

**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

**Viewer link:** <http://webtv.un.org/>

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

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