Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation  
Buenos Aires (20-22 March 2019)

Official meetings

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

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

10:00 to 13:00  
1st plenary meeting [webcast]  
Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the Conference [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]
3. Opening statements [item 1]

His Excellency Mauricio Macri, President of the Conference

Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President 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

Ms. Attiya Nawazish Ali Khan, representative of the private sector

Mr. Vitalice Meja, representative of civil society

4. Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.235/2) [item 3]

5. Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.235/1) [item 4]

6. Election of officers other than the President [item 5]

7. Organization of work (A/CONF.235/4) [item 6]
8. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

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

Address by His Excellency Tabaré Vázquez, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Eswatini

Address by His Excellency Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of the Republic of Mali

Address by His Excellency Mario Abdo Benítez, President of the Republic of Paraguay

Address by Her Excellency Kersti Kaljulaid, President of the Republic of Estonia

Address by His Excellency Carl Greenidge, Vice President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

China

Serbia

Romania

State of Palestine

Costa Rica

European Union

Barbados

Peru

Malaysia

Mozambique

Ecuador

Indonesia

Rwanda

1 Rolling list of speakers
Egypt
Bahamas
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Qatar
Maldives
Azerbaijan
Ireland
Cabo Verde
Cuba
Georgia
Dominican Republic
Congo
Botswana
Angola
Guinea
Mongolia
Bangladesh
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Zimbabwe
Nigeria
Gambia
Myanmar
Somalia
Cameroon
Nepal
Zambia
Guatemala
Mexico
Norway
Armenia
Viet Nam
Singapore
Lao People’s Democratic Republic
Sudan
Spain
Chile
Portugal
South Africa
Brazil
Liberia
Turkey
Kenya
United Republic of Tanzania
Ghana
Morocco
Thailand
United States of America
Syrian Arab Republic
Solomon Islands
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Yemen
Andorra
Suriname
Israel
Panama
Jamaica
Namibia
Djibouti
Tunisia
India
Eritrea
Holy See
Lebanon
Japan
Burundi
El Salvador
Kuwait
Algeria
Russian Federation
Antigua and Barbuda
Republic of Korea
Vanuatu
Albania
Bahrain
United Arab Emirates
Honduras
Canada
Pakistan
Libya
Burkina Faso
Nicaragua
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ethiopia
Colombia

(Time permitting)

Statements by intergovernmental organizations
Statements by United Nations entities
Statements by non-governmental organizations

15:00 to 18:00
2nd plenary meeting [webcast] Plenary Hall

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

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings, “General debate on the role of South-South cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: challenges and opportunities” (item 8), will be established on a first-come first served basis with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. Taking into account the time available for the general debate, a time limit of five minutes has been established for each statement, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.
Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat, as soon as possible, of any changes in the name, title and level of participation of their inscribed speaker in the general debate (item 8) by email to Mr. Carlos Galindo (galindo@un.org).

Prior to delivery of the statement, delegations are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement by email to Yoko Shimura (yoko.shimura@unossc.org), indicating in the subject line, “Statement and Name of Country or Organization”. Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least 3 hours before delivery of statement. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Servicing Assistant desk in the meeting room for distribution to the interpreters.

In addition to representatives of States participating in the Conference and that of the European Union, representatives of the following may, in accordance with resolution 71/318 and decision 73/543, and time permitting, make a statement in the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure); (b) associate members of regional commissions (rule 61); (c) specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 62); (d) other intergovernmental organizations (rule 63); and (e) interested United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Lourdes Quiogue (quiogue@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

The representatives of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders (rule 65) may, in accordance with decision 73/543 and time permitting, also be added to the list of speakers of the general debate. The announced deadline for expression of interest to be included in the list of speakers was 15 March 2019. Inscription of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders is now closed.

For the compilation of the list of participants to the Conference, representatives of States participating in the Conference, the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and other entities with an office in New York, and specialized agencies and related organizations are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat through the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int, under “General Assembly/Mandated Conferences).

[Note: The summaries of the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings will be published in the Conference website (click here) and a link will be made available in the Journal of the United Nations, at Headquarters.]
Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 21 March 2019

General Assembly
Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

10:00 to 13:00
3rd plenary meeting [webcast] Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (continued)

Interactive panel discussion 1 [webcast]

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room D

Comparative advantages and opportunities of South-South cooperation sharing of experiences, best practices and success stories [item 9 (a)]

Co-Chairs:

His Excellency Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh

Her Excellency Sahar Ahmed Mohamed Abdelmoneim Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt

Panelists:

His Excellency Dongyu Qu, Vice Minister of Agriculture of China

Mr. Rahman Nurdun, Deputy President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency

Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Ms. Cornelia Richter, Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Mr. Enrique Maruri, Director of Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam Intermón

Interactive discussion

Interactive panel discussion 2 [webcast]

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room D

Challenges and the strengthening of the institutional framework of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation [item 9 (b)]
Co-Chairs:

His Excellency Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia

His Excellency Santiago Chávez, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

Panelists:

Ms. Laura Elena Carrillo Cubillas, Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation

Mr. Antonio González Norris, Executive Director of the Peruvian Cooperation Agency

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General of the Ibero-American Conference

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa Utoikamanu, United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries

Interactive panel discussion 3  📺 [webcast]
15:00 to 18:00  Plenary Hall

Scaling up the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in support of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation [item 9 (c)]

Co-Chairs:

Her Excellency Diene Keita, Minister for African Cooperation and Integration of Guinea

His Excellency Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Panelists:

Her Excellency Teresa Ribeiro, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal

Mr. Carlos Maria Correa, Executive Director of the South Centre

Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Paulo Estevez, Director of the BRICS Policy Centre

The panel discussions will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature. Each will be open to participation by representatives of participating States, up to eight representatives of intergovernmental organizations, up to eight relevant entities of the United Nations system and up to six representatives of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.
There will be no prepared list of speakers. The order of speakers for the interactive debate for each dialogue will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution while allowing for some flexibility, with priority given to States according to the level of representation, followed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed three minutes.

Representatives of participating States, the European Union and associate members of regional commissions are invited to indicate to the secretariat by email (duap@un.org and pricec@un.org) the order of preference for the panel discussions in which they would like to have a speaking slot, and to provide the name, title and level of participation.

Concept notes on the panel discussions are available on the Conference website (click here).

**Announcements**

**Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference**

The Conference shall elect nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General, and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country. A letter dated 14 January 2019 from the Secretariat addressed to the Chairs of the regional groups requested the nomination of interested candidates (two candidates per regional group, except the Latin American and Caribbean States which is to nominate one candidate) for the election of Vice-Presidents of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation. The Chairs of the regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so as soon as possible. Communications and inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Emer Herity (email: herity@un.org).

**Credentials for representatives**

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, located at the Conference venue (Room S-01 next to the entrance of Conference Room A (Plenary Hall)), as soon as possible. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.
Side events

Information on official side events can be accessed on the Conference website of the Host Government (click here).

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.235/INF.1.

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.235/INF/1.

A note by the Government of Argentina containing information for participants on logistics can be accessed on the Conference website of the Host Government (click here).

Documentation

For all conference documentation, including the Journal, please visit the Conference website (click here).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main document counter for delegations will be located at the back of the Plenary Hall at the Conference venue. Distribution of official documents will be limited to one set per delegation and delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with pre-session documentation. Print-on-demand service will be provided for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

There will be no circulation of statements in hard copy. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Servicing Assistant desk in the meeting room. Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the Conference website are encouraged to e-mail their statement to the secretariat one day in advance, if possible, or at least three hours before delivery, to Ms. Yoko Shimura (yoko.shimura@unosco.org), indicating in the subject line, “Statement and Name of delegation”.
Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, four rooms, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of 10 participants, will be available on -2 level lobby opposite Conference Room 2, from today, 20 March, to Friday, 22 March 2019. For requests for bilateral meetings, use the gMeets self-service portal icms.un.org/gmeets For support send an email to Tony Di Lanzo (e-mail dilanzot@un.org) with subject line “BILATS-SSC”. Final confirmation of all room assignments will be given the day before the meeting. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time for each meeting and include the name and level of both delegations participating in the bilateral meeting. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the plenary meetings, the panel discussions and press conferences at http://webtv.un.org, in English and the original language of the speaker.

The interactive programme of side events (off-site) to be held during the Second High-level United Nations on Conference on South-South Cooperation Buenos Aires will be managed by the host country Government and are available on the Conference website of the host country (https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/initiatives/paba).