

US Statement

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- The United States shares with the international community the goal of helping developing countries become prosperous. South-south cooperation is an important element of achieving this goal.
- Emerging economies are an important part of the international development community and have valuable and more recent development experiences to share. It is therefore essential for the international community to base our development assistance work on evidence and to listen to the experiences of newly emerging economies.
- We urge OSSC to advance the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as the focus for South-South cooperation and not use this agenda to promote the foreign policy platform of any single UN member states.
- Transparency and accountability principles to promote development cooperation effectiveness and "good donorship" should remain a guiding principle of OSSC's work.
- The OSSC should prioritize contributions to the UN's overall peace-security-prosperity agenda and the achievement of SDGs, by addressing the linkage between good governance and sustainable poverty eradication.
- Strong, accountable institutions that are responsive to people's needs, including impartial courts, an honest police force, and free press to call out corruption, are essential in promoting and safeguarding people's political economic freedoms and civil liberties and contributing to long-term sustainable development.
- The United States values partners in triangular cooperation activities and will continue to offer support as requested by partner countries seeking strengthening their capacities to participate in South-South Cooperation. We look forward to the OSSC's knowledge management, coordinating and capacity development platform.