

Measuring South-South cooperation

Global project

Institutional setup and training on the SSC measurement framework
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Outline

- 1. South-South cooperation in 2030
Agenda**
- 2. Growing interest**
- 3. Global project**

➤ South-South cooperation in the SDG indicator framework



A group of Southern countries, chaired by India developed a new framework for measuring South-South cooperation. This group consisted of Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Mexico, South Africa, and the United Republic of Tanzania. Russian Federation and OECD served as observers.



➤ Conceptual Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation.



➤ Countries asked UN Trade and Development to act as secretariat.

➤ South-South cooperation in the SDG indicator framework



UN system came
together with partners
to support countries.

➤ Four UN Regional Commissions.



➤ The UN Statistics Division (UNSD) and
UN Office for South-South cooperation
(UNOSSC).



UN Trade and
Development and
International Forum
on TOSSD, hosted by
the OECD, became **co-custodians**
of the indicator. UN Trade and
Development enables capacity
development and the reporting
of data on South-South flows.
TOSSD is the source for North-
South flows.



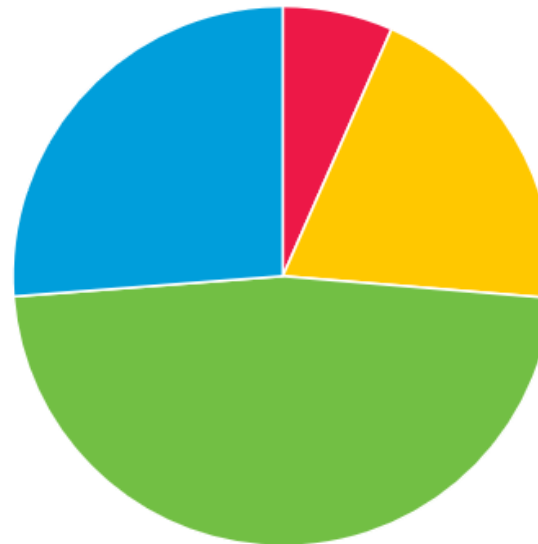
SDG indicator
17.3.1 was
adopted by all
member States.



➤ Growing interest

- **Survey** in 2023

75% countries
interested to
report data soon
but **need**
support



- Longer term (after 5 years) (6.6%)
- Medium term (3-5 years) (19.7%)
- Near future (1-2 years) (47.5%)
- Now, as soon as possible (26.2%)

Source: UNCTAD.

▶ UNCTAD with UN Regional Commissions and other **partners**

▶ Experts ask for **harmonized tools, analysis, reporting**

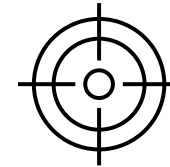
➤ Key findings

- Countries showed strong willingness to engage, **strengthen capacities** and start measuring South-South cooperation for the SDGs.
- **Collaboration** will be key to measuring South-South cooperation.
- Most often the **key agencies** to participate in collecting or sharing data are the **ministries of foreign affairs, finance, economy and planning, national statistical offices, development cooperation agencies and central banks.**

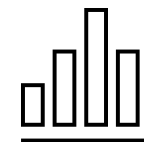
➤ Global project to enhance capacities under the UN Development Account



Team: UNCTAD
with UNSD, ECA,
ECLAC, ESCAP,
ESCWA
Partners welcome!



To **strengthen developing countries' capacity** to measure and report data on South-South cooperation to manage and mobilize resources for the 2030 Agenda



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Qatar

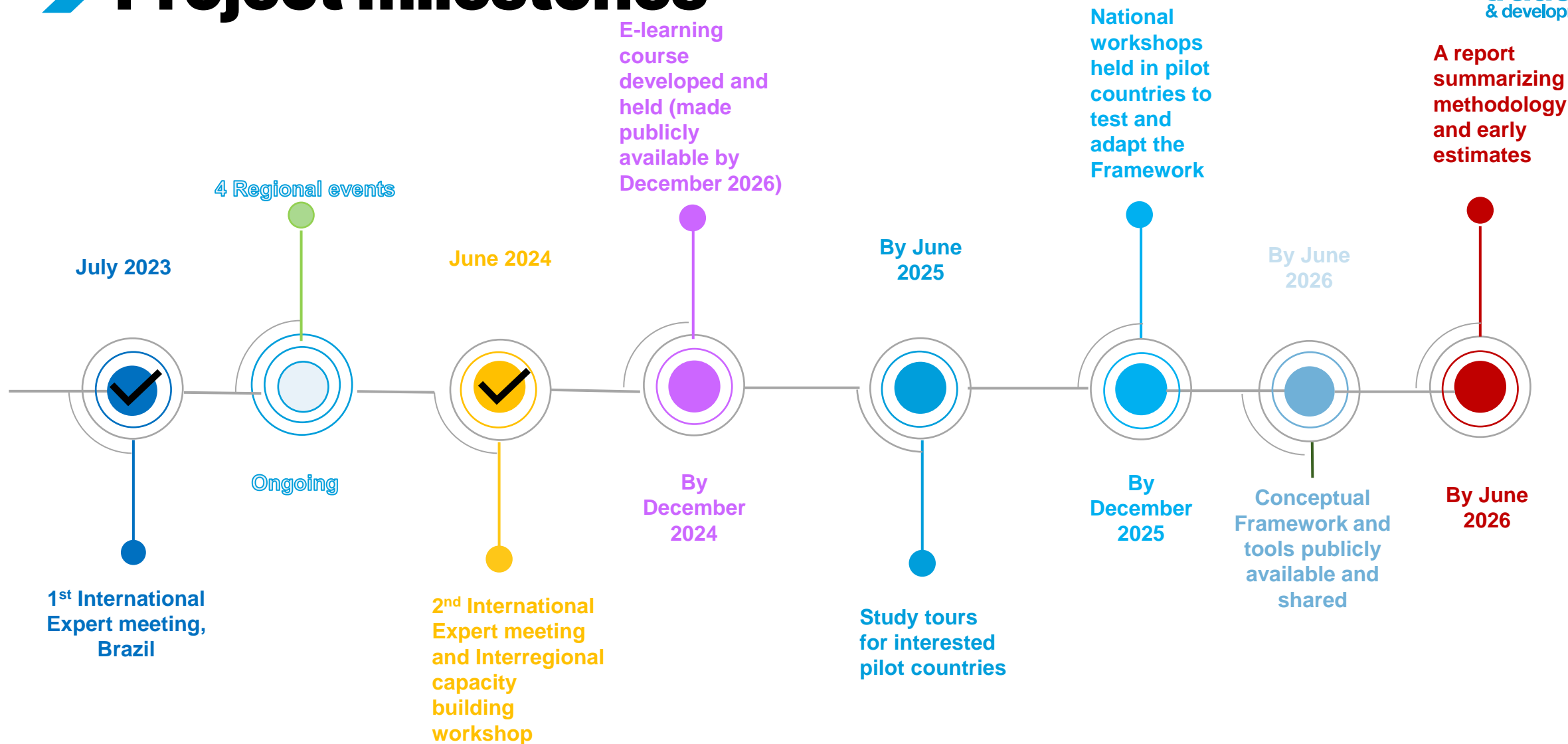
Malaysia

Ecuador
Peru



Namibia
Nigeria

Project milestones



Achievements to date

1 The Conceptual Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation was collaboratively developed by countries of the global South.



- ✓ Adopted by the UN Statistical Commission and the General Assembly in 2022.
- ✓ Elaborates both **financial and non-financial** modalities of South-South cooperation.

2 Manual for South-South data
The Manual provides practical guidance to countries for pilot testing collection of data for the Framework and reporting to SDG indicator 17.3.1.



The Manual now enables:

- ✓ The collection of **South-South data** to achieve more globally balanced, inclusive and representative information on development support.
- ✓ **South-South data** to be reported to SDG indicator 17.3.1 alongside long-existing North-South flow data for the first time.

3 Collaborative and inclusive implementation
UN system and partners, including Ibero-American Secretariat and Islamic Development Bank.



- ✓ Pilot testing concepts and methods in **four regions**.
- ✓ **Over 60 countries** requested technical training and exchange.

IsDB
البنك الإسلامي للتنمية
Islamic Development Bank

Secretaría General Iberoamericana
Secretaria Geral Ibero-Americana

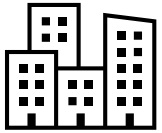
4 Knowledge Exchange for reporting South-South cooperation data.



- ✓ 1st Inter-Regional Expert meeting in **Brazil, July 2023**: 51 participants from 16 countries and 10 international and regional organizations.
- ✓ 2nd Inter-Regional Expert meeting in **Qatar, June 2024**: 146 participants from 71 countries, and 15 international and regional organizations.

➤ Pilot studies to test the Framework

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

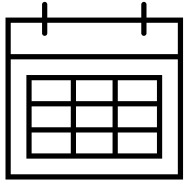


- Mapping of agencies and data sources
 - Identify agencies with mandates and data
 - Review information that exists on South-South cooperation
 - Assess the legal framework for measuring South-South cooperation



- Pilot data compilation
 - Form a technical inter-agency cooperation group and mechanisms
 - Collect data and identify gaps to test the framework
 - Compile aggregates on South-South cooperation flows

Pilot studies to test the Framework



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.



 <https://stats.unctad.org/measuringSSC>