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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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High-level Opening Ceremony

9 am to 10 am
Pacific Hall

The Global South-South Development Expo 2017 will commence with the High-level Opening Ceremony featuring distinguished and powerful champions of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation. Prominent dignitaries and senior officials will deliver keynote statements to launch the Expo, set its tone and agenda, and share their ongoing commitment to innovation and inclusive South-South and triangular partnerships.

The High-level Opening Ceremony will feature messages and statements from high-level representatives from the Government of Turkey, Member States of the United Nations, United Nations entities, and other key stakeholders.

Inauguration of the GSSD Expo 2017 Exhibition

10 am to 10.30 am
Exhibition Floor

Following the High-level Opening Ceremony, the GSSD Expo 2017 Exhibition will be inaugurated. Throughout the Expo, the Exhibition will showcase successful, innovative Southern development solutions, highlighting the current and potential strength of South-South cooperation. More than 50 partners representing United Nations Member States, United Nations entities and other stakeholders will present their South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation solutions. The showcased solutions will embody the key attributes and underlying principles of South-South cooperation.

Leadership Round Table

The Digital Ecosystem for Development: Public Service Innovations

10.45 am to 12.15 pm
Pacific Hall

Governments around the world – in both developing and developed countries – are going through tremendous changes to respond to the rapidly rising expectations of their citizens, an accelerating technological transformation of society and the economy, and competing service offerings by private-sector providers.

Traditional public service delivery has been known for being unresponsive to citizens' demands. Governments are embracing approaches and tools to become more citizen-centric, responsive and participatory. In particular, trends in public service innovations include: (a) the use of digital technologies; (b) working to ensure user-centric policy and programming tools; (c) an increase in prototyping approaches and experimentation with new means of service delivery; and (d) leveraging the data revolution to track delivery, impact and progress towards poverty eradication and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This Leadership Round Table will feature the launch of the South-South and Triangular Network on Public Service Innovations as an important enabler in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and will invite participation from all Southern and Northern partners.

Thematic Solution Forum 1

Leveraging the Power of Science, Technology and Innovation for Development through South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation

1.30 pm to 3 pm
Pacific Hall

There is no doubt that science, technology and innovation (STI) are the cornerstones of a successful transition towards a more sustainable, prosperous future. In order to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development, affordable technological solutions need to be developed, scaled up and widely disseminated.

The international community has consistently recognized the importance of STI for development. As indicated in the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, United Nations Member States decided to establish a Technology Facilitation Mechanism to assist developing countries to access low-cost, effective technologies for development. Additionally, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 calls for the establishment of a Technology Bank and a science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism dedicated to the least developed countries. The Bank will be hosted by the Government of Turkey.

The power of science, technology and innovation to facilitate development is undisputed. South-South cooperation offers an important complementary modality for the transfer and dissemination of technologies and innovations. Products developed in the South respond to the specific contextual needs of developing countries and are often available at a lower cost than Northern products. South-South projects bring together experts from different regions and specialties with the common goal of sustainable development.

In this Thematic Solution Forum, representatives from Member States, the United Nations and civil society will discuss how South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can be utilized to facilitate the development, scaling up and dissemination of solutions.

Thematic Solution Forum 2

Using Big Data for Development as a Platform to Facilitate South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Unlocking the Potential of Big Data Solutions

3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
Pacific Hall

The generation and use of huge volumes of data – commonly referred to as “big data” – are quickly becoming a core business process in today’s economy, fostering new industries, processes and products and creating significant competitive advantages. While investing in acquiring, assessing, analysing and actively leveraging big data is enabling companies to create value and capture market share, would it be possible for governments to use the same approach to improve service delivery, build resilience and achieve the SDGs for their populations?

SDG 17 calls for the improvement, availability, quality, timeliness and disaggregation of data to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels in all regions. Big data for development is showing promise to improve, and perhaps substantively change, the public sector and international development in novel ways. Making effective use of big data will require the collaboration of various actors, including

governments, data scientists, development practitioners, academia, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector by leveraging their strengths to understand the technical possibilities as well as the context within which insights can be practically applied.

This interactive and informative panel, comprised of representatives from the private and public sectors, will help to answer how big data, data solutions and analytics can inform South-South decision-making processes and address regional integration and cross-border development efforts.

Thematic Solution Forum 3

The Role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Promotion of Information and Communication Technologies for Rural Development

5 pm to 6.30 pm
Pacific Hall

There is ample empirical evidence that the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for development can produce better results in agriculture and rural development. Significant progress has been made in the last 20 years in ICTs, which are being utilized increasingly as tools for promoting sustainable economic and social development in developing countries.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) recognizes the centrality of ICTs for promoting sustainable and inclusive rural transformation in developing countries. Among other initiatives, IFAD will leverage the surge in mobile phone ownership to facilitate access to better market information and financial services and to products such as credit, savings and insurance.

South-South and triangular cooperation is increasingly recognized as a reinforcing component of the IFAD business model for contributing to better rural livelihoods in developing countries. The Thematic Solution Forum will focus on how South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can be used as means to further the application of ICTs and innovative technologies in developing countries to solve rural development challenges. It will also showcase the recently launched Rural Solutions Portal, with an open invitation to contribute to the Portal and to engage with IFAD in the development of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation activities in the context of ICT for rural development.

Welcome Reception and Cultural Performance

6.30 pm to 8 pm
Exhibition Floor

Side Event

India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund)

10.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
Exhibition Floor Stage

The IBSA Fund is a flagship initiative implementing South-South cooperation in partnership with the United Nations system. It has received \$35 million in contributions and advanced 27 projects in 21 developing countries, mostly in the least developed countries (LDCs). The Fund is known for its people-centred results, having built or refurbished six hospital or health centres, seven markets and an irrigation structure. Among many other accomplishments advancing the 2030 Agenda and its related SDGs it has enhanced the livelihoods of over 30,000 farmers across various countries and continents, including in highly remote areas, and upgraded the skills and employability of about 6,000 urban youth.

During this side event, the important work of the IBSA Fund and its vision will be presented and celebrated.

Side Event

Innovative Finance Solutions for Sustainable Development

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Adriatic Room

The 2030 Agenda commits to leaving no one behind, and to meeting the goals and targets for all nations and for all segments of society. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda further identify the need for multiple sources of finance, public and private, domestic and international, to work together effectively and in new combinations.

Yet only a small fraction of global investment assets is targeted at sectors and localities that advance sustainable development in developing countries, especially least developed countries. An important issue therefore is how to include the additional private, domestic and international finance and direct a greater amount of finance towards the implementation of the SDGs in areas where investments do not flow naturally. South-South cooperation, with its focus on flexible cooperation modalities, including knowledge exchanges and peer support, can play an important role in unlocking additional finance in support of the SDGs.

The objective of this event is to:

- share lessons from and identify concrete examples of how innovative finance solutions can be shared through South-South cooperation, including through exchanges, knowledge, and capacity building;
- share and identify specific South-South lessons and recommendations going forward for how to scale up successes for unlocking finance for developing countries.

Following opening remarks, the event will adopt a Davos-style format in which panellists will actively engage with the audience.

Side Event

Turkey-UNDP Partnership: South-South Cooperation Models in Support of the SDGs

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Atlantic Rooms

Since 1957, UNDP and the Republic of Turkey have had a long-standing partnership in development cooperation. In recent years, Turkey has consistently demonstrated its commitment to multilateral development, especially to cooperation with the United Nations system and UNDP in particular. Turkey has shown strong interest in sharing its development experience and knowledge with partner countries regionally and globally, including through technical and financial assistance, giving special attention to the least developed countries (LDCs).

In 2011, the partnership between UNDP and the Republic of Turkey reached a new level with the signing of the 2011 Partnership Framework Agreement (PFA). The PFA created a flexible framework for the evolving and dynamic partnership, premised on Turkey's interest in contributing to development across the region, and on UNDP's global network of country offices coupled with a strong understanding of local realities.

The PFA reflects Turkey's increasing role in global development, its geopolitical importance, and its role as a provider of official development assistance (ODA). Turkey's ODA in 2015 was US \$3.9 billion, of which \$3.2 billion were delivered as humanitarian assistance including assistance to Syrian refugees, but also to Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan. The preliminary figure for 2016 is \$6.2 billion.

This side event will bring together representatives from the Government of Turkey and UNDP to provide insights on this partnership including the role of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation.

Side Event

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Charter of Algiers

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Adriatic Room

The Group of 77 is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the United Nations. It provides the means for countries of the South to articulate and promote their collective economic interests and enhance their joint negotiating capacity on all major international economic issues within the United Nations system, and promote South-South cooperation for development.

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Algiers. This Charter, which emerged from the First Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in Algeria, established a permanent institutional structure which gradually developed into the creation of the Chapters of the Group of 77 with liaison offices in Geneva, Nairobi, Paris, Vienna, and the Group of 24 in Washington, D.C.

This side event will highlight and celebrate the achievements of the Group of 77.

Leadership Round Table

South-South Cooperation for People and Planet: Youth Empowerment and Launch of Youth Leadership Initiative

9 am to 10.30 am
Pacific Hall

While many bright young individuals and youth organizations in the global South are already involved in various activities addressing the challenges that are at the core of the 2030 Agenda, much still needs to be done to create favourable conditions to empower an even greater number of young women and men to contribute equitably to the global development agenda. Among other things, there has not yet been a corresponding increase in the commitment of financial and other resources as well as effective capacity development mechanisms to harness the creative and innovative energy of young people and to translate this into concrete policy decisions, development strategies and practical programmes that address specific development challenges.

The objective of the Leadership Round Table on Youth Empowerment is to provide a platform for high-profile decision makers representing relevant institutions of the global South to exchange views and practical solutions towards further empowering young people in the global South to play proactive leadership roles in addressing development challenges.

The Leadership Round Table will also be an opportunity to launch a new initiative: Scaling Up Southern Solutions for Sustainable Development through Advanced Youth Leadership. This partnership initiative is built on the assumption that young leaders can be nurtured and empowered to become agents of change through a broadened global horizon, tailor-made on-site learning, and leadership development programmes.

Thematic Solution Forum 4

Skills Development and Youth Employment within the Framework of South-South and Triangular Cooperation

10.45 am to 12.15 pm
Pacific Hall

The International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (2008) and the Global Jobs Pact (2009) highlight skills development as central to improving productivity, employability and social inclusion. The ILO Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), provides guidance on the content of effective skills policies and systems. The conclusions on skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 97th Session in 2008 establish a strategy for skills development.

In this Thematic Solution Forum, ILO will present development solutions relevant to youth and women employment within the framework of South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the Forum will provide results-based presentations and scalable Southern development solutions that will ensure that decent employment work and social inclusion for youth and women are integral parts of any sustainable development strategy. It will also focus on skills and education policies to facilitate job transition and improve employability, including equitable outcomes for vulnerable groups such as women, girls and youth. The Forum aims at building partnerships to support tackling the youth employment crisis.

Thematic Solution Forum 5

Women as Benefactors of Development through Social Entrepreneurship

1.30 pm to 3 pm
Pacific Hall

In the development discourse, women are often seen mostly as the recipients or the beneficiaries of development projects: she is the child bride, the acid attack survivor, the rape victim. Women are one of the most vulnerable segments globally. Yet a discourse that only capitalizes on women's victimhood reduces them to passive subjects awaiting rescue and omits the other part of the story, one in which women are not only beneficiaries but also benefactors of development. In the last few decades across science, politics, sports, art, social entrepreneurship and the third sector, women have increasingly contributed to the solving of global problems. Those problems included not only women-specific issues but, more broadly, those that concern communities, children, the disabled and men. Without telling this story, women's empowerment policies will remain superficial at best.

The session will highlight women's leading role in social entrepreneurship. Social entrepreneurship is a particularly productive area for policy making on gender and development. For example, social entrepreneurship will increasingly become the flag carrier of global problem-solving. In addition, the social entrepreneurship arena has already proven to be more gender egalitarian. This means that it already allows greater mobilization of women and women can use social entrepreneurship to further their role as benefactors.

This Thematic Solution Forum will address such conceptual and practical questions as:

1. How can women's social entrepreneurship contribute to sustainable development?
2. What unique benefits do women put on the table for development and social entrepreneurship?
3. How can women's role as benefactors be increased?
4. Can women play a unique role in democratizing development work and promoting "sustaining values" in leadership – something overlooked by traditional stakeholders?
5. What concrete actions (including overcoming bottlenecks) are needed to further mobilize empowered women to contribute to social and economic development?

Thematic Solution Forum 6

Good Practices in South-South Cooperation for the Implementation of the SDGs: Development through Transformation

3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
Pacific Hall

South-South cooperation is one of the cooperation mechanisms that both the Turkic Council and UNDP value in their activities. This cooperation modality, including its triangular form, constitutes a dynamic tool to address today's development challenges. In this regard, this Thematic Solution Forum, organized by the Turkic Council in partnership with UNDP, will showcase successful South-South cooperation examples from the Eurasian region that are making a transformative impact on the achievement of the SDGs. It also aims to be instrumental in paving the way for new opportunities for South-South cooperation based on successful models from the region.

The Thematic Solution Forum will present a selection of cases and best practices that have already left a mark or have the potential to make a change in Eurasia. One of the main thematic focuses of the Forum will be public service delivery, where South-South cooperation has yielded successful examples in Eurasia by such means as the sharing of knowledge, experience and technical know-how as well as capacity-building. Thus, any improvement in this sector that has a wide scope – from public administration to e-governance to transportation – produces positive outcomes for the achievement of all 17 SDGs.

The presentations to be made by the panellists are expected to focus on a specific experience that has contributed to the achievement of the SDGs in Eurasia through transformative inputs involving the use of the above-mentioned means of South-South cooperation. In this regard, they will discuss the knowledge, skills, expertise, resources and/or technical know-how that they have adopted or adapted from their partners.

Thematic Solution Forum 7

Accelerating Country-led Progress towards Zero Hunger (SDG 2) through Joint and Complementary Efforts of the Rome-based United Nations Agencies

5 pm to 6.30 pm
Pacific Hall

South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation have been increasingly recognized in the strategic frameworks and policy documents of the Rome-based United Nations agencies – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) – and are seen as important modalities through which these entities support country-led progress towards SDG 2.

The objectives and focus of this Thematic Solution Forum are to:

- provide an overview of key milestones that are needed to make zero hunger a reality by 2030, and the contribution that South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can make in this regard; and
- reflect on the contribution of each agency towards this end and on opportunities for complementarity in the efforts of the Rome-based agencies in facilitating South-South and triangular cooperation for zero hunger.

The Rome-based agencies have similar mandates, yet each agency also has different but complementary strengths that make their partnership and support to host governments in efforts to achieve SDG 2 particularly valuable. This Thematic Solution Forum will explore these complementary strengths and unlock opportunities for further collaboration.

The Forum participants will also discuss options for a roadmap towards the Second United Nations High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) through collaboration on brokering South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, with a focus on SDG 2. The roadmap will include elements such as an action plan with concrete deliverables; suggestions for joint events leading towards the conference; publications; knowledge platforms; and joint operational collaboration on the ground, leveraging each organization's strength.

Side Event

World Food Programme's Approach to South-South Cooperation: Building the Network of Centres of Excellence for South-South Cooperation

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Adriatic Rooms

This side event will highlight the World Food Programme's (WFP) approach to South-South cooperation through building a network of Centres of Excellence.

Brazil and China partnered with WFP to create a network of Centres of Excellence in order to combine and leverage complementary strengths and resources for achieving progress towards the implementation of SDG 2 at the country level. Each Centre deploys different successful South-South cooperation principles, driven by the demand of the countries that reach out for the support of the Centres.

The network of Centres of Excellence has become the most important mechanism of WFP for the promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation to facilitate country-led efforts to improve food security and nutrition.

Special Event

Institutionalization of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region

1.30 pm to 5 pm
Adriatic Rooms

This special event for the Asia-Pacific region, and other partners interested in the institutionalization of South-South and triangular cooperation in the region, will bring together representatives from government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to share their experiences in supporting South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation and how it helps to strengthen their practice for development. The event will provide information on government policies on South-South cooperation and examples of how NGOs can support these national aspirations.

This special event is co-organized by the UNOSSC Regional Office for Asia-Pacific, the Asia Foundation, and the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and will explore the following questions:

1. How and why are smaller countries in the Asia-Pacific institutionalizing South-South cooperation?
2. What is required to stimulate more regional cooperation for the public good through South-South cooperation?
3. How are NGOs (and other non-state actors) expanding their roles in South-South and triangular cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region?
4. What are some of the effective and practical ways of supporting countries in the Asia-Pacific region to institutionalize, advance, and benefit from South-South and triangular cooperation opportunities?

Leadership Round Table

South-South Cooperation for Peace, Prosperity and Partnerships: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need – Advancing the 2030 Agenda in Crisis Contexts

9 am to 10.30 am
Pacific Hall

The compounding effect of many global challenges will continue stretching the capacity of the international humanitarian system to respond to emergencies and pose a main threat to advancing the 2030 Agenda. At a time when the number of people living in countries affected by complex crises has reached levels not seen since WWII, a new approach to managing these crises is needed. Recognizing the 2030 Agenda commitment to leave no one behind as a common framework which connects both short-term emergency response and long term development work in the quest to reduce risk and vulnerability, new partnerships by a wide range of actors are needed to translate this vision into reality. The role of the non-traditional donors in humanitarian action is expanding and the scope of South-South cooperation in areas of crisis prevention and response is gaining greater influence. South-South cooperation in humanitarian crises carries a key responsibility in addressing the most urgent needs in fragile and conflict-affected contexts in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 16 and SDG 17.

The objective of this Leadership Round Table is to engage the global South and international and regional organizations to share experiences, know-how and best practices in meeting the needs of people affected by conflicts and disasters, reducing vulnerabilities, and bridging the gap between humanitarian and development work. The Round Table also aims to receive feedback from partner countries on meeting related challenges.

The Round Table panellists will address several key questions including:

1. What role can South-South and triangular cooperation play in bridging the gap between humanitarian and development aid to advance the 2030 Agenda in crisis contexts?
2. How can development practitioners contribute to the prevention of crises?
3. What added value can South-South cooperation bring to these efforts?
4. How can Southern countries contribute to inclusive and effective mobilization of regional, subregional and global cooperation for risk reduction and reconstruction/development in the aftermath of crises?
5. How can the global South contribute to bringing maximum support to the people in need through humanitarian and development aid?
6. The Agenda for Humanity calls for aid to be as local as possible and as international as necessary. How can the United Nations system enable Southern partners to consolidate lessons learned and best practices to support the localization of aid?

Thematic Solution Forum 8

Southern Solutions for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

10.45 am to 12.15 pm
Pacific Hall

There has been an expansion in the use of South-South cooperation beyond the realm of technical and economic activity to other forms of partnerships at the nexus of peace and development. These include partnerships in humanitarian, migration, peacebuilding and mediation efforts as well as conflict resolution and prevention.

Concurrently, there has been an increased recognition of, and demand for, the value-added contribution of South-South cooperation to support peacebuilding efforts of the United Nations system. This requires a more systematic focus on building partnerships in the area of peacebuilding and developing innovative approaches.

During this Thematic Solution Forum, participants, including high-level officials, leading researchers, and peace and development practitioners from across the global South, will discuss the role of Southern actors in the nexus between sustainable development and sustaining peace.

They will address important topics such as:

- funding: exploring funding mechanisms that could be available for peacebuilding practitioners;
- good practices: showcasing existing good practices in South-South and triangular cooperation in the area of peacebuilding and sharing their lessons learned and the recommendation(s) for the upcoming BAPA+40 conference;
- knowledge-sharing: introducing publications or documents on peacebuilding promoting South-South and triangular cooperation; and
- advocacy: highlighting selected advocacy events/conferences on peacebuilding in South-South and triangular cooperation.

Thematic Solution Forum 9

Climate Change Partnerships

1.30 pm to 3 pm
Pacific Hall

Climate change is a universal challenge that requires collective action. The Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its rapid entry into force, and its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) signify the renewed relevance of multilateralism and a step towards a prosperous and sustainable future. However, enhanced climate cooperation and progressive climate actions are needed to implement the NDCs.

South-South cooperation on climate change has been recognized as an important modality in the context of the implementation of the NDCs. Several developing countries have shown interest in enhancing South-South cooperation on climate change to implement their national climate strategies, plans and policies and/or NDCs. New South-South initiatives on climate change are increasingly being facilitated by the Member States. However, there remain challenges in the implementation of the NDCs.

This Thematic Solution Forum will provide a platform to explore how South-South cooperation on climate change can contribute to the implementation of the NDCs and climate adaptation and mitigation activities. It will provide a space for stakeholders to share experiences on climate partnerships; identify emerging trends and impactful practices in climate cooperation; discuss scalable climate solutions; and explore opportunities to forge multi-stakeholder climate partnerships.

Thematic Solution Forum 10

Engagement of the Private Sector and Enterprises in Development

3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
Pacific Hall

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development places particular emphasis on the necessity for a revitalized global partnership for development, bringing together a variety of actors to work towards achieving positive development outcomes. The United Nations Secretary-General, in his 2017 report on the state of South-South cooperation, acknowledged the expansion of actors engaging in South-South cooperation as part of their core activities to include non-State actors such as civil society, volunteer groups, academic and research institutions, and the private sector. This multi-stakeholder approach to development highlights the indispensable role of partnerships between governments, the private sector and others towards the achievement of sustainable development. The rise of Southern business champions, who are collectively estimated to generate \$8 trillion by 2020, will further contribute to greater South-South integration, stimulate South-South exchanges, and seal the role of the leading Southern businesses as indispensable partners in the global SDG agenda.

Thematic Solution Forum 10 will identify areas where South-South cooperation can catalyse partnerships with the private sector for development. It will seek to identify areas where business interests align with South-South development cooperation objectives, priorities for private-sector engagement, different approaches to private-sector engagement, and the sharing of communication and management tools to further promote partnerships between the public and private sectors.

The Forum will bring together development practitioners, private-sector professionals and other participants for discussions and presentations of innovative practices that will engage the private sector in promoting South-South cooperation for sustainable development. It will specifically address effective and successful partnership arrangements with the private sector, platforms and systems for knowledge-sharing, and innovative financing opportunities.

Thematic Solution Forum 11

Cooperation among Countries for Health Development

5 pm to 6.30 pm
Pacific Hall

South-South cooperation is an effective and increasingly relevant global technical cooperation modality for improving health outcomes by strengthening health capacities in countries.

By stimulating knowledge-sharing among countries and the promotion of horizontal partnerships, Member States have been accelerating health development efforts in countries while facing significant health challenges. Through brokering partnerships and the promotion of dialogue among all relevant stakeholders, stakeholders seek to address the various health as well as development challenges that they currently face and ensure that they capitalize on the best practices and lessons learned to face those difficulties.

During this Thematic Solution Forum, participants will:

- highlight the trends and relevance of South-South and triangular cooperation in this area;
- showcase best practices and lessons learned in terms of South-South cooperation in health globally from the experience of United Nations entities and Member States; and
- engage partners from across all regions to work in the pursuit of national, regional and global health objectives.

Dinner Event

United Nations Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Cafe/Restaurant

At each Expo, UNOSSC hosts a United Nations stakeholder event to bring together colleagues from the United Nations system who are working in South-South and triangular cooperation. This year the event will, among other things, initiate consultations on the development of a United Nations system-wide South-South cooperation strategy and coordinated United Nations system support towards the preparations of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation.

Participants will discuss:

- the framework of a United Nations system-wide South-South and triangular cooperation strategy and the establishment of an inter-agency working group;
- opportunities for inter-agency collaboration in convening thematic events on South-South and triangular cooperation as part of the preparatory process for the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation;
- collaborative preparation of regular inter-agency policy briefs on South-South and triangular cooperation for publication online and in print; and
- inter-agency collaboration towards the identification, documentation and sharing of successful national policies, development solutions, technologies and technical expertise.

Please note that this is a working-level dinner for participants who work within the United Nations system (by invitation only)

Side Event

Launch of the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR) and UNOSSC Joint South-South in Action Report

10.30 am to 10.45 am
Exhibition Floor Stage

Launched in 2016, South-South in Action is one of the UNOSSC flagship series of reports. It is designed to provide a space for partners including United Nations Member States, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders to present and celebrate their successful South-South development solutions.

The International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1997. It currently has 43 member States, 42 of which are from the global South. Since its creation two decades ago, INBAR has run projects and programmes in over 20 countries and provided capacity-building and awareness-raising on the productive use of bamboo and rattan in over 80 countries.

Side Event

High-level Ministerial Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security in the Arab States, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

12.30 pm
Atlantic Rooms

The High-level Ministerial Meeting is organized within the framework of the partnership initiative on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security (SSTC-ADFS) jointly supported by IFAD, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and UNOSSC. The meeting will be an opportunity for the leadership of ministries of agriculture in participating countries to take stock of progress made through their participation in the SSTC-ADFS partnership initiative as well as to express their views as to possible options to continue the partnership beyond the current round.

Side Event

Brazil-United Nations Partnerships for Food and Nutrition Security: Promoting Socioeconomic Transformation through South-South and Triangular Cooperation

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Adriatic Rooms

The Government of Brazil has had a longstanding, productive relationship with the United Nations. This includes the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger, which was launched jointly by WFP and the Government of Brazil in 2011 as a "powerhouse of solutions for the defeat of hunger and malnutrition". A South-South and triangular bridge to food security, the Centre draws on Brazilian experiences to share knowledge and policy innovations among developing countries. It focuses primarily on linking school meal systems to local agriculture, providing technical assistance to national governments to design, improve, expand and eventually run their own school feeding programmes. The Centre operates under the oversight of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC).

This side event will:

- highlight South-South cooperation as a key modality for achieving SDG 2, Zero Hunger;
- promote successful evidence-based South-South and triangular projects on school feeding from the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger; and
- strengthen the strategic partnership between Brazil, WFP and the African Union to achieve SDGs 2 and 17 through South-South and triangular cooperation.

Side Event

The Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Adriatic Rooms

The Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation (GPI) was launched as a multi-stakeholder initiative at the 2016 High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation in Nairobi. It is being spearheaded by a core group that includes Canada, Japan, Mexico, the Islamic Development Bank, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The objective of the GPI is to bring together diverse stakeholders to better situate triangular cooperation in the current development landscape.

The objective of this side event is to present national, regional and international triangular cooperation initiatives, and discuss ideas and planned next steps for the GPI including work towards the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation.

Side Event

Resilience - A Paradigm Shift in the Humanitarian-Development Nexus: The Case of Turkey in the Aftermath of the Syrian Refugee Crisis

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Adriatic Rooms

As of October 2017, Turkey is hosting over 3.2 million Syrian refugees. Turkey hosts the largest refugee population in the world and has demonstrated strong national ownership of the response. The Government of Turkey provides a rights-based legal framework through the Temporary Protection regulation, which offers access to education, health care, employment and social security to Syrians. According to the Government of Turkey, it has spent \$30 billion over the last 5-years on the response to the Syrian crisis.

Syrian refugees are mainly located in the Southeast Anatolia region bordering the Syrian Arab Republic, but as the crisis has continued, the population has expanded to other regions as well. The impact of the crisis on the host communities in Turkey has been felt in three main areas: (a) population, demography and local socio-cultural patterns; (b) urban infrastructure and municipal public services; and (c) the local labour market and local economic development.

The side event will focus on the concept of resilience in mitigating and recovering from the impacts of the Syrian refugee crisis on host communities and the national policy framework in Turkey through the humanitarian–development nexus lens. In particular, the overall objective of the side event is to showcase the Government of Turkey and UNDP Turkey’s experience in resilience-based crisis response, with special emphasis on partnerships with national/local implementing partners.

High-level Forum of Directors General for Development Cooperation (DG Forum)

9.00am – 6.30pm
Pacific Hall

In response to a need to create a space for Directors General and practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation to discuss how to improve South-South and triangular cooperation and to facilitate innovative partnerships among all stakeholders, UNOSSC and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) jointly launched the Directors General Forum during the first Global South-South Development Expo in 2008. Since then, the Directors General Forum has been an integral part of the GSSD Expo.

The annual Directors General Forum brings together Directors General of development cooperation agencies of national governments of the South and the North that are already working on South-South and triangular cooperation or are ready to engage in such cooperation in the near future. It also offers an opportunity to make proposals for further mainstreaming South-South and triangular cooperation and to discuss the expected role of UNOSSC and other United Nations organizations. An open space for the Directors General as well as development cooperation practitioners, the Forum is intended to facilitate peer learning and the exchange of ideas on policy, strategy, and institutional and financial tools for South-South and triangular cooperation as well as management capacity. In addition, it offers an opportunity for partnership-building and matchmaking among Southern practitioners for scaling up South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives.

This ninth Directors General Forum will be co-organized by UNOSSC and JICA and hosted by the Government of Turkey. The theme of this year's Forum is "Voices of practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation and the road towards the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation". Proposed focus areas for the Directors General Forum include:

- special session on the High-level Conference;
- capacity development in the institutional arrangement and management of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation;
- strengthening regional cooperation through South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation for sustainable development; and
- ways to foster the mobilization of resources to further strengthen South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation and partnerships.

Directors General Forum Side Event: Reporting on South-South Cooperation at the Global, Regional and National Levels

12 pm to 1 pm
Adriatic Rooms

Around the globe and in the different regions and countries, new actors are beginning to shape the development cooperation agenda. New types of partnerships and modalities of cooperation are growing in importance, in volume of resources and in geographical reach. Yet information about the approaches taken and/or the results achieved is still fragmented. So far, data about South-South and triangular cooperation have not been shared systematically, and we have only a vague and incomplete idea of the full scale, scope, results and the lessons learned from existing experiences that could maximize development outcomes.

This side event will aim at encouraging political debate and dialogue on the concept of reporting on South-South cooperation at the global, regional and country levels. The discussion will include, on the one hand, key aspects of reporting such as scope, concept, modalities, analytical framework, focus and frequency that could serve to build a common ground and, on the other hand, the various aspects of reporting that could enrich the process through awareness of the differences.

Closing Ceremony

6 pm to 7 pm
Pacific Hall

The Closing Ceremony will be a celebration of the successes of the Expo. Eminent leaders in South-South and triangular cooperation, including government officials, heads of United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations and other prominent Southern leaders, will share their impressions of the Expo and their future commitments to South-South and triangular cooperation.

The Closing Ceremony will also feature the presentation of awards for leadership and partnerships related to the GSSD Expo 2017.

Special Event

High-level Round Table on City Experiences in South-South Cooperation in Tourism for Sustainable Development

11 am to 12.30 pm

Atlantic Rooms

The world is rapidly urbanizing; therefore, cities have an important role to play in sustainable development: they are hubs for ideas, commerce, culture, science, productivity, social development and much more. However, many challenges exist to maintaining cities in a way that continues to create jobs and prosperity while not straining land and resources.

Promoting and supporting tourism constitute one important way in which cities can work towards sustainable development. Among other benefits, tourism-related activities can bring much-needed financial resources, provide incentives to improve infrastructure, provide jobs and training opportunities for local populations, and revive and support traditional activities and customs.

This High-level Round Table will bring together city representatives to discuss the role that tourism can play in sustainable development; share knowledge, experience and best practices; and identify cases with the potential to be scaled-up.

Side Event

Showcasing the Organization for Islamic Cooperation System's Advancement in Fostering Sustainable Development through South-South Cooperation

11 am to 1 pm

Adriatic Rooms

Member States of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) have member States have actively participated in framing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At the biennial United Nations-OIC Meeting on Cooperation, held in Geneva in May 2016, representatives from the United Nations, the OIC and their respective specialized agencies and institutions identified a number of projects and activities to be undertaken jointly from 2016 to 2018 in support of the efforts of their member States towards achieving their respective SDGs. Some examples are as follows:

- preparation of blueprints for the protection of architectural heritage in the Syrian Arab Republic and Jerusalem (SDG 11);
- strengthening of the Trade Preferential System in OIC member States and intra-OIC trade (SDG 17);
- development of key infrastructure for rural growth (SDG 15);
- resource mobilization for the Dakar-Port Sudan Railway (SDG 9);
- training programme on entrepreneurial development through the use of information technology (SDG 9);
- strengthening the institutional capacity of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) (SDG 8);
- capacity-building and exchange of entrepreneurs in green technologies, renewable energies and process innovation (SDG 7);

- elimination of harmful practices, including female genital mutilation (FGM), violence against women, and early and enforced child marriage (SDG 5); and
- support to Somalia in the strengthening of the education, health-care and livelihood development sectors (SDGs 3, 4 and 8).

Participating organizations will present details of these and other projects, with their objectives, time frames and intended beneficiaries, and discuss how their implementation and costs could be shared among the organizations.

Representatives of the following OIC institutions, led by the OIC General Secretariat, are expected to attend: Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (ICDT), Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), and Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA). They will be joined by representatives from the United Nations system and other key stakeholders.

Side Event

First Steering Committee Meeting for the South-South Global Thinkers Initiative

1 pm to 3 pm
Adriatic Rooms

South-South and triangular cooperation has contributed substantively to development results through a variety of flexible cooperation modalities, including trade, investment and technology transfer. However, we are just skimming the surface of the potential of this dynamic modality to deliver on sustainable development priorities. Knowledge gaps in the South and uneven access to solutions, expertise and resources remain major obstacles.

Having taken note of this, UNDP and UNOSSC have supported the formation of the South-South Global Thinkers initiative. South-South Global Thinkers is a global coalition of think-tank networks that is designed to draw on the high-quality expertise of think-tank networks and research institutes and to develop a platform for South-South cooperation research and knowledge-sharing. The global coalition will inform policymakers and development practitioners about the value of South-South and triangular cooperation, how to bring an approach to scale, and how South-South and triangular cooperation can accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The first meeting of the South-South Global Thinkers Steering Committee will take place during the GSSD Expo 2017. During this meeting, members of the Committee will identify and agree on priority research topics; identify high-level policy events and advocacy campaigns at the global level; and provide guidance and recommendations on the financial and operational sustainability of the initiative.

Side Event

South-South Cooperation Helps Communities Scale Up Solutions to Achieve the SDGs

3.30 pm to 4.45 pm
Adriatic Rooms

The Small Grants Program (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Since its inception in 1992, its purpose has been to support civil society organizations and community-based organizations directly with grants. With a global presence in 125 countries, SGP firmly believes in the fundamental necessity of South-South and triangular cooperation to complement its work at the local, national, and global levels.

For this reason, in its sixth operational phase, SGP started a South-South Community Innovation Exchange Platform with the aim to promote knowledge exchange between SGP countries and encourage the replication of good practices across countries and regions. The objectives of the Platform are to strengthen the capacity of communities in developing countries to address sustainable development challenges; support and promote knowledge transfer of solutions; and increase and improve communications among communities with the aim of creating greater awareness of common problems and access to knowledge, experience, and networks.

This side event is designed to present concrete examples of solutions to key development challenges linked to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Participants will:

- present innovative solutions to climate change, land degradation, and environmental degradation emerging from the South, and the impact that South-South and triangular cooperation has had in scaling up these practices;
- inform practitioners and development partners about the importance of South-South and triangular cooperation for achieving the SDGs at the community and national levels;
- present the UNDP SSMART platform, an online platform that promotes Southern solutions and makes them available to other countries who face similar challenges and are looking for solutions; and
- launch a new SGP publication on a sample of innovative community solutions that can be replicated and/or scaled up through South-South and triangular cooperation.

Side Event

The Role of NGOs and CSOs in Enhancing and Promoting South-South Cooperation: The Road to the High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation

3.30 pm to 5 pm
Adriatic Rooms

This side event will provide an opportunity for NGOs and CSOs concerned with developmental, humanitarian and related missions to share experiences and cultivate relationships. It is envisioned that the event will result in an alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South cooperation in developmental, environmental and humanitarian spheres. The Alliance would help to sharpen the understanding of NGOs and CSOs of the value of South-South cooperation modalities in their respective spheres of work. In addition, the Alliance would be mobilized on occasions such as the GSSD Expo and international conferences in support and promotion of South-South cooperation.



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