

## Evidence-informed development cooperation and management of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals

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18:00 - 19.30

### Concept Note

South-South cooperation, in terms of scale, geographic reach, intensity and modalities is an important complementary source not only of financing of global and regional development, but also for sharing and exchanging knowledge and experience of critical development challenges overcome in their specific countries. But the lack of a universally agreed definition or understanding of what constitutes South-South Cooperation and inconsistent recording across countries has resulted in incomplete and unreliable data. Deficits in information, intelligence and data are hindering the scaling-up of South-South cooperation and the maximization of its impact on sustainable development. A distinguished and expert panel will discuss how to improve the evidence base, including a possible framework for data identification and collection, for South-South and Triangular Cooperation in order to improve development management and policy coherence.

### *Objectives*

The core objectives of the Side Event are will be to explore the following items:

- How South-South cooperation as currently constituted, is making a complementary contribution to southern countries meeting the SDGs;
- The issue of data collection and the implications for South-South cooperation (in terms of definition, attributes, sectors and actors);
- The importance of information on South-South cooperation from national, regional and global perspectives, and how it can inform evidence-directed policy formulation and re-formation at all 3 levels, ensuring better targeted and managed development programmes;
- How the global South can own and lead this effort in definition and framework setting for data collection, analysis and use;
- Which Southern countries and institutions and actors will play a lead role in this effort;
- What the role of the UN system led by UNCTAD should be in supporting the South to develop a robust system for data collection, analysis and application.

### Format

Over a 90 minute session, an interactive panel discussion will be moderated around the above mentioned points, carving out the way forward in terms of a possible framework for data identification and collection for South-South Cooperation as well as what roles the various partners (Southern Member States, Southern think tanks, the UN system and other Northern development partners, particularly in the context of triangular cooperation) can or should usefully play in this data gathering and framework setting effort.