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Quantifying South-South cooperation:

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Quantifying South-South cooperation to mobilize funds for the Sustainable Development Goals



To strengthen the capacity of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to measure and report South-South cooperation to manage and mobilize resources for the 2030 Agenda and enable a more inclusive, resilient and green recovery from the pandemic.

2030 Agenda

Goal 17 – Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

- **Target 17.3**: Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources
- Indicator 17.3.1: Foreign direct investments (FDI), official development assistance and South-South Cooperation as a proportion of total domestic budget





Project components



Team: UNCTAD UNSD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA



Support 8 developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America to measure SSC To inform and target policy action to manage and mobilize resources for efforts to achieve the SDGs



Project components

- The **first phase** (create) will consist of preparing the ground for action by raising awareness in regional events and testing the framework, tools and resources for data collection, compilation and reporting.
- The **second phase** (master) will apply these resources to pilot countries starting with peer learning in an inter-regional workshop, e-learning, study tours to pioneering or other countries as useful, and national workshops to build the capacity of national stakeholders to measure and report SSC.
- The **third phase** (expand) will share the tools, findings and resources with national and global stakeholders.



Project milestones



Activities – 2023



 June 2023: Conceptual framework to measure and report South-South cooperation tested with experimental data collection, and discussed in an expert meeting



 By December 2023: 4 regional events organised, in connection with existing meetings of Regional Commissions, to disseminate the conceptual framework and the goals/objectives of measuring South-South cooperation and identify interested countries.



• **December 2023:** Data collection, compilation and reporting tools developed based on discussions in an **expert meeting**



Activities – 2024/2025

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 - By March 2024: An inter-regional capacity building workshop organized for 8 pilot countries on how to apply the conceptual framework, tools and resources to measure South-South Cooperation

- By June 2025: Study tours arranged for interested pilot countries to enable peer learning from pioneering or other developing countries. This would include 1 study tour per region with about 4 participants from each pilot country.

By December 2024: An e-learning course developed and held to support measurement and

reporting of South-South Cooperation and use of the estimates in pilot countries.



By December 2025: 4 National workshops held in 8 pilot countries to test and adapt the framework, tools and resources to the national context in order to compile and use the first estimates of South-South Cooperation.



Activities - 2025/2026

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- By June 2026: The framework, tools and resources shared in national and international events of statisticians, development experts and/or policy makers to support wider efforts to quantify South-South Cooperation and use those data.



• By June 2026: A report summarizing the methodology and the findings, including early estimates of South-South Cooperation discussed by the official focal points designated by developing countries and by the global statistical community.



• By December 2026: An e-learning course made available to any interested countries to support measurement and reporting of South-South Cooperation and use of the estimates.



Pilot studies to test the Framework – June 2024/December 2025

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Depending on country context, pilots will involve the following steps:

- Map agencies and data sources
 - Identify agencies with mandates and data to collaborate
 - Map information sources on South-South cooperation
- Pilot data compilation
 - Support efforts of inter-agency cooperation
 - Collect data and identify gaps to test the framework
 - Compile aggregates on South-South cooperation flows
- Future planning
- Share outcomes and lessons learned
- Provide feedback to refine the framework, methods and tools
- Inform national action plans to address priority data gaps

In-country activities will be supported by a national/regional consultant.



Thank you!

For more information:

Project web page: <u>https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-</u> <u>cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals</u>

