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South-South Cooperation A Regional Consultation Meeting June 8-9 2016, Addis Ababa

Background

In the past years, South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSC and TrC) has been growing significantly in Africa and globally in volume of resources, geographical reach and diversity of approaches¹. The Outcome Document of the third international conference on Financing for Development (FfD)², the Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda (SDGs) have increasingly called for a new and inclusive global partnership, of which SSC and TrC is an integral part. In addition to this, the AUC and the NEPAD Agency, through the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) led the development of the the African Consensus and Position on Development Effectiveness (2011), as well as, the Africa Action Plan on Development Effectiveness (AAP) (2014), which specifies SSC as a key pillar.

South-South partnerships have been key in taking the development ideals of the African Continent forward. Instrumental has been the role of the Organisation of African Union and now African Union, the NAI, the African Renaissance, and finally the NEPAD capturing these ideals, as well as, forging partnerships on the African Continent towards these ideals over the years. At the same time the potential of these partnerships towards sustainable development and poverty eradication still needs to be fully leveraged. One of the challenges being faced is the knowledge gap in SSC which hinders the maximization of SSC impact on sustainable development. Challenges relating to coordinating institutions, reporting frameworks, tracking mechanisms and M&E systems on South-South Cooperation, are some of the variables that needs strengthening for optimal SSC benefits. According to a UN Joint Inspection Unit in 2011, this has therefore resulted in inconsistencies in recording SSC initiatives and flows, overall lack of coordinated knowledge exchange and learning across African countries and regions³. The availability of consolidated information on the activities of SSC both at country level and regional level has the potential to enable effective engagement of other stakeholders as parliamentarians and CSOs on SSC matters. This in turn will respond to the growing demands for accountability and more impactful development programming by citizens, tax payers and CSOs in realizing mutual benefits of SSC.

Addressing these knowledge gaps and the need for broad and inclusive platforms to share key information will be critical in the context of scaling-up SSC for sustainable development particularly in implementation of Agenda 2063 and SDGs. Some of these gaps are being addressed within the Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST), a forum of governmental and non-governmental research organisations and SSC experts from across Africa and the global South. NeST has developed a common analytical framework to measure the quantity, quality, impact and effectiveness of SSC and its contribution to the SDGs and Agenda 2063.

¹ [The state of South-South cooperation Report of the Secretary-General. August 2011.](#)

² the Outcome Document of the third international conference on Financing for Development (FfD) encouraged 'developing countries to voluntarily step up their efforts to strengthen South-South cooperation, and to further improve its development effectiveness in accordance with the provisions of the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on SSC' in the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development.

³ [South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the UN System. Joint inspection Unit. 2011](#)



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A South-South Mapping database that reflect past and current SSC in its different forms is being developed by UNDP and will be made accessible to all the stakeholders through the APDev and linked with the Global Development Solution Exchange Platform.

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD), the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) African Chapter and UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa are organizing a 2 days' dialogue forum to engage on the different proposed tools and seek broader inputs. In particular, the forum will focus on the past and present SSC landscape and their composite facets towards expanding and strengthening SSC in Africa. Through a multi-stakeholder engagement, recommendations on actionable outcomes on SSC will be formulated towards contributing to the upcoming HLM2 of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) to be held in Nairobi in November 2016.

Objectives of the workshop

- Sharing of the African SSC Mapping by the UNDP which provides an overview of the current SSC landscape highlighting various thematic areas of focus, modalities of partnerships, specific services offered, including the sharing of concrete good practices and lessons learned.
- Providing comprehensive information NeST 's analytical framework, methodologies and indicators for monitoring and evaluating of SSC initiatives for further inputs and feedback from broader African stakeholders and determine how this links with M&E systems for SSC on the continent.
- Utilize the workshop as a platform for mutual learning by all stakeholders on of SSC towards strengthening the participation of CSOs and Private sector in SSC related interventions

Target Audience

The target audience for the workshop include representatives from African regional institutions (including RECs), governments officials, CSOs, Think Tanks and SSC focal points from UNDP country offices (COs) in Africa, as well as, interested SSC partners from other regions.

Key expected outcomes

- Sharing of results from the African South-South Mapping exercise conducted at regional and country level.
- Connect CSOs and other key stakeholders in addressing challenges in SSC towards increased participation in planning, implementation and evaluation of SSC.
- Input into the NeST monitoring and evaluation framework in measuring quantity, quality and impact of SSC in regional and global development.
- Agree on action-oriented recommendations on SSC for broader validation at the Regional Consultative meeting towards the Nairobi HLM2 of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.
- Mutual learning and sharing of best practices in SSC

Duration

The meeting will take place in 8 and 9 of June 2016 in Addis Ababa at the premises of the AU (TBC)



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Draft Agenda

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Time	Session	Responsible person
1st Day		
9:30 – 10:00	1. Welcome Remarks: Opening Speech - Florence Nazare (Head Capacity Development Division/NEPAD). Opening Speech - Lebogang Motlana (Director RSCA UNDP)	Florence Nazare Lebogang Motlana Facilitator: Dr. Fanwell
10:00 – 10:30	2. Results of the African SSC Mapping Exercise: Emerging, Trends, Clusters and Recommendations	Chair: Elaine Venter Orria Goni
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break		
10:45 – 11:30	3. Group Discussion - Regional Recommendations: Themes Emerging from Mapping	Group Facilitators (country representatives TBC)
11:30 – 12:30	4. Plenary Discussion - Regional Recommendations	Session moderator - Tigere Chiguta OXFAM
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break		
13:30 – 15:00	5. M&E Framework for SSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process behind developing the NeST framework (10-15 mins) • The Challenges of Defining and Quantifying SSC from NeST Experience (10-15 mins) • Presentation of NeST SSC Indicators (10-15 mins) • Measuring the impact of SSC and Constructing an M&E Frame working African context (10-15 mins) 	Chair: Anne Ndirangu, COMESA Presenters: Karin Vasquez; Carmel Rawhani; Vitalice Meja; Neissan Besharati.
15:00 – 15: 15 Coffee/Tea Break		
15:15 – 16:00	6. Group Discussion from Presentations and Q&A to the Plenary.	Chair: Anne Ndirangu, COMESA
16:00 – 16:30	7. The Global Development Solutions Exchange Platform – Linkages with the APDev Platform	Chair: Willem Fourie, University of Pretoria



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Global Development Solutions Exchange Platform • Presentation of the APDev Platform and Potential for SSC Knowledge Exchanges Chrystal towers - 	<p>Presenters:</p> <p>Francois Ekoko (UNOSSC) Bob Kalanzi</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary discussion – Question & Answer	
2nd Day		
9:30 – 9:45	8. Recap from Previous Day	Summary Presented by
9:45 – 10:15	9. CSO and Think Tank Research SSC and African Union - Agenda 2063: The role of CSOs in SSC (Background, opportunities and challenges for engagement)	<p>Chair: Farai Charasika, Ndira Think Tank DDK Centre</p> <p>Presenter: Fanwell Bokosi, AFRODAD</p>
10:15 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break		
10:30 – 11:30	1. Group Discussion – Framing Regional Recommendations	Group Facilitators (country representatives TBC)
11:30 – 12:30	2. Policy and Actionable Recommendations on SSC for HLM2 to Africa Regional Consultations	Session Moderator - Madagascar *****
12:30 – 13:00	3. Closure of the Meeting	<p>Florence Nazare Neissan Besharati Dr. Fanwell Bokosi Orria Goni</p>