

## Concept Note – UNSC54 Side Event on South-South Cooperation

### New SDG indicator and framework to measure South-South cooperation with data of the South

2 March 2023, 13:15 – 14:30 New York time, Venue: in-person, UNHQ, CR-F

This side-event will update heads of National statistical offices (NSOs) and other participants of the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) on progress and challenges regarding the measurement of South-South Cooperation (SSC), as part of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicator 17.3.1 on ‘*additional financial resources mobilized for developing countries from multiple sources*’. The new indicator methodology was adopted by the UNSC at its 53<sup>rd</sup> session in March 2022.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the South, now for the first time there is a global, voluntary *Conceptual Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation* which will support countries’ reporting on the SDG indicator. The Statistical Commission, at its 53<sup>rd</sup> session, welcomed the development of this conceptual framework and “requested that further work on this, including on global reporting and capacity-building, be enabled by the co-custodianship of UNCTAD and be led by countries from the global South, building on country-led mechanisms”. The Commission invited countries involved in South-South cooperation to work closely with UNCTAD. The indicator will also be informed by data on other aspects than South-South cooperation. UNCTAD and OECD are the co-custodians of the indicator.

The framework supports national efforts of interested countries to measure both financial and in-kind South-South cooperation flows and inform the SDG indicator with comparable data. It supports the quantification of flows towards the goals expressed at the UN High Level Conferences on South-South Cooperation focusing on flows instead of impacts or results of this mutual support. The indicator is central to mobilizing resources for financing for development, including recovery from the pandemic and progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

#### Draft agenda

- **Opening – the need for country-owned data on South-South cooperation**  
*Ms. Dima-Al-Khatib, Director, UN Office on South-South Cooperation*
- **Developing the new indicator and the measurement of South-South Cooperation**  
*Mr. Camilo Mendez, Head of International Affairs, Colombia*
- **Capacity development – plans and countries’ priorities based on a survey**  
*Ms. Anu Peltola, Acting Director of UNCTAD Statistics*
- **Regional perspectives and plans**  
*Directors of Statistical Divisions: Rachael Beaven, ESCAP; Rolando Ocampo, ECLAC; and Leandre Foster Ngogang Wandji, UNECA and ESCWA (tbc)*
- **Discussion on country experience and expectations**  
*Country interventions and open discussion*
- **Closing – Towards global reporting of data on South-South cooperation**  
*Mr. Matthias Reister, UN Statistics Division and Ms. Anu Peltola*