



Inter-regional expert meeting

on the measurement of South-South cooperation

4 – 6 June 2024, Venue: Sharq Village, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Doha, Qatar

Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 4 June 2024 (afternoon)	
Time	Session
High-level segment	
14:00-14:20	Opening remarks, Qatar
Session 1. Strengthening the voice of the global South and the role of data	
14:20-16:00	Panel discussion Moderator: Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief of Economic Statistics, ESCWA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (<i>video</i>)Her Excellency, Lolwah R M Al-Khater, Minister of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar (<i>Tbc</i>)Mr. Alex Shimuafeni, Statistician-General & CEO, Namibia Statistics AgencyMs. Cristina Xalma, Chief Expert, Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)Mr. Salah AlMuzahmi, Director of Research and Development Indicators Department, GCC-StatMr. Sameh Hussein, Lead Technical Cooperation Specialist, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
16:00-16:30	Coffee/tea break
Session 2. Shaping the global effort to measure South-South cooperation	
16:30-18:00	Panel discussion Moderator: Ms. Anu Peltola, Director of Statistics, UN Trade and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Hend Abdulrahman Al-Muftah, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations Office at GenevaMr. José Guillermo Ordorica Robles, Ambassador, Embassy of Mexico in QatarMr. Márcio Lopes Corrêa, General Coordinator for Multilateral Technical Cooperation, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)Mr. Denis Nkala, Chief, Intergovernmental and UN Systems Affairs, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)Ms. Reem Ismail Mohamed Elsybaey, Head of the Sustainable Development Unit, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), EgyptMr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) (<i>remote</i>) and Mr. Matthias Reister, Chief
18:00-	Reception offered by Qatar

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 5 June

Training workshop

09:00-9:15 **Opening of the second meeting day**

Session 3. Concepts and Framework to measure South-South cooperation

09:15-10:30 **Chair: Norzanita Muhamad Mukhtar (Ministry of Economy, Malaysia)**

- Overview of the Framework and its concepts: financial and non-financial modalities, Bojan Nastav (UN Trade and Development)
- Draft Manual for the Framework: contents, Nada Tawfik (consultant, UN Trade and Development)
- Data in the Framework, variables, reporting items and classification, examples from Colombia, Manuela Vivas (APC), Sergio Rodríguez (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Questions & Answers

10:30-11:00 **Coffee/tea break**

Session 4. Global effort and progress in piloting the Framework

11:00-12:30 **Chair: Juan Manuel Escalante (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador)**

- Global project to pilot test the Framework, Amandine Rushenguziminega (UN Trade and Development)
- A round table on progress of pilots – updates on the plans and progress of all project pilot countries and other Southern countries to launch wider discussion.

Discussion on national plans and global and regional support

12:30-13:30 **Lunch break**

Session 5. Getting started in South-South cooperation measurement

13:30-15:00 **Chair: Anas Abu Ghunmi (Ministry of planning and international cooperation, Jordan)**

Group work (*without simultaneous interpretation*)

1. **Data (ESCWA):** What are the sources? How to collect data and what challenges may be expected?
2. **Institutions (ECA):** Which agencies should be involved? How to establish collaboration and convince partners?
3. **Barriers (ESCAP):** What barriers may need to be overcome, like legal, IT, data constraints? What solutions can we think of?
4. **Launch (ECLAC):** What are the steps to be taken to get started in measuring South-South cooperation? Who? What? Why?
5. **Process (UNCTAD):** How to plan the cycle from data collection to reporting? What are the bottle necks and risks?
6. **Support (UNOSSC) (*international organizations*):** What are the roles of international and regional organizations in support of country-led work?

Reporting from each group

15:00-15:30 **Coffee/tea break**

Session 6. Practical tools developed and country applications

CLOSED SESSION¹

15:30-17:30	<p>Chair: Isak Neema (Namibia Statistics Agency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical tools of the Manual, (UN Trade and Development) Data on South-South cooperation in Voluntary National Reviews, Denis Nkala (UNOSSC) Agency mapping tool and example of involved agencies, roles and collaboration mechanism in Mexico, Christian Castañeda Cuevas (AMEXCID, Mexico) Data collection timeline, validations, analysis and reporting in Brazil, Cristina Toth (IPEA, Brazil) and Colombia, Manuela Vivas (APC Colombia) and Sergio Rodríguez (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
17:30	Closing of the second meeting day

DAY 3 – Thursday, 6 June

Time	Session
Session 7. Quality assurance and analysis of South-South cooperation data	
CLOSED SESSION	
09:00-10:30	<p>Chair: Rabiú Dagari, (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistical quality assurance principles and practices, (UN Trade and Development) Methods and approaches for analysing South-South cooperation data for multiple uses, Cristina Toth (IPEA, Brazil) and Christian Castañeda Cuevas (AMEXCID, Mexico) Analysing data and trends across countries and consistency checking, Nada Tawfik (consultant, UN Trade and Development) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee/tea break
Session 8. Data reporting and dissemination	
CLOSED SESSION	
11:00-12:30	<p>Chair: Luis Calle (National Institute of Statistics and Informatics, Peru)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional dissemination and reporting of South-South Cooperation data, Cristina Xalma (SEGIB) Reporting of South-South cooperation data to UN Trade and Development and SDG indicator 17.3.1, (UN Trade and Development) Using the reporting table and step-by-step process of

¹ Closed sessions are only open to countries of the global South and invited organizations representing them.

	<p>aggregating from national database to report on South-South cooperation, including as part of SDG indicator 17.3.1, Christian Castañeda Cuevas (AMEXCID, Mexico), and André De Mello (IPEA, Brazil)</p> <p><i>Discussion on reporting modalities and mechanisms</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
Session 9. Key takeaways and the way forward CLOSED SESSION	
13:30-15:00	<p>Chair: Denis Nkala (UNOSSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key takeaways, reports by session chairs • Next steps in global pilot testing, reports by UN Regional Commissions and IsDB • Global developments: SDG indicator 17.3.1 & future collaboration mechanisms, (UN Trade and Development) <p><i>Discussion and agreed next steps</i></p>
15:00-15:30	<p>Closing by hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qatar, ESCWA and UN Trade and Development remarks
15:30	<i>Coffee/tea and departure to a visit organized by Qatar</i>