

Contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) to rural development, food security, and nutrition: Harnessing SSTC to enhance rural resilience

Side event on the margins of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40)

Date & Time: Wednesday, 20 March 2019, 13:00 – 15:00

Location: Auditorio Manuel Belgrano,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Argentina

Lunch will be served in the room from 13:00 to 13:30

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You are kindly invited to attend a side event co-hosted by the Government of Argentina, the World Food Programme (WFP), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on the “Contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) to rural development, food security, and nutrition”.

The side event will explore how South-South and triangular cooperation can contribute to reach the 821 million hungry and malnourished people worldwide by strengthening rural resilience. In times of recurrent shocks and natural disasters, rural communities must be prepared to strengthen resilience in order to preserve their hard-won gains in food security and nutrition. Join the discussion on country demands and opportunities to tap into South-South cooperation for resilience-building and a world free of hunger with WFP, FAO, Argentina and partners from developing countries.

How can I register?

You can easily register for this event by sending an e-mail with your name and ID number to gabriela.dutra@wfp.org until 12 March 2019. We look forward to welcoming you at the event!



Harnessing SSTC to enhance rural resilience: The Contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) to rural development, food security, and nutrition

20 March 2019, 13:00 -15:00

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina, Auditorio Manuel Belgrano

Joint side event of WFP, FAO and the Government of Argentina

Context

Food security and sustainable agriculture are the motor for sustainable rural development and are at the heart of realizing a world without hunger. Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires building on and sharing the ideas, experiences and proven development solutions in the Global South. Particularly, in the context of achieving zero hunger, South-South cooperation is an effective mechanism to help developing countries access knowledge, resources, technology, and expertise to strengthen their efforts in achieving zero hunger (SDG2).

Currently, there are 821 million people suffering from hunger and malnutrition globally. Recurrent shocks, crises and growing inequality compromise efforts to reach those people who are in greatest need. When prevention fails to avoid shocks and crises, rural communities must be prepared to respond to disasters that might threaten their food security and a proper nutrition for the people.

South-South cooperation offers enormous potential for developing countries to share and exchange knowledge, experiences and development solutions to build their capacities and resilience against shocks and to ensure that their hard-won development gains are preserved in the face of recurrent disasters. Beyond knowledge exchanges, South-South cooperation has proved effective in fostering collective actions at regional/sub-regional level against development threats that individual countries cannot tackle singlehandedly.

While the role of South-South cooperation in sustainable development is now well recognized, there is a need to further explore the contributions of South-South and triangular cooperation in the context of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus (also known as “triple nexus”), in order to secure lasting progress in improving food security and nutrition in the developing world.

Keeping the focus on reaching the most vulnerable populations, enabling countries in build their capacities to prepare for and respond to shocks and crises, and promoting long-term sustainable development by strengthening national capacities for rural resilience building are all examples of how South-South cooperation can contribute to better support the development objectives and participation of the South in the global transformation envisaged by the 2030 Agenda. Keeping this at the heart of the discussions on BAPA+40 is key to make sure that South-South and triangular cooperation can tap into its full potential to realize a world free of hunger a reality by 2030.

Objectives

This side event aims to explore how South-South and triangular cooperation can contribute to reach the 821 million hungry and malnourished people worldwide by strengthening rural resilience and supporting developing countries in in the context of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

By facilitating dialogue between partners in the Global South, the discussion will explore country needs as well as innovative practices of partners that are ready to share their expertise “from the South, for the South” in order to strengthening rural resilience and realize a world without hunger by 2030 (SDG2).

The discussion will also recognize the value of the support provided by developed countries and multilateral organizations and explore areas and mechanisms in which triangular cooperation can be boosted.

Specific objectives include:

1. Explore country needs in the context of rural resilience building, food security and nutrition.
2. Present the experiences of partners in the Global South to address those needs.
3. Identify options to scale up South-South and triangular cooperation as a driver for capacity building on rural resilience.
4. Pinpoint areas and mechanisms in which triangular partners, such specialized agencies, could step up their engagement.

This event is jointly organized by WFP, FAO and the Government of Argentina. A light lunch from 13:00-13:00 will be provided ahead of the discussion.

Agenda

Moderator: Jean-Pierre de Margerie, World Food Programme (WFP)

<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Speaking point</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
Opening remarks		
5 minutes	Relevance of South–South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) for a world free of hunger by 2030.	H.E. Ambassador Alejandro Daneri, President of Argentina’s White Helmets Initiative
5 minutes	South-South and triangular cooperation as driver to advance country-led progress on rural resilience building (SDG 2).	Miguel Barreto, WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean
Panel discussion – round 1: South-South opportunities for strengthening rural resilience		
5 minutes	Country perspective from Dominican Republic (<i>tbc</i>): Country needs and South-South opportunities in rural resilience building.	Speaker to be confirmed (<i>tbc</i>)/government of Dominican Republic
5 minutes	Practical examples from the field: the role of peer learning and multi-stakeholder movements in rural resilience building	Daysi de Marquez, Executive Director of the National Council for Food and Nutritional Security (CONASAN) and SUN Government Focal Point in El Salvador
5 minutes	Experiences from Argentina’s White Helmets Programme: Empowering developing countries in rural resilience-building through South-South cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina (<i>speaker tbc</i>)
Questions and Answers		
20 minutes	Questions from the floor and discussion with panellists.	All participants
Panel discussion – round 2: Opportunities to strengthen resilience from a triangular perspective		
5 minutes	Opportunities for rural resilience building through SSTC and RBA collaboration - experiences from the region	Stephanie Hochstetter, Director, Rome-Based Agencies and Committee on World Food Security
5 minutes	Opportunities for RBA collaboration in scaling up triangular cooperation towards rural resilience building	Carlos Watson, Director (O.I.C.) South-South Cooperation, FAO
5 minutes	Opportunities for RBA collaboration in scaling up triangular cooperation towards rural resilience building	Ashwani Muthoo, Director, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD
Questions and Answers		
15 minutes	Questions from the floor and discussion with panellists.	All participants
Closing remarks		
5 minutes	Key take-aways from the discussion	Miguel Barreto, WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean
5 minutes	Closing remarks	Ambassador Alejandro Daneri, President of Argentina’s White Helmets Initiative