

# Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

## General Assembly

### Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

 [\[archived video\]](#)

1st plenary meeting

#### *Opening of the Conference* [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, in his capacity as temporary President in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

#### *Election of the President* [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Mauricio Macri, President of the Argentine Republic, as President of the Conference.

The Conference also elected, by acclamation, Argentina, as ex officio Vice-President of the Conference.

#### *Opening statements*

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Mauricio Macri, as President of the Conference; Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly; His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King, President of the Economic and Social Council; Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; His Excellency Adonia Ayebare, President-designate of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation; the Assistant Secretary-General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Pakistan, Ms. Attiya Nawazish Ali Khan, as the representative of the private sector; and the Coordinator of Reality of Aid Network Africa, Mr. Vitalice Meja, as the representative of civil society.

#### *Adoption of the rules of procedure* [item 3]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document [A/CONF.235/2](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

#### *Adoption of the agenda of the Conference* [item 4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document [A/CONF.235/1](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

#### *Election of officers other than the President* [item 5]

Pursuant to rule 6 of its rules of procedure, the Conference elected, by acclamation, the following States as Vice-Presidents of the Conference:

*African States:* Guinea and Morocco

*Asia-Pacific States:* Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran

*Eastern European States:* Estonia and Lithuania

*Latin American and Caribbean States:* Brazil

*Western European and other States:* Ireland

The Conference was informed that the election of one remaining Vice-President from the Western European and other States would take place as soon as the candidature was communicated.

His Excellency Sven Jürgenson (Estonia) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 5.

*Organization of work* [item 6]

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document [A/CONF.235/4](#).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 6.

*Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee* [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Antigua and Barbuda, Chile, China, Finland, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, and the United States.

The Conference was informed that the appointment of one remaining member of the Credentials Committee would take place as soon as the candidature was communicated..

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 7.

*General debate on the role of South-South cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: challenges and opportunities* [item 8]

The Conference began the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard addresses by His Excellency Tabaré Vázquez, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay; His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Eswatini; His Excellency Mario Abdo Benítez, President of the Republic of Paraguay; and Her Excellency Kersti Kaljulaid, President of the Republic of Estonia.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Chunhua Hu, Vice Premier, State Council of China; and His Excellency Ivica Dačić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia; His Excellency Riad Al-Malki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and in national capacity); His Excellency Manuel Ventura, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries and in national capacity); His Excellency Jerome Xavier Walcott, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; His Excellency Néstor Popolizio Bardales, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru; His Excellency Dato' Saifuddin bin Abdullah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; His Excellency José Condungua Antonio Pacheco, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique; His Excellency José Valencia, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador; His Excellency Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia; Her Excellency Sahar Ahmed Mohamed Abdelmoneim Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt; His Excellency Theodore Brent Symonette, Minister of Financial Services, Trade and Industry and Immigration of the Bahamas; His Excellency Soltan bin Saad Al-

Muraikhi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Qatar; and His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives.

Before adjourning the meeting, the President announced the appointment of the following Co-Chairs for the interactive panel discussions of the Conference:

Panel 1, entitled, “Comparative advantages and opportunities of South-South cooperation; sharing of experiences, best practices and success stories,” Her Excellency Dr. Sahar Ahmed Mohamed Abdelmoneim Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt and His Excellency Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh;

Panel 2, entitled, “Challenges and the strengthening of the institutional framework of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation,” His Excellency Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia and His Excellency Santiago Chávez, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; and

Panel 3, entitled, “Scaling up the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in support of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation,” Her Excellency Diene Keita Minister of Cooperation and African Integration of Guinea and His Excellency Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York.