CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MEASURE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

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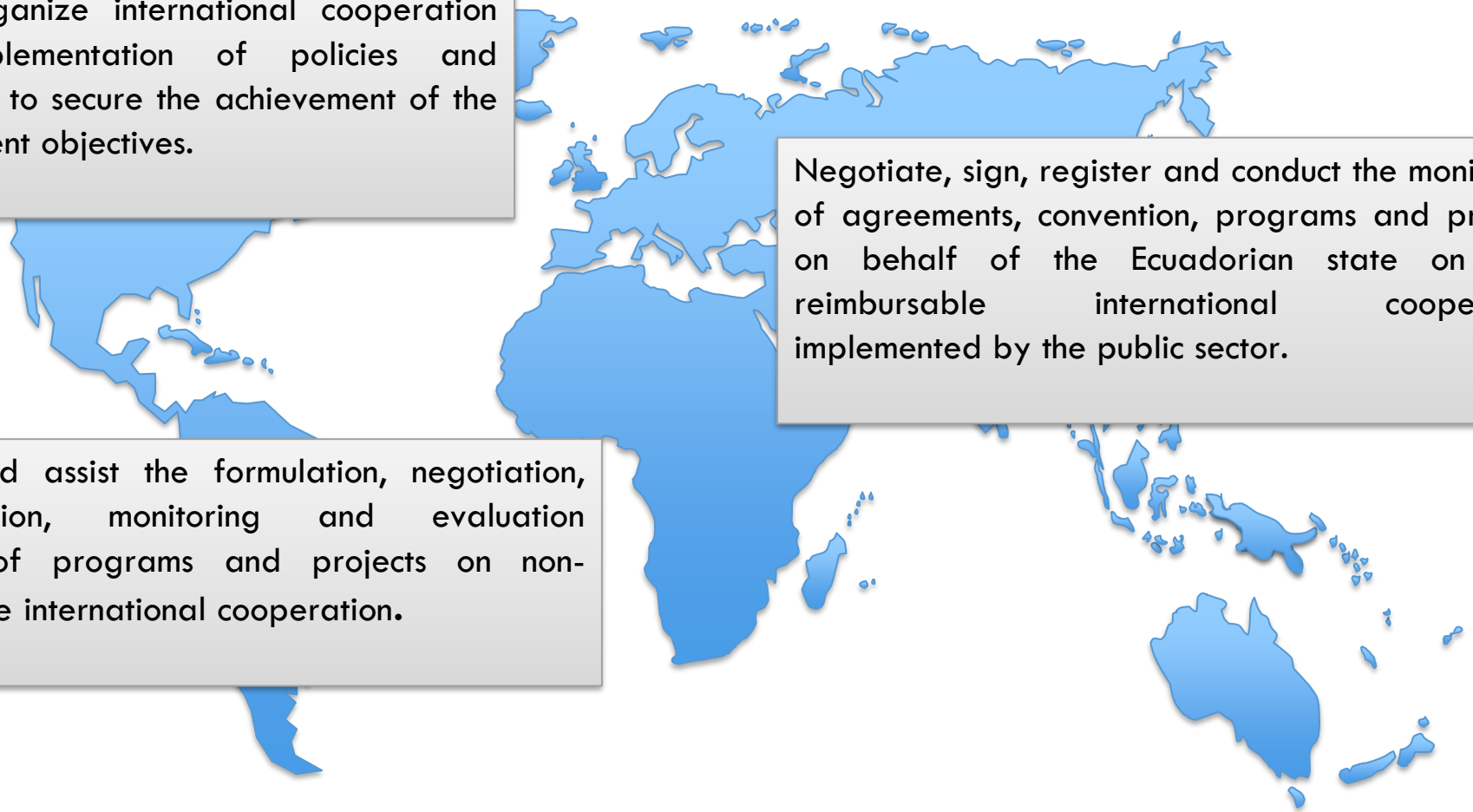
Contextualization of SSC

MREMH – RESPONSIBILITIES

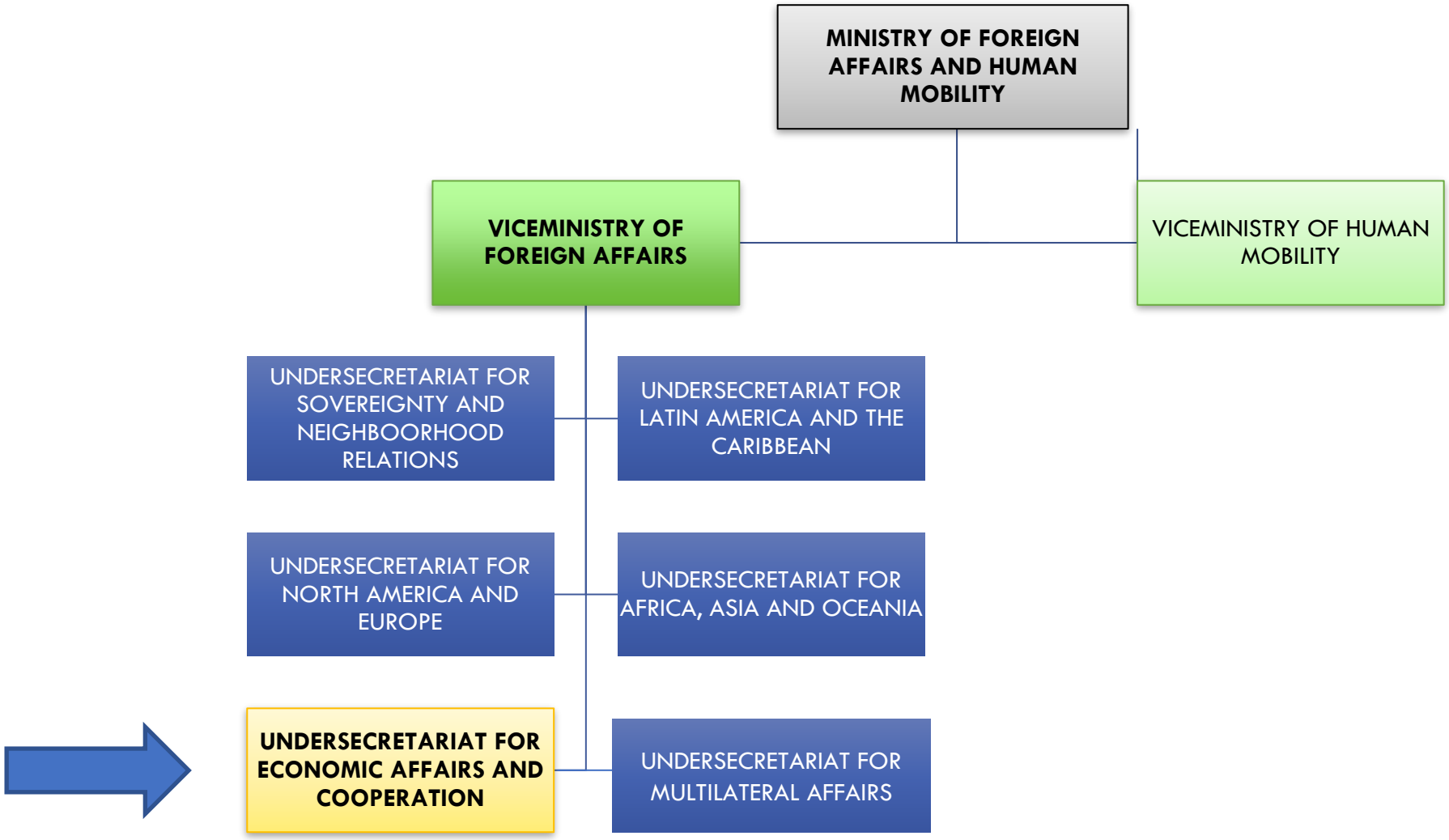
Articulate and organize international cooperation through the implementation of policies and strategies, in order to secure the achievement of the national development objectives.

Negotiate, sign, register and conduct the monitoring of agreements, convention, programs and projects on behalf of the Ecuadorian state on non-reimbursable international cooperation implemented by the public sector.

Support and assist the formulation, negotiation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes of programs and projects on non-reimbursable international cooperation.

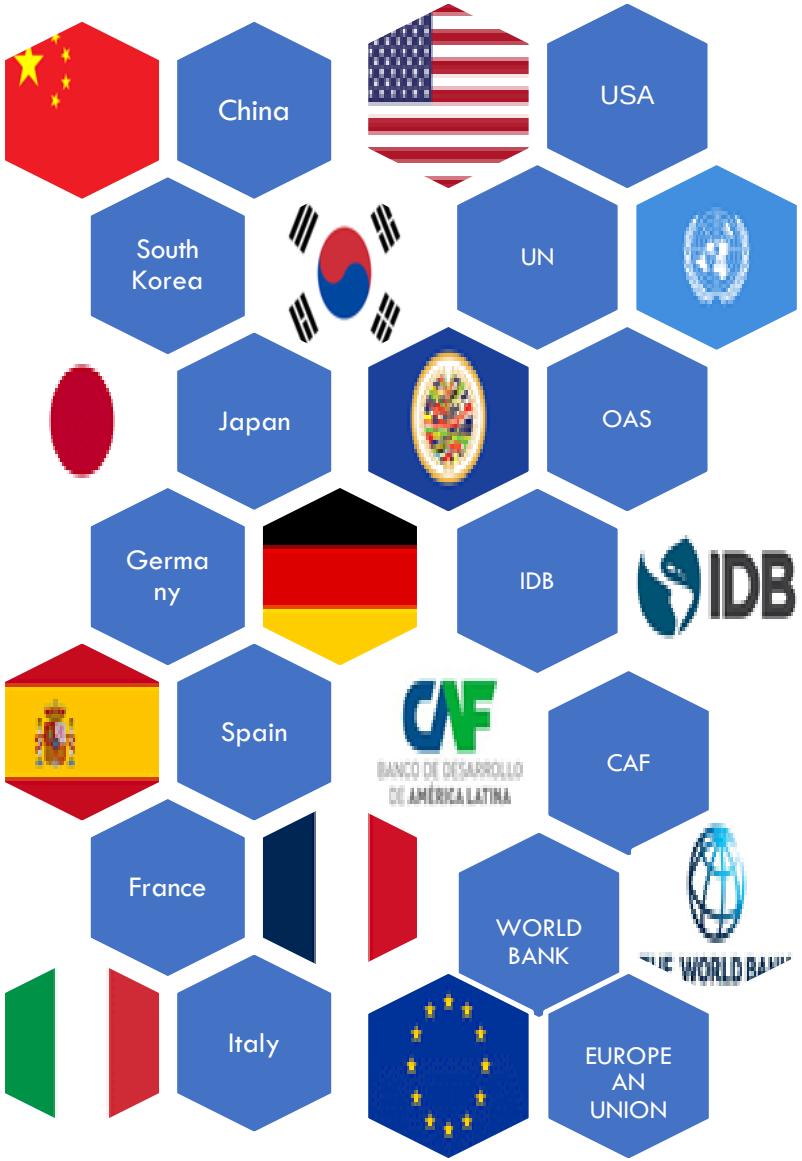


MREMH STRUCTURE



NRIC CYLCE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC PARTENERS OF NRIC



SSC partners

Created in 2019 to finance SSC projects of successful experiences of public institutions.

INSTITUTIONAL SET-UP

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

There is a mandatory registration, for information purposes, of actions, programs and projects executed by the public sector.

This allows the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility to have updated data of international cooperation.

SSC Bilateral Programs are directly registered by the MREMH

Problem:

Not all the Public institutions register their SSC Projects which are negotiated directly with their international counterparts.

MODALITIES OF NON-REIMBURSABLE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

NON-REIMBURSABLE FINANCIAL COOPERATION

Budget support to the fiscal budget.

Funding of programs and projects executed by Ecuadorian institutions.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Consulting, baseline survey, policy development projects.

Expert and volunteers' programs.

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Exchange of practices through experts.

Internships, seminars, events.

This information has to be registered in the:

International Cooperation Management Information System (SIGECI)

which gathers strategic information about NRIC managed by the different cooperation agents located in Ecuador

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INFORMATION SYSTEM - SIGECI

Codigo	Nombre	Fecha de Inicio	Fecha de Fin	Estado
ESP0364	DESARROLLO ECONOMICO Y PRODUCTIVO E LA PROVINCIA DE SUCUMBIOS Y ORELLANA	01-03-2010	01-03-2012	TERMINADO
GBR0032	INVESTIGACION EN CACAO	01-01-2010	31-12-2010	TERMINADO
FRA0049	CONSOLIDACION DE LA OFERTA ORGANIZADA DE PRODUCTOS CAMPESINOS AGROECOLOGICOS Y CIRCUITOS ALTERNATIVOS CORTOS DE COMERCIALIZACION EN LA SIERRA AUSTRAL DEL ECUADOR	01-01-2010	31-12-2012	TERMINADO
BEL0083	FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA CADENA PRODUCTIVA DE LA MORA DE LA PARROQUIA CHILLANES, PROVINCIA DE BOLIVAR	03-12-2007	31-12-2012	TERMINADO
BEL0058	APOYO AL FORTALECIMIENTO DEL PROCESO DE COMERCIALIZACION ASOCIATIVA	01-01-2008	01-12-2008	TERMINADO
BEL0092	FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA CADENA AGROPRODUCTIVA DEL PLATANO EN LA REGION SUR ORIENTAL DE LA AMAZONIA ECUATORIANA	01-06-2009	01-12-2013	TERMINADO
BEL0093	CADENA DEL CAFE EN MANABI, ECUADOR: ANALISIS DE SOSTENIBILIDAD, MEDIOS DE VIDA Y ANALISIS DE CADENA	01-01-2008	31-12-2013	TERMINADO
ESP0093	FORTALECIMIENTO AGROPECUARIO Y SOCIO POLITICO - ORGANIZATIVO DE LAS FAMILIAS, COMUNIDADES Y ORGANIZACIONES DE MUJERES SEMBRANDO ESPERANZA	01-03-2007	01-02-2008	TERMINADO

data availability

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

- ✓ Institutional data
- ✓ Project presentation data
- ✓ Beneficiary
- ✓ Cooperation modality and status
- ✓ Technical and Budget execution progress
- ✓ Evaluation type
- ✓ Geographic location
- ✓ Sectors
- ✓ Funding and Disbursements
- ✓ Observations

DATA IN THE FRAMEWORK – TECHNICAL FINDINGS AND DATA INSIGHTS

Short term

- ✓ Ecuador is able to register its offer of SSC with Latin American countries that are part of the Bilateral programs the Ministry negotiates.
- ✓ SSC (in- kind technical cooperation): column 17. At the moment, Ecuador can report the amount (USD) corresponding to the hours worked during on-site activities of the projects.

Institutional collaboration to fill data gaps

- ✓ In order to fill the data in TOSSD and UNCATD frameworks, MREMH asked the Vice ministry of Human Mobility to present information about humanitarian assistance.
- ✓ They participated in a first virtual training with OECD in June 2023.

INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

- Public Institutions do not always register their SSC projects. The majority of the exchanges take place in this framework.
- Ecuador does not have a methodology to measure / monetize technical hours, services, materials, supplies, administrative costs associated with SSC provision.
- Public institutions on Ecuador need to be informed about on the registration process of humanitarian assistance, scholarships, infrastructure projects, contributions to international organizations, development banks and funds, among others.

CHALLENGES WITH DATA

- For in-kind technical cooperation, Ecuador reports the percentage of the salary paid to the public official used during on-site activities. **Challenge:** create a methodology to measure: the total hours used in virtual training and on-site activities; non-monetary SSC inputs and/or outputs; and administrative costs associated with the provision of SSC.
- Ecuador´s intervention sectors are aligned with the National Plan. **Challenge:** difficutly to match Ecuador sectors with the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) column 13.

CHALLENGES WITH THE FRAMEWORK

- At the moment there are 3 frameworks to register SSC (SIDICSS – SEGIB, TOSSD – OCDE and UNCTAD). **Challenge:** the information has to be adapted to each system.

- Most of Ecuador´s offer of SSC that is registered in the UNCTAD framework are “in progress” projects. **Question:** For “in progress” projects, is it possible to update the information during the next reporting period?

- Ecuador SSC projects are usually on a cost-sharing basis with the partner country. **Question:** How do we report these projects? Where can the shared costs be specified?

NEXT STEPS AND SUPPORT NEEDS

Suggestion: Interagency cooperation regarding methodologies to quantify and measure SSC.

Medium Term

Ecuador will be able to register in the UNCTAD Framework:

- ✓ humanitarian assistance (donations of food, medicine, medical supplies and/or other materials).
- ✓ assistance to refugees (temporary assistance, integration costs).
- ✓ humanitarian missions.

Also, Ecuador will try to improve SSC (in- kind technical cooperation) registration by reporting the amount (USD) corresponding to the total hours used in virtual training and on-site activities of the projects; services, materials equipment and supplies used; and administrative costs associated with the provision of SSC.

Thank you!

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