



## **South-South Cooperation for Economic Integration: UNCTAD's Platform**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (1-3pm)

PB Torre-MARQ, Buenos Aires

*Side Event of Unit of Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries*

ECIDC-UNCTAD

South-South economic integration can provide unique opportunities to developing countries to structurally transform and deliver on their sustainable development goals, but these opportunities come with associated challenges. Developing countries can greatly benefit by sharing their policies and experiences in this area. UNCTAD under its project on “South-South Integration and the SDGs: Enhancing Structural Transformation in Key Partner Countries of the Belt and Road Initiative” is launching a Platform to share policies and experiences among BRI partner countries in the key areas of regional value chains, finance, digital economy, debt sustainability and trade. This Platform will also share the policies and strategies adopted by China in its structural transformation and emergence as a digital leader. In this event the panelists will brainstorm about the core elements of the Platform and the priorities in terms of experience sharing along with the actions of the international community for fostering an enabling environment to encourage South-South knowledge and experience sharing. We'll have a round-table discussion with a group of eminent panelists, including both experienced policy makers and renowned scholars.

### **Programme**

**Pre-Working Lunch:** 12:30-13:00

**Moderator and Introductory Remarks:** **Dr. Rashmi Banga**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ECIDC-GDS, UNCTAD

**Panel Discussion:**

**H.E. Mr. Bambang Brodjonegoro**, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia (tbc)

**H.E. Mr. Albert M Muchanga**, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission

**Mr. Zhang Yi**, Deputy Director-General, China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchange, Ministry of Commerce

**Round Table Debate:**

**Representative of Bangladesh**

**Representative of Cameroon**

**Representative of Lesotho**

**Representative of Sri Lanka**

**Open Discussions**

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