South-South Cooperation for Economic Integration: UNCTAD’s Platform

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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

For any questions on the event or UNCTAD Platform, please contact: dawei.wang@unctad.org.