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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
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3. 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.
4. Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in implementing decision 19/1 of the High-level Committee.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.



8. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.
9. Approval of the provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Committee.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twentieth session.

Annotations

- 1. Opening of the session**
- 2. 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**

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will submit a report on the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation. The report is being submitted in accordance with decision 19/2 of the High-level Committee and recommendations 37 (a), (b) and (c) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [33/134](#), and with other relevant resolutions and decisions.

The report, prepared by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, will provide an assessment of progress made in the implementation of South-South cooperation on the basis of the research and progress reports submitted to the Office by the organizations of the United Nations development system, and research findings on developed and developing countries and on intergovernmental and civil society organizations regarding their activities to support and promote South-South cooperation.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the 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 ([SSC/20/1](#))

- 3. 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**

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/234](#), in which the Assembly called for deliberations at the twentieth session of the High-level Committee to include the implementation of resolution 1, namely, the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, the report of that conference will be submitted to the Committee.

Documentation

Report of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation ([A/CONF.235/6](#))

4. Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in implementing decision 19/1 of the High-level Committee

Pursuant to decision 19/1 of the High-level Committee, a report describing the measures taken to implement that decision and enhance the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation will be submitted. It will contain information on actions related to the functions of the Office as the secretariat of the Committee and as the focal point for coordinating support for South-South and triangular cooperation across the United Nations system, among other things. In response to General Assembly resolution 72/237 and paragraph 36 of Assembly resolution 73/291, also highlighted in the report will be actions taken by United Nations entities to implement resolution 1, namely, the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, and those taken by the Secretary-General and UNDP to strengthen the Office.

Documentation

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 outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation ([SSC/20/2](#))

5. 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**

Documentation

Pursuant to decision 19/2 of the High-level Committee, the above-mentioned report of the Administrator of UNDP will include information on the implementation of the framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation. In addition, the report will contain a brief description of the organizational, administrative and financial arrangements of UNDP in support of South-South cooperation. Further measures taken by the Secretary-General and UNDP to enhance the role and impact of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation will be described in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.

6. 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

The theme was chosen on the basis of consultations with Member States by the Bureau of the High-level Committee.

7. 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

In response to decision 19/2 of the High-level Committee, the report of the Administrator of UNDP will include information on the steps that the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and UNDP have taken to follow up on the recommendations contained in the audit report by the Office of Audit and Investigations, made following the audit of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in 2016.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the 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 ([SSC/20/1](#))

Office of Audit and Investigations reports Nos. 1754 and 2214

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List of documents before the Committee at its twentieth session

- [SSC/20/L.2](#) Provisional annotated agenda and list of documents
- [SSC/20/L.3](#) Note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- [SSC/20/1](#) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the 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
- [SSC/20/2](#) 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 Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation
- [A/CONF.235/6](#) Report of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation
- Audit of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation: follow-up of Office of Audit and Investigations report No. 1580 dated 24 February 2016 (Updated: 2 May 2016). Report No. 1754. Issuance date: 22 February 2017¹
- Audit of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation. Report No. 2214. Issuance date: 11 December 2020²
- United Nations system-wide strategy on South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development, 2020–2024 (for information only)³

¹ See https://audit-public-disclosure.undp.org/view_audit_rpt_2.cfm?audit_id=1754.

² See https://audit-public-disclosure.undp.org/view_audit_rpt_2.cfm?audit_id=2214.

³ Member States, in paragraph 27 (f) of resolution 1, called for information about the United Nations system-wide strategy on South-South cooperation. See www.unsouthsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/United-Nations-system-wide-strategy-on-South-South-and-triangular-cooperation-for-sustainable-development-2020-2024.pdf.