework and the roadmap at the country level.

Objectives:

- Identify how the effectiveness principles help increase the effectiveness, quality and impact of SSTrC projects.
- Promote awareness of key enablers of effective triangular co-operation, such as dedicated funds for financing triangular cooperation, whole-of-government approaches, and promote the use of national, regional and global learning spaces and communities of practice, such as the Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) on Effective Triangular Co-operation, and explore how they can be vehicles for behavior change.

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- Complement the discussion on strategic policy dialogue in Plenary Session 8 “**Creating Opportunities to Deliver Effective South-South and Triangular Cooperation at Country Level**“, providing evidence of good practices to support partners to tackle global challenges through effective SSTRC.

Guiding Questions:

- What enabling practices and conditions can support countries improve the effectiveness of their co-operation? How can the Busan principles be incorporated to these practices?
- What could be the role of the GPEDC in supporting opportunities for learning and collaboration between development co-operation providers from North and South, while preserving their unique comparative advantages?
- How can countries make further use of the Self-Assessment Framework for Effective South-South Cooperation and a roadmap to implement the Voluntary Guidelines for Effective Triangular Co-operation?

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