

South-South Cooperation Data Forum

Programme

26 - 27 November 2026

Conference Room 4, United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP,
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Thursday, 26 November

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

Opening plenary

09:00–09:30 *Welcome remarks by host country, Thailand*

Opening statements by ESCAP, UNCTAD

High-level segment 1

09:30–10:45 **Strengthening the role of South-South data in global development cooperation**

Senior representatives from Member States and international organizations. South-South data for sustainable development and the post-2030 agenda.

10:45–11:00

Coffee break

High-level segment 2

11:00–12:30 **Launching the Steering Committee on South-South Data**

Mandate and composition. Priorities 2027–2030: methodology, capacity-building, data systems. Governance and launch of the Fund.

12:30–14:00

Networking lunch

Session A.1

14:00–15:30 **Insights from South-South Data** *(co-organized with Nālandā University)*

Insights by experts, academics and pioneering countries on south-south cooperation data, emerging findings and policy applications.

15:00–16:00

Coffee break

Session A.2

16:00–17:30 **Partner and donor dialogue**

Presentations and discussion from prospective donors and current partners on priorities, contributions and collaboration.

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Session B.1

Achievements in measuring South-South cooperation

09:00–10:30 *Overview of key milestones and data reporting to SDG indicator 17.3.1, including lessons learned from pilot implementation. Contributions from UN Regional Commissions on regional implementation and capacity-building. Country experiences in collecting South-South cooperation data.*

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

Session B.2

Country experiences: challenges and good practices

11:00–12:30 *Presentations by pilot countries, organized by region: Africa, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, Arab States. Reflections from Regional Commissions on regional implementation, capacity-building needs and opportunities for scaling up. Discussion on challenges, institutional arrangements and good practices.*

12:30–13:30 *Networking lunch*

Session C.1

Technical advances and tools

13:30–14:30 *The Manual for the Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation (update). Data collection and compilation tools. E-learning course. IT solutions and data platforms. Measurement experiences and technical support tools.*

Session C.2

Lessons learned, scaling up and a sustainable SSC data architecture

14:30–15:45 *Building on lessons learned from pilot implementation, discussion of strategies to scale up participation and strengthen a sustainable SSC data system. Role of Regional Commissions, Communities of Practice and complementary initiatives in supporting a sustainable global SSC data ecosystem.*

Closing session

15:45–16:00 *Summary of key messages. Vision for the next phase. Closing remarks.*