



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South
Cooperation and Regional Integration**

23–25 February 2011

Programme Timetable

Wednesday 23rd

Opening (10:00-11:00)

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary General UNCTAD
- Ms. America Bastidas Castañeda, Vice Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Development, Dominican Republic
- Mr. Juan Francisco Ballén Mancero, Subsecretary for Commerce and Investments, Ministry of Industries and Productivity, Ecuador

Session 1 (11:00-13:00)

Catch-up growth and productive capacities: Towards a new development paradigm?

This opening session will introduce some of the main trends and challenges arising from the emergence of new global players from the South, the opportunities for developing productive capacities through increased South-South cooperation and the implications for the wider governance of a multipolar world economy.

- Mr. Andrew Mold, Senior Economist, OECD
- Mr. Jose Manuel Salazar, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO
- Mr. Robert Wade, Professor of Economics, LSE

Session 2 (15:00-18:00)

Bridging the technological divide: Is south-south cooperation different?

A good deal of the interest in south-south integration revolves around the potential for bolstering technology (and knowledge) transfer.

The reliance on FDI and intellectual property rules has not produced the expected outcomes in more traditional North-South arrangements. It is important to assess the strengths and shortcomings of these traditional arrangements, as well as deepen the understanding of their potential differences with south-south arrangements.

This could help to design policies that foster the benefits of south-south trade and investment linkages, harnessing them to domestic efforts for structural change.

The role of regional arrangements, in strengthening domestic capabilities, such as research and development, will also be an important part of the discussion.

- Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, ESCWA Beirut
- Mr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS, New Delhi
- Mr. Samsudin Tugiman Director of the International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the Auspices of UNESCO (ISTIC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Mr. Rajneesh Narula, Professor of International Business, University of Reading

Thursday 24th

Session 3 (10:00-13:00)

Industrial development: The regional dimension

This session will examine the possibilities that south-south linkages can offer to strengthen productive capacities in the manufacturing sector.

It will in particular, look at how industrial policies can be used to help manage complementary trade and investment flows, drawing lessons from the successes and failures of various regional integration experiences.

It will also look at successful examples of policy implementation to see if there are opportunities for sharing governance lessons among developing countries.

- Mr. Joao Carlos Ferraz, Managing Director, The Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES)
- Mr. Mehdi Shafaeddin, Institute of Economic Research, University of Neuchatel
- Mr. Sebastian Torres, National Director, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Minerals, Uruguay

(13:20-14:50)

***Lunchtime Presentation on the G20 Development Agenda
With Mr Cyrille Pierre,
Deputy Director for Global Economic Affairs and Development Strategy,
French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hosted by the French Mission)***

Session 4 (15:00-18:00)

Strengthening the primary sector through South-South linkages

There is a growing realization that commodity dependence in many developing countries although it has often been associated with a slow and unstable growth does offer development opportunities if the right policies can be put in place.

Those policies involve, in particular, the maximizing and effective use of resource rents and the creation of linkages which can exploit diversification opportunities.

This session will consider how closer South-South cooperation can help countries increase their gains from participating in the commodity economy, including in the agricultural sector.

- Ms. Masuma Farooki, Visiting Research Fellow, Open University, UK
- Mr. Panos Konandreas, Senior Trade and Food Security Officer a.i. FAO, Liason Office, Geneva
- Mr. Zuo Changsheng, Deputy Director General, Agricultural Trade Promotion Center, Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China

Friday 25th

Session 5 (10:00-13:00)

Expanding policy space in the south-south trade agenda

The past few decades have taught that rapid trade liberalization is not a sufficient means of ensuring strong gains from integration in to the global economy.

As south- south trade expands further, firmer policy foundations will be needed if effective links between investment, productive capacities and trade are to develop.

In particular, efforts to expand south-south trade through for example the GSTP process, will need to embrace the idea that policy space is an essential part of linking trade opportunities to building productive capacities.

- Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre,
- Ms. Uma Subramanian, Lead Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group
- H.E. Mr. Ambassador Alberto Dumont, Mission of Argentina
- Mr. Rony Soerakoemoemah, Assistant Director-cum-Head, Division of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration and Narrowing Development Gaps
