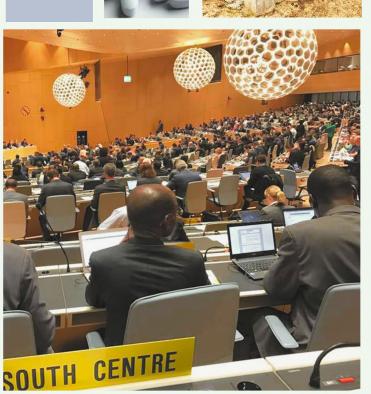


## Annual Report 2017











## Annual Report of the South Centre

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The global economic situation has become more challenging especially for most developing countries. Various reports and articles released in 2017 by the South Centre, many of which were carried also by international media, analysed the situation 20 years after the Asian crisis broke out and 10 years since the Lehman crisis that triggered the global crisis. The conclusion was that some of the key lessons have not been learnt. There is need to prepare for the next crisis that is impending.

Meanwhile, in line with the trend that started a couple of years ago, more developing countries have become more vulnerable to debt problems, with some more countries having to seek bailout loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The volatility of capital flows and currency levels has also continued, as several developing countries continued to experience net capital outflows to developed countries in 2017.



South Centre Briefing for Developing Countries on Global Trends and Linkages to Geneva Multilateral Processes

The uncertainties in the finance area are bound to affect the real economies of developing countries; the actual events that will unfold are of course still the subject of some speculation. The South Centre had been following these developments closely in 2017 and has been warning developing countries about the impending crisis and the need to take crisis avoidance or mitigation actions as soon as possible.

In addition to continued global macroeconomic volatility, developing countries continue to face challenges to their development as a result of increasing climate change impacts on their countries and economies; global trade flows remain stagnant; technological advances in robotics, automation, telecommunications, manufacturing, transportation, energy, and other areas present both opportunities and challenges for developing countries; conflict situations in many developing countries continue to be major issues; and internal and cross-border movements of people arising from economic or environmental pressures or conflicts continue. In addition, the threat of health pandemics arising from fragile health systems and emerging challenges such as antimicrobial resistance, compounded by difficulties in access to affordable medicines in many developing countries arising from both cost and the impact of the patent system, is becoming more real.



South Centre-TWN side event at COP23



The United Nations (UN) climate change negotiations also continued in 2017, through meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The announcement that the United States would leave the Paris Agreement caused a lot of negative reactions, including from developing countries, but there was widespread support by the remaining members to proceed with the work of carrying forward the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement with or without the US. In these negotiating arenas, the South Centre conducted substantive research and analysis in order to help inform its member States and other developing countries about key negotiating issues.

As multilateral UN negotiations intensified in relation to the rules that would govern how the UNFCCC's Paris Agreement on climate change would be implemented after 2020, the South Centre continued to place high priority on climate change issues. Through its research and technical analysis, the South Centre supported the Group of 77 and China (G77 and China) and various developing country groups and delegations in the UNFCCC negotiations, including at the 23rd Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP23). The South Centre also assisted developing countries through providing analytical support to their members in the Board of the GCF. The Centre was also active in following the developments in the Standing Committee on Finance of the UNFCCC as well as in the work of the IPCC.



## Finance, Global Economy and Development

The occasion of the 20th anniversary of the start of the Asian financial crisis and the 10th anniversary of the 2008 global financial crisis was used by the Centre to focus on whether the lessons have been learnt and whether a new crisis is imminent. The Centre's research on global economic issues included a research paper on "The Financial Crisis and the Global South: Impact and Prospects", which provided an in-depth analysis of the global economic situation and how it affects developing countries. The US and Europe have wrongly managed the aftermath of the 2008 crisis through policies that will have adverse effects on most developing countries, according to the paper. The developing countries went through the 2008 crisis without much harm, because of certain conditions, which no longer exist.

Meanwhile, these countries have recently built up new and dangerous vulnerabilities which expose them to serious damage when the next crisis strikes. The Centre also produced several books, briefing papers and articles on reviewing if lessons from the Asian crisis were learnt and on why developing countries should prepare for a new global economic crisis. The work of the South Centre is appreciated by its member States and other developing countries.

Issues relating to work in the UN system on financing for development (FfD) and on international tax cooperation were also major multilateral policy areas that the South Centre provided its research and analytical support to developing countries, including through the holding of several meetings and briefings in Geneva, New York, and Vienna with the G77 and China.

The Centre also continued to place high importance on the issue of external debt of developing countries, the inadequate international arrangements for helping countries approaching debt default, as well as the pressing need for a sovereign debt rescheduling mechanism.

The Centre also continued its participation in various other international fora, including events and workshops organized by other international organisations.

"Another Crisis in the Making?" - a debate on the book launch of *Playing with Fire*, the recent book by the South Centre's Chief Economist Dr. Yılmaz Akyüz.







2017 saw increasing negotiating activities at the World Trade Organization (WTO) leading up to the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference that took place in Buenos Aires in December 2017. The South Centre undertook research and analytical work in relation to various key issues being negotiated, including on agricultural domestic support, food security and public food stockholding, cotton-4, fisheries subsidies, domestic regulation, e-commerce, special and differential treatment, and the continuation of the Doha Development Agenda; as well as held briefings and meetings with various developing country delegations to disseminate the Centre's research and enable developing country delegations to share views among themselves.



The Centre also continued to monitor and take part in discussions on bilateral/ regional trade agreements, particularly the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) being discussed between the European Union (EU) and African countries. The Centre was invited to some African countries to provide technical assistance. The Centre has also continued to follow developments in negotiations for other free trade agreements involving developing countries.

The trade agenda of the US under President Trump was monitored by the Centre and articles were written on the proposed border adjustment tax and later on the revival of the use of the US Super 301 mechanism, which are both extremely protectionist through unilateral measures with potential negative impacts for developing countries.

The South Centre also benefited from visits by ministers and other senior officials from various developing countries in relation to trade and development issues.



South Centre side event to the WIPO Assemblies 2017

#### Innovation, Intellectual Property and Development

In 2017 negotiations on several intellectual property issues continued in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as well as discussions on biodiversity and intellectual property in the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Council, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) and the Human Rights Council.

The WTO TRIPS Council increased discussion of the public interest aspects of intellectual property rights focusing on the use of TRIPS flexibilities for public health.

In WIPO a new plan was agreed to advance negotiations towards an international treaty for the effective protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, with growing consensus on the need for all national patent offices to require patent applicants to disclose the origin and source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge and show evidence of compliance with national access and benefit sharing laws. Very few countries are opposing progress. At the WTO, developing countries reasserted their proposal for the TRIPS Agreement to be amended to include such disclosure requirement.

The South Centre provided substantive inputs and materials and organized many meetings for developing countries in preparation for issues to be discussed on the agenda of several WIPO Committees, the WTO TRIPS council and UPOV, and also organized side events. The Centre also provided advice and assistance to countries in the review and reform of intellectual property (IP) legislation.

Besides the production of numerous papers, issues of a monthly bulletin providing information on negotiations on IP and innovation issues and a monthly update of the Development, Innovation and Intellectual Property Programme (DIIP)'s activities were also produced.



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## Public Health and Access to Medicines

Global health issues were also a focus of the South Centre work in 2017. The Centre actively participated in the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva in May 2017, focusing on issues such as access to medicines, antimicrobial resistance and the research and development (R&D) treaty. Through its research and analysis disseminated through briefings and publications to developing countries, the South Centre assisted developing countries in building awareness of these issues and helping them enhance their engagement on these issues in multilateral fora.

The Centre also participated in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Health Ministers' meeting held on the sidelines of the WHA in May 2017 and contributed to the statement it issued. The Centre also partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to highlight the report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines. Side events, which were very well attended, were organized by the Centre, at the WTO as well as at the World Health Assembly.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) became a major focus of attention in the Centre. The Executive Director was appointed to be a member of the Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR by the UN Secretary-General. The Centre took part in many events on AMR at the World Health Organization (WHO), FAO and other fora and held briefings and meetings with developing country missions.



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The South Centre briefing G77 and China delegates in Vienna on UNCITRAL rules reform issues.

### (\$) The International Investment Regime

Research and analytical work in relation to multilateral investment policy issues, including with respect to a binding legal instrument on transnational corporations in relation to human rights, being negotiated under the auspices of the Human Rights Council also continued to be a key element in the Centre's work programme.

The Centre focused its work on multilateral investment policy issues on supporting developing countries undertaking reform measures in the area of investment policies and treaties especially bilateral investment treaties (BITs). The discussion on investment treaty reform is at a crucial conjuncture; while several developing countries have either withdrawn from old investment treaties or are contemplating such steps and others are finding alternatives in national laws or new models, several free trade and investment agreements are solidifying some of the negative aspects of the existing system including with the same investor-state dispute system.

Moreover, some countries are contemplating a move towards multilateral discussions on investment. The Centre held meetings with developing country delegates in Geneva and in Vienna to help them prepare for discussions at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) on investment policy-related issues. Several papers were also produced on various topics regarding investment policy and negotiating issues.

#### Human Rights and Development

The Centre was active in the Human Rights Council (HRC) on selected issues that are relevant to the development concerns of developing countries. These issues include the relationship of access to medicines to the enjoyment of human rights and the continued work in the Working Group on the Right to Development, as well as the start of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development.

The Centre continued its work in support of developing countries pursuing the discussions on an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises in the field of human rights at the Human Rights Council. The Centre also supported the work of the Working Group on the Right of Peasants which is negotiating a Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas. The Centre also provided support for several mandate holders of the Human Rights Council on issues such as unilateral coercive measures, environment, foreign debt, international solidarity and equitable international order among others with inputs and through our research which served as inputs for their reports both to the Human Rights Council and the United Nations General Assembly.

The South Centre at the Human Rights Council sessions in Room XX at the Palais des Nations – the UN Office in Geneva.



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#### South-South Cooperation

In the context of diminishing expectations of North-South cooperation within the multilateral system, there was more interest and activity on South-South cooperation during this period. Some developing countries increased the profile of South-South cooperation, notably with progress of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) New Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Belt and Road Initiative (for which a high-level summit was held in Beijing). The UN in cooperation with some developing countries also held a number of conferences on South-South cooperation which the Centre supported and was involved in. The South Centre was actively engaged in several South-South initiatives, including authoring a report on South-South cooperation initiatives in climate change in collaboration with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).

Vicente Yu, South Centre Deputy Executive Director (second from left), at the G77 and China ambassadorial retreat.



The Centre has joined the UN System Staff College (UNSSC) and UNOSSC in several capacity building trainings for officials in developing countries and economies in transition in 2017 visiting nearly 10 countries. This was also important outreach for the South Centre to present its work in support of developing countries. Important work has been done also in support of the preparations for the UN Second Conference on South-South Cooperation (Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (BAPA)+40)) to be held in March 2019 in Buenos Aires. This work will be reinforced in 2018 as per request of member States and the UN. South Centre staff attended consultations in member States on this topic (India, Brazil, Argentina/Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)).

The Centre held a major workshop for its member States and other developing countries in the G77 and China Chapter in Geneva at the beginning of 2017 to review the state of multilateral relations and negotiations in the areas of the global economic situation, trade, intellectual property, climate change and sustainable development. It served to inform developing countries of the state of the multilateral system, and to be a forum for voicing their views and priorities with positive feedback from our membership.

The Centre also cooperated with several South institutions in order to provide them with briefings and analysis on global issues, including briefings for the G77 and China in Geneva and Vienna on various multilateral economic issues; participation in various G77 and China and NAM events and activities; and provision of the Centre's technical research and analytical support to the G77 and China and NAM when requested and within the context of the Centre's existing work.

## Communications and Outreach

The work of the Centre in communications and outreach was strengthened considerably in 2017, with improvements in internal capacity, social media presence, and upgrading of the website, currently available in three languages namely English, French and Spanish. Publications are being reformulated with a modern design starting with the brochure.

Outreach work was reinforced with greater interaction with our membership and the public in general. In Geneva, briefings for focal points responsible for institutional relations with the Centre took place and served to inform on the overall work and situation of the Centre. At capital level, several visits were made to our focal points and other government officials and organisations as a way of better informing on the work of the South Centre. English, French and Spanish publications of the Centre were distributed to libraries of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other government institutions visited. South Centre staff on mission to capitals are requested to make presentations with an overview of the work of the Centre and to meet focal points and other officials.

A significant institutional development was also the opening of a South Centre representative office in New York to facilitate the Centre's presence and activities in the UN in New York. The Centre's Permanent Observer to the UN in New York presented his credentials to the UN Secretary-General in mid-2017. It is expected that the presence and work of the Centre at the UN will be greatly enhanced by this move which attended a longstanding request of several member States for a more permanent presence and support in their daily activities in New York.

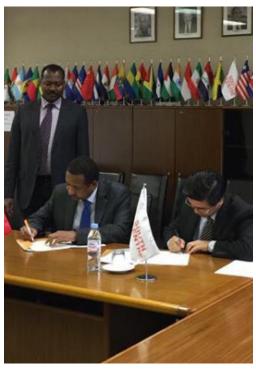


The 38th and 39th Board meetings were held in April and October 2017, respectively, and the 18th annual meeting of the Council of Representatives was held in April 2017. At these meetings, the Board members and the member States reviewed the work programme and the financial situation of the South Centre and provided their recommendations and policy directions for the future work of the South Centre.





















Manuel F. Montes, Permanent Observer of the South Centre to the UN in New York (right), presented his credentials to UN Secretary-General António Guterres (left).



# SOUTH CENTRE

The South Centre at the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board meeting at the Palais des Nations – the UN Office in Geneva

The South Centre was created in 1991 to serve as the developing country institution that would follow up on the implementation by developing countries of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission<sup>1</sup> entitled *The Challenge to the South.* It was transformed in 1995 into an intergovernmental organisation of developing countries through the 1994 Agreement to Establish the South Centre.

The South Centre is a multilateral intergovernmental policy research think tank of developing countries. The Centre supports, through its research, policy analysis, and other activities, the developing countries in multilateral negotiations in many areas that affect the development prospects of developing countries, including international trade and investment policy, international tax cooperation, climate change and other environmental issues, innovation and intellectual property, health, agriculture and food security, South-South cooperation, and the global economy and financial system.

It operates in the major international organisations and processes where the world's key negotiations take place, including the WTO, United Nations General Assembly, WHO, UNCTAD, WIPO, HRC, FAO and UNFCCC.

The Centre also provides policy advice and technical assistance to developing country governments on their national policies in areas such as national development plans, agriculture and food security, industrial development, health care and access to medicines, climate change and the environment, financial and trade policy, technology and intellectual property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The South Commission, composed of eminent personalities from developing countries, was established in 1987 to study the situation of developing countries and recommend how to improve their situation nationally and globally. The Commission was chaired by Julius Nyerere, former President of Tanzania.



**H.E. Abdul Minty** Convenor of the Council of Representatives



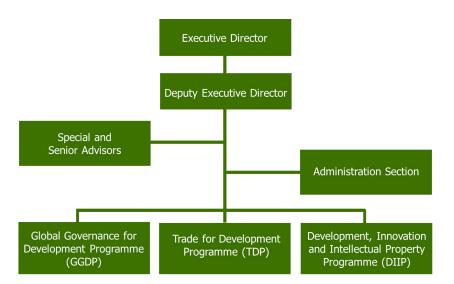
H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa Chairperson of the Board



Mr. Martin Khor Executive Director

#### **Organisation and Governance**

- The Centre, as of 31 December 2017, has 54 States as its members coming from Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- The Council of Representatives, in which all member States have a seat, serves as the highest governance body of the South Centre. It meets annually. The Council is led by a Convenor and a Vice Convenor elected by the Council to serve three-year terms.
- The **Board** is tasked with overseeing the work of the Secretariat, and is appointed by the Council of Representatives. The Chairperson and the nine other members of the Board are elected in their individual capacities by the Council of Representatives to serve three-year terms.
- The day-to-day operations and activities of the South Centre are carried out by the South Centre Secretariat, headed by its Executive Director and reporting to the Board.



#### **Board members of the South Centre**

2014-present 2015-present 2010-present 2011-present 2013-present 2013-present 2016-present

Omar E. EL-ARINI	Egypt
Yaga Venugopal REDDY	India
Rubens RICUPERO	Brazil
Chukwuma Charles SOLUDO	Nigeria
Ransford SMITH	Jamaica
Victoria TAULI-CORPUZ	Philippines
Hailong WU	China
Evelyne TALL	Senegal

#### Member States of the South Centre as of 31st December 2017

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#### **IV. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL SITUATION**

The overall budgeted expenditure for 2017 (adopted by the Board in October 2016) was CHF 4.946 million. The total income projected was also CHF 4.946 million, indicating a balanced budget. Financing of the South Centre comes from contributions from its Member States and extra-budgetary resources from projects.

In 2017, the South Centre continued to enjoy a positive financial situation in which income and expenditures were balanced and a budget surplus of CHF 160,869 was obtained. The total annual income received in 2017 amounted to CHF 4,959,042. Total annual expenditures amounted to CHF 4,798,173.



"As the premier source of research on issues affecting the South, and growing out of the work and experience of the South Commission, the (South) Centre plays a role whose value for the developing world cannot be underestimated"

Nelson Mandela, in his speech to the Second Meeting of the Council of Representatives of the South Centre held in New York, in 1998

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For more details on the work of the South Centre visit www.southcentre.int

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