

Dialogue on South-South Cooperation

A panel discussion on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Right to Development and the launch of the new book “India's Approach to Development Cooperation” edited by Sachin Chaturvedi and Anthea Mulakala

Date and Venue

Monday 27 June 2016, 13:00-15:00H

Palais des Nations, Room XXI

United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland

Objective:

This event marks the launch of the new book “India's Approach to Development Cooperation” edited by Sachin Chaturvedi and Anthea Mulakala. This book traces and analyses the evolution of Indian development cooperation. It highlights the significance of the Indian experiences, both to global development and as an effective tool of Indian foreign policy.

The discussion seeks to increase awareness of the role and value of the right to development as an inalienable and independent human right by virtue of which all human rights can be fully realized and all people can enjoy economic, social, cultural, and political rights, and the role that South-South cooperation plays in advancing the Right to Development in the South, with a particular focus on the Indian experience with South-South cooperation.

Key Questions:

1. What are the key emerging trends in India's South-South cooperation? What does this tell us about the future of development cooperation?
2. How does South-South cooperation promote the Right to Development (RtD) of developing countries? How does this approach compare to North-South development cooperation, trilateral cooperation, and development assistance channelled through multilateral institutions? Does the RTD framework provide a unifying platform for rising powers like India and traditional donors?
3. How can South-South cooperation effectively support developing countries' development objectives, particularly in light of the 2015 multilateral outcomes (e.g 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the UNFCCC Paris Agreement and the Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction Framework)?

Light refreshments will be served in the entrance of Room XXI

Preliminary Programme

13:15-13:20

OPENING SESSION

Welcoming remarks by

Mr. **Vicente Yu**, Head of the Governance for Development Programme, South Centre

13:20-13:40

Introductory speech by

H.E. Ambassador Mr. **Shyam Saran**, Former Indian Foreign Secretary and Chairman of the Research Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

H.E. Mr. **Ajit Kumar**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations Office in Geneva

PANEL SESSION

13:40-14:30

Dr. **Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India

Dr. **Richard Kozul-Wright**, Director of the Globalisation and Strategies Division, UNCTAD

Ms. **Anita Amorim**, Head of the Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit, ILO

Dr. **Prabodh Saxena**, Principle Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Senior Advisor to the Executive Director for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Lao PDR, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, Asian Development Bank

Mr. **Zhou Taidong**, Program Manager, China-UK Partnership Programme Development Research Centre

Dr. **Youba Sokona**, Special Advisor on Sustainable Development, South Centre and Vice-Chair of the IPCC panel

Moderated by

Ms. **Anthea Mulakala**, Director of International Development Corporation The Asia Foundation

14:30-15:00

DEBATE (Q & A)

15:00-15:10

CONCLUDING REMARKS



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