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RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 2030 AGENDA

A South Centre interaction with developing countries delegations on key issues and challenges ahead in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the UNGA72 session



DATE AND VENUE

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2017, FROM 16:00 TO 18:00H (CR-D)

CONFERENCE ROOM D - United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ), New York, USA

OBJECTIVES:

This side event will discuss the major vulnerabilities arising from the state of the global economy and from deficits in the sustainable development effort, particularly their impact on developing countries and on the prospects for multilateralism and the role of the United Nations.

The event will provide an opportunity for developing country officials and policy makers to exchange views and reflect on the prospects for the South in the current global context and to identify possible ways forward during the work of the UNGA 72.

This meeting will also provide an occasion for a short briefing on the work of the South Centre in support of South-South Cooperation and, in the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and to elicit ideas on its work agenda.

KEY QUESTIONS:

1. What are the major trends and challenges for the Global South in the current economic and multilateral context?
2. What are the key issues for developing countries in the GA72 session? What are key elements that should be considered in the designing of a robust global south strategy?
3. How can South-South cooperation effectively support developing countries' development objectives and their participation in the global transformation mandated by Agenda 2030?

PROGRAMME

16:00-16:10	OPENING SESSION Welcoming remarks by Dr. MANUEL MONTES <i>Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre</i>
16:10-16:20	Introductory speech by H.E. MR. MODEST J. MERO <i>Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Tanzania to the United Nations</i>
16:20-17:20	PANEL SESSION Dr. MANUEL MONTES <i>Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre</i> Mrs. NICOLA BARKER-MURPHY <i>Counsellor, Economic Affairs, Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations</i> Dr. TARIK IZIRAREN <i>Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnership, UN Office for South-South Cooperation</i> Ms. SHARI SPIEGEL <i>Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development, UN DESA</i> MODERATED BY Dr. MANUEL MONTES <i>Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre</i>
17:20-17:50	DEBATE (Q & A)
17:50-18:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS

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