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## **Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation**

**(BAPA+40)**

**Side Event**

**on**

**Enhancing National Ecosystems for South-South and Triangular  
Cooperation**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

## Introduction

- 1) It has nearly been 40 years since the adoption of the *Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries* (BAPA). The plan of action, signed by 138 countries in 1978, charted a way forward in terms of promoting the development of stronger ties among the countries of the South, through scaled-up technical, economic, financial, social and political cooperation. Since then, South-South Cooperation (SSC) has become a significant tool to link countries, especially to share know-how, expertise, technology and resources in order to solve development challenges, while preserving the principles of solidarity, respect for sovereignty, mutual benefit, non-interference in internal affairs and non-conditionality. At the same time, the BAPA has become a key part of the structure of technical cooperation in particular, and of SSC in general. More recently, Northern partners and multilateral development institutions have also supported exchanges between Southern countries through arrangements referred to as South-South & Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC).
- 2) With decades of experience and lessons-learned from the implementation of various forms, modalities and mechanisms of technical cooperation, the countries of the South and development partners will meet again in 2019 at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BAPA at the Second High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) to take stock of achievements and address new challenges and opportunities in SSC and SSTrC. It is expected that participating countries will agree on an enhanced agenda which will set forth the future direction for SSTrC in the context of the implementation of Agenda 2030.
- 3) The overall theme of the conference on the BAPA +40 is ***“Role of South-South Cooperation and the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities”***. The sub themes for this conference are identified as follows:
  - i. Comparative Advantages and Opportunities of South-South Cooperation;
  - ii. Challenges and the Strengthening of the Institutional Framework of South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation;
  - iii. Sharing of Experiences, Best Practices and Success Stories;
  - iv. Scaling-up the Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Support of South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation.
- 4) Based on its long-standing experience as well as lessons learned in undertaking SSTrC, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) considers a strong institutional

framework, or a national ecosystem, as a key element to promote SSTRC. This is in line with the second sub-theme of BAPA+40.

- 5) This framework or national ecosystem could vary from one country to another based on the economic, political and cultural circumstances. However, certain elements may be considered as key pillars of a strong national ecosystem for SSTRC. These pillars include political will, national strategy for SSTRC, national body for SSTRC, connected actors, financing mechanism, information bases, and performance management framework on SSTRC.
- 6) In this context, the IsDB is organizing a side-event in partnership with the South Centre (an intergovernmental think-tank of developing countries) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) on the sidelines of the BAPA+40.

### Objective and Outcome of the Side Event

- 7) The objective of the event is to advocate for the importance of strengthening or setting up national ecosystems for SSTRC in the era of the Agenda 2030 and to discuss modalities to achieve these objectives.
- 8) The main expected outcomes of the event are the following:
  - i. Recognition of the necessity of having a national ecosystem to promote SSTRC;
  - ii. A common understanding on the national ecosystem elements for SSTRC promoted among countries and development partners.

### Logistics

- 9) The event will be held at the Centro Cultural Kirchner (CCK) in Buenos Aires on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The address of the venue is Sarmiento 151, Ciudad Autonoma De Buenos Aires.
- 10) As informed by the BAPA+40 organizers, all speakers and participants will need to register for the side event (this is in addition to registration at the BAPA+40). This is a prerequisite to enter the CCK for the side event. All registered participants and speakers will enter through the entrance on Sarmiento 151.

## Side Event Focal Point Contact Details

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## Detailed Program of the Side Event

Time	Session	Proposed Speaker	Title & Institution
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Registration		
6:30pm – 6:45pm	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Abdelhakim Elwaer	Advisor of the IsDB President for Global Advocacy
		Dr. Carlos Correa	Executive Director of the South Centre
		Mr. Jorge Chediek	Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation & Director of the UN Office for South- South Cooperation
6:45pm – 7:00pm	Introducing the Concept of the National Ecosystem on SSTRC	Mr. Riad Ragueb Ahmed	Manager, Reverse Linkage, IsDB
7:00pm – 7:25pm	Experiences of Countries on the National Ecosystem Pillars <i>(Moderated by Prof. Yuefen Li from the South Centre)</i>	H.E. Dr. Bambang Permadi Soemantri Brodjonegoro	Minister, National Development Planning, and Head of BAPPENAS, Republic of Indonesia
		H.E. Dr. Riad Malki	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, State of Palestine
		H.E. Amb. Mohamed Methqal	Director General, Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI)
		Mrs. Fatoumia Ali Bazi	Director General, National Agency for International Cooperation, Comoros (ANCI)
		H.E. Amb. Ruy Carlos Pereira (TBC)	Director General, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)
7:25pm – 7:50pm	Moderated Discussion <i>(Moderated by Prof. Yuefen Li from the South Centre)</i>	Participants of the side event will be invited to contribute to the discussions	
7:50pm – 8:00pm	Concluding Remarks	Dr. Abdelhakim Elwaer & Dr. Carlos Correa	