The outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) (A/RES/73/291) highlighted and recognized the role South-South and triangular cooperation plays in capacity building, strengthening human resources and leveraging the role of education and human development to create employment opportunities particularly in the areas of science technology, innovation, and technical and vocational education.

UNOSSC launched **Youth4South: Advanced Youth Leadership Programme** with Office of the Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth, China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA), Finance Center for South-South Cooperation (FC-SSC), IFAD, NOREC-Norway, UNFPA and the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment in November 2017.

Youth4South is designed as an umbrella facility that aims at facilitating capacity development for youth from developing countries to learn and adapt South-South and triangular cooperation knowledge and tools for scaling up Southern development solutions to bring sustainable development to their home country and local communities. Youth4South aims to:

- **Support the exchange of knowledge** mutual learning among young people globally.
- **Provide capacity development opportunities** for youth to learn, adapt and apply South-South and triangular cooperation tools and methods in scaling up sustainable development solutions and projects in their home community, institution, and country contexts.
- **Provide accesses to expertise, mentorships, resources, and networks**.
- **Promote dialogue between youth and development stakeholders** and increase youth participation in global dialogue.

**Youth4South Pillars:**

- **Capacity Development**
  - Online and Offline Trainings, Mentorship
  - Networking, Community of Practices, Events and Dialogues
  - Access to Finance, Investment and Markets, Seed Funding and Incubation Support

- **Fellowship & Scholarship**
  - Online and Offline Trainings, Mentorship
  - Networking, Community of Practices, Events and Dialogues
  - Access to Finance, Investment and Markets, Seed Funding and Incubation Support

- **Entrepreneurship**
  - Online and Offline Trainings, Mentorship
  - Networking, Community of Practices, Events and Dialogues
  - Access to Finance, Investment and Markets, Seed Funding and Incubation Support
i. Capacity Development Training Pillar aims to support capacity development of young government officials and technical experts from developing countries, international organizations (IGOs), and international organizations in learning and utilizing South-South and triangular cooperation tools, methodologies, and resources in advancing sustainable development.

ii. Academic Fellowship and Scholarship Pillar offers funded fellowship and scholarship opportunities to qualified young professionals and scholars to undertake research projects, pursue postgraduate degrees, and participate in short-term exchange and training courses in areas relevant to South-South and triangular cooperation at selected prestigious universities and research and technical institutes.

iii. Entrepreneurship Pillar Youth Entrepreneurship for the South (YES) programme will provide One-Stop-Shop support to emerging and established youth entrepreneurs from developing countries with to provide access to entrepreneurship and skills development trainings, technologies, incubation, and seed funding support. It aims to foster the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in developing countries.

Scheduled and Pipeline Activities (2019-2020):

1) Building Capacity in Entrepreneurship and Leadership for Youth and Women Empowerment (during the AUC Private Investment Forum)
   Date: 3-5 November 2019  Location: Antananarivo, Madagascar
   Co-organizers: UNOSSC, Shenzhen Youth Federation and African Union Commission.

2) 2019 International Youth Innovation Conference and Youth4South Entrepreneurship Training
   Date: 14-16 November 2019  Location: Shenzhen, China
   Co-organizers: UNOSSC, Shenzhen Youth Federation, UNDP, UNFPA, and Office of Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth.

3) Empowering smallholder entrepreneurs and fostering resilience in rural areas
   Date: 2020  Location: China
   Co-organizers: UNOSSC, WFP China Center of Excellence, CISSCA.

4) Youth4South Community of Practice and Online Training
   UNOSSC plans to form a Community of Practice for the “Youth4South” participants and partners to encourage follow-ups through the UNOSSC’s knowledge sharing and partnership brokering platform: “South-South Galaxy”. In addition, for efficient and easy access to capacity development and knowledge sharing, online training platform will also be set-up.

5) Digital Payment and Fintech for Entrepreneurs in West Africa (Pipeline)
   Date: TBC  Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone
   Co-organizers: UNOSSC, ECOWAS, Shenzhen Youth Federation.

6) Capacity Development Training on Rural and Agricultural Development for Small Island Developing States (Pipeline)

7) World Expo 2020- Global Reunion of Youth4South Alumni and Fellows (Pipeline)
   Date: TBC  Location: Dubai, UAE
   Co-organizers: All Youth4South supporting partners.
YOUTH4SOUTH SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

- Finance Center for South-South Cooperation
- Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
- UNFPA
- Zaheer International Foundation for the Environment
- WFP
- World Food Programme
- IFAD
- African Union
- Islamic Development Bank
- IsDB
- World Bank Group
- FAO
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- UN Volunteers
- SESRIC
- NORAD
- China–Africa Development Fund

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