

# Twentieth Session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

New York, 1-4 June 2021

## Indicative List of Meetings

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1 JUNE 2021

TIME (EDT) & VENUE	SESSION DETAILS	CHAIR/Remarks
<p>1000-1200 HRS</p> <p>VIRTUAL SESSION<sup>1</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Item 1</b> <b>Opening of the session</b></p> <p><b>Opening of the 20th Session of the High-level Committee:</b> H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and President, High-Level Committee</p> <p><b>Statement of the convener of the High-level Committee on behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General:</b> Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme</p> <p><b>Item 2</b> <b>General debate:</b></p> <p>Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation</p> <p><b>Introduction of the documents and reports relating to items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the agenda:</b> Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director a.i, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation</p> <p><b>Item 3</b> Actions arising from previous sessions of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, including with regard to events to mark the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action</p> <p><b>Item 4</b> Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in implementing decision 19/1 of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, with emphasis on enhancing the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, and in implementing the priorities set out in the outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, including the recommendations and proposals made in his report (SSC/19/2). The Committee will also consider the response</p>	<p><b>H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff,</b> Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and President, High-level Committee</p> <p><b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b> Mr. Tarik Iziraren, Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnership (UNOSSC)</p>

	<p>to General Assembly resolutions <a href="#">72/237</a> and <a href="#">73/291</a>, para. 36, as described in the report of the Secretary-General (<a href="#">SSC/20/2</a>).</p> <p><b>Item 5</b>  Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme  (a) Implementation of the framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation  (b) Organizational, administrative and financial arrangements of the United Nations Development Programme in support of South-South cooperation, including efforts to enhance the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation</p> <p><b>Item 7</b>  Follow-up by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation on the recommendations of the Office of Audit and Investigations audit of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation</p>	
<p><b>1500-1700 HRS</b></p> <p><b>VIRTUAL SESSION</b></p>	<p><b>General Debate</b> Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p><b>Portugal</b>, Vice President of the High-level Committee</p>

## 2 JUNE 2021

TIME (EDT)	SESSION DETAILS	CHAIR
<p><b>1000-1200 HRS</b></p> <p><b>VIRTUAL SESSION</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b>General Debate</b> Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><b>Item 2</b> Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation</p> <p><b>Item 3</b> Actions arising from previous sessions of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, including with regard to events to mark the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action</p> <p><b>Item 4</b> Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in implementing decision 19/1 of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, with emphasis on enhancing the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, and in implementing the priorities set out in the outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, including the recommendations and proposals made in his report (<a href="#">SSC/19/2</a>). The Committee will also consider the response to General Assembly resolutions <a href="#">72/237</a> and <a href="#">73/291</a>, para. 36, as described in the report of the Secretary-General (<a href="#">SSC/20/2</a>).</p> <p><b>Item 5</b> Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (a) Implementation of the framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation (b) Organizational, administrative and financial arrangements of the United Nations Development Programme in support of South-South cooperation, including efforts to enhance the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation</p> <p><b>Item 7</b> Follow-up by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation on the recommendations of the Office of Audit and Investigations audit of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation</p>	<p><b>Lithuania</b>, Vice President of the High-level Committee</p>
<p><b>1500-1700 HRS</b></p> <p><b>VIRTUAL SESSION</b></p>	<p><b>Item 6</b></p> <p><b>Thematic discussion on “Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through the effective implementation of the Buenos Aires outcome document of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation while responding to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and similar global crises”</b></p>	<p><b>PRESIDENT, HLC</b></p>

	<i>(See detailed agenda below)</i>	
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**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***

**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><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <p><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><b>Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton</b> <b>Executive Director, International Trade Centre</b></p>
15:15 – 16:15	<p><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><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><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><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><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><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

**3 JUNE 2021**

<b>TIME (EDT) &amp; VENUE</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
<b>1000-1200 HRS</b>  <b>CLOSED MEETING</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP (Virtual)</b>  Negotiation of draft decisions	<b>Chair: Lithuania, Vice President of the High-level Committee</b>  <b>Facilitator for negotiations:</b> Ms. Meryem Hamdouni, Counselor, The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Morocco
<b>1500-1700 HRS</b>  <b>CLOSED MEETING</b>	Negotiation of draft decisions	<b>Secretariat support for the negotiations on the decisions:</b> Ms. Sumeeta Banerji, Policy Specialist (UNOSSC) and Ms. Lidija Bujanja, Policy Specialist (UNOSSC)

4 JUNE 2021

TIME (EDT) & VENUE	SESSION DETAILS	CHAIR
1000-1200 HRS	<b>WORKING GROUP</b>  Conclusion of negotiations  Approval of all draft decisions	<b>Chair: Lithuania, Vice President of the High-level Committee</b>
1500-1800 HRS  <b>IN-PERSON (for Member States only<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>PLENARY MEETING</b> <b>Closing session</b>  <b>Video Presentation on South-South Trust Funds</b>  <b>(Item 8)</b> Adoption of the report of the Working Group  <b>(Item 9)</b> Approval of the provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Committee  <b>(Item 10)</b> Other matters  <b>(Item 11)</b> Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twentieth session <b>Introduction of the Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the high-level Committee:</b> Mr. Hashimu Gusau Abubakar, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN and Rapporteur, High-Level Committee  <b>Closing of the 20th Session of the High-level Committee</b>  <b>Statement of UNDP Associate Administrator on behalf of the UNDP Administrator – Ms. Usha Rao-Monari</b>  <b>Closing Remarks the President – H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff,</b> Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and President, High-Level Committee	<b>H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff,</b> Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and President, High-Level Committee

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<sup>2</sup> As per UN Secretariat guidance, due to safety measures on account of COVID-19, only Member States are allowed to attend in-person meetings. Therefore, for the closing session. UN entities, IGOs, NGOs would follow the webcast on the UN Web TV: <http://webtv.un.org>.