International Day for South-South Cooperation 2020

Concept Note September 10th 2020 7:00 Colombia - 14:00 South Africa - 17:30 India Co-organized by APC-Colombia and UNOSSC

Session 1

Expanding South-South Cooperation in an interdependent world

Session One - Interdependence and Solidarity "Work between partners who need each other"

Context:

Each region is comprised of countries with common languages, histories, influence areas and development problems. These interdependencies are the basis of South-South Cooperation - solutions developed in one country can me adapted and replicated in another one, for the wellbeing of our peoples. But this interdependency also entails a vulnerability. Global crisis situations underscore how vulnerable our economies, our political systems and our societies are to the problems that besiege our neighbors. Whether we are discussing climate change, migrations, capital or disease flows, certain situations shake our countries and demand joint answers.

How? APC-Colombia invites participants to present recent experiences in solving joint problems through South-South Cooperation (SSC). We propose organizing panels around transborder SSC and global professional networks. Each panel will have participants from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Between each panel the team will survey impressions and comments and the closing remarks will feed on findings from the exercise.

Session length: 90 minutes.

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Set-up 6:50 a.m.

Opening remarks 7:00 a.m.

Adriana Mejía,

Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Relations of Colombia

Jorge Chediek,

Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and Envoy of the Secretary General for South-South Cooperation

Angela Ospina de Nicholls,

Director General, Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC-Colombia)

Keynote Speech

7:15 a.m.

Debapriya Bhattacharya,

Chair of the Southern Voice international network of think tanks, Distinguished Fellow of the Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Panel on Cross-border Cooperation

Moderator: Dante Mossi,

Central American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE) **7:45 a.m.**

Rita Milagres,

Secretary of Intelligence and Strategic Relations, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA)

Héctor Arenas,

Ministry of Foreign Relations. Mobility Group of the Pacific Alliance

Alexandra Moreira López,

Secretary General, Organización del Tratado de Cooperación Amazónica (OTCA)

Panel on global professional networks Moderador: Towela Jere, Economic Integration Division, AUDA-NEPAD 7:45 a.m.

Alonso Ortíz, Senior Engagement Manager, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)

M'Naouer Djemali, Professor Carthage University

Sara Hamouda,

SDGs & Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism

Closing remarks 8:30 a.m.

Catalina Quintero, Director for South-South Cooperation, APC-Colombia

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Session Two - Unlikely conversations after COVID-19 "What you want to know, but have't been able to ask"

Context:

The COVID-19 pandemic has moved our governments, companies and organizations to a path of accelerated learning to evaluate and take action to contain the expansion of the virus, with severe socio-economic effects, which are themselves contagious due to our interdependencies. The virtualization of life caused by the lockdown is already generating important social, economic, fiscal and urban impacts, which are partially irreversible, and for which South-South Cooperation will have to formulate innovative answers. However, the current situation should not completely distract our attention from other necessary matters that need to be discussed.

How? The session will promote dialog between experts and participants about how South-South Cooperation can help impact specific goals and indicators of the 2030 Agenda, and about the role of trade and investment in South-South Cooperation. These topics were selected through a poll conducted by APC-Colombia and partners of the Global South.

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Opening dialogue

What role do the debates around the effectiveness and measurement of the added value of South-South Cooperation play on the 2030 Agenda?

Moderator: Noel González, Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Mexico. 7:00 a.m.

Ángela Ospina de Nicholls, Director General, Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC-Colombia)

Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Dialogue A: How to guide South-South Cooperation to impact specific goals and indicators of the 2030 Agenda?

Moderator: Luis Roa, APC-Colombia 7:30 a.m.

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Tahina Ojeda, Researcher and Professor, Complutense University of Madrid

Bernabé Malacalza,

Researcher and Professor, National Council for Scientific Research of Argentina

Dialogue B: What role do trade, investment and Multilateral Banks have in South-South Cooperation?

Moderador: Mariano Berro, Executive Director, Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) 7:30 a.m.

Ramiro López Ghio, Chief of Operations, Inter-American Development Bank

Milindo Chakrabarti,

Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

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Catalina Quintero,

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