# Twentieth Session of the High-level Committee on South-South cooperation  
## Thematic Discussion

*Accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through effective implementation of the BAPA+40 outcome document while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and similar global crises*

**Date:** 2 June 2021  
**Time:** 3-5 pm  
**Venue:** Virtual  

**Moderator:** Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

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| 15:00 – 15:15 | **Opening Remarks**  
H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff  
Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations  
and President, High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation  
Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton  
Executive Director, International Trade Centre |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | **H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP**  
Foreign Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh  
*South-South Cooperation and sharing of experiences on graduation among Least Developed Countries: Bangladesh experience*  
**H.E. Mr. Mantas Adomenas**  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Maximizing the impact of regional and international South-South and triangular cooperation in line with BAPA+40*  
**Ms. Alicia Bárcena**  
Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean  
*Leveraging South-South cooperation for sustainable development: Leaving no one behind*  
**Mrs. Estherine Fotabong**  
Director of Programme Implementation and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD  
*Addressing capacity gaps in the Global South to effectively leverage South-South and triangular cooperation: Role of United Nations system*  
**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
Director-General, World Health Organization  
*Challenges in Global South: Leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation to ensure equitable and inclusive access to affordable vaccines and therapeutics*  
**Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**  
Chief Executive of The South African Institute of International Affairs  
*Mechanisms to strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships in addressing crises through South-South and triangular cooperation.* |
| 16:15 – 16:55 | Interactive discussions: Moderator to facilitate |
| 16:55 – 17:00 | Summary of discussions: Moderator |