The South Centre Monthly is a monthly update which provides a snapshot of the publications and social media activities of the South Centre.

PUBLICATIONS

Policy Briefs

Tax Cooperation Policy Brief 7, February 2019: Developing Countries and the Contemporary International Tax System: BEPS and other issues

This policy brief addresses the design of international taxation and tax cooperation in the context of issues presented in the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)/Group of Twenty (G20) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project. It further considers their significance for developing countries and provides the Brazilian approach to those issues. The brief concludes by exploring the importance of regional cooperation vis-à-vis international organizations and highlights relevant considerations for developing countries engaging with the contemporary international tax system.

Available from: https://www.southcentre.int/tax-cooperation-policy-brief-7-february-2019/
Transformation in urban areas needs to happen now to achieve sustainable development and fight against climate change. This transformation needs to be inclusive by focusing on social justice, power asymmetries and vulnerable populations; and requires all actors at the national and international level to collaborate in order to exchange information, generate and work with accurate data, develop technology and provide the financial resources for the implementation of the right programs and policies. These are messages of the keynote speech by Prof. Youba Sokona, South Centre Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Vice-Chair, at the “Forum on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. He also highlighted the main take-aways from the recently released IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

Available from: https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=70c5a5c160

Despite its stated intentions to leave the Paris Agreement, the United States negotiating team continued to dominate many of the negotiations of key areas of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 24) agenda of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The outcome of the meeting, branded the 'Katowice Climate Package', again showed developing countries sacrificing many redlines to save multilateralism. The Katowice Outcome reflects very little substantial advancement of the global climate protection agenda. However, the discussion and further refining of the rules will continue in the UNFCCC’s upcoming negotiating sessions in 2019 as well as COP 25. Hence, developing countries have a chance to regroup and push forward to ensure sustainable development objectives are ensured and protected.

Available from: https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=b197369884
Social Media

Twitter Highlights:

**Top Tweet** earned 4,654 impressions

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: Senior Program Officer, #Trade and #Development Duty Station: #Geneva, Switzerland. The @South_Centre is an intergovernmental policy research organization/think-tank of developingcountries. For more info - southcentre.int/vacancy-announ... #jobvacancies @UNjobs

**Top mention** earned 120 engagements

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**Top media Tweet** earned 1,436 impressions

Engaging #CSOs to shape the future agenda on #AntimicrobialResistance #AMR. Join the @South_Centre and @unilagmr : plic.twitter.com/a1gcwOAFo

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Gap between developed & developing countries has widened over time. US attempts rebuttal at WTO’s General Council of evidence submitted by developing countries in defense of S&D - ignores that trade gap has tripled since 1960 as shown in ‘The Divide’ by LSE Prof I. Hinkel.

At opening of the @ISS, ELF’s @South_Centre 12th Annual Forum of Developing Country Investment Negotiators, Carlos Correa @Correa, CEDIE Executive Director, highlighted evidence on flaws in the current investment regime & the need for a fundamental reform of ISDS & the M&As.

Contrary to US narrative on S&D, the development gap between developed and developing countries remains significant, as evidenced by WTO Members’ perception about & Human development indicators.

The @OCHAID & the South Centre explored the possibility of joint initiatives to strengthen the voice of the Global South in the UN #HumanRights discourse. @South_Centre thanks for receiving new publications from @OCHAID. See gethrad.org/en/ article/88...
South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 25
How to better support TLCs in various international fora and respond to the particular needs of Uganda, especially through training of new diplomats, were some of the subjects of the meeting at Uganda’s Mission with Ambassador H.E. Mr. Christopher Onganya Apany.

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 25
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global & multifaceted problem that requires mobilization of action by all stakeholders, including society, based on the OneHealth approach. @South_Centre will continue to work with governments & civil society to support that process.

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 25
In a productive meeting with Ambassador Mustapha Olaye-Omadin Damini, Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir., discussed the role of the South Centre in Africa & in supporting development policies in Sudan, including through training & support in international negotiations.

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 22
Burundi’s needs in various areas covered by the South Centre’s programs of work and the support for negotiations in WTO and other fora were some of the issues discussed with Ambassador H.E. Mr. Rénovat Tabu - @TabuReno in cordial & fruitful meeting.
Ahead of BAPA+40, India-Argentina provide eg. SouthSouthCooperation in areas of: #nuclearenergy, #science, #trade, #pharmaceuticals, #agriculture, #innovation. #culture, #tourism on State visit of Argentinian President Mauricio Macri to India, mea.gov.in/bilateral-occu...

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 21
Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. @South_Centre noted that many #developingcountries have not fully used yet the TRIPS flexibilities regarding #patents on plants, and discussed other main findings of new report on #plantpatents in developing countries.

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 21
Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. @South_Centre discussed Intellectualproperty as a tool not end in itself & need for sound perspectives in implementing #patents at #TheGraduateInstitute Geneva on "The Way forward on #Pharma, #IP, #HealthDiplomacy", 14 Feb (Photo: S. Dushayini)

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 21
A 14.8% increase in revenues (nearly 16.8 billion) from #creativeeconomy reported in US. #developingcountries can also build #creativeindustries. Indonesia is an example of active policies and sustained expansion of this sector. recreationaleco.org/media-center/

Creative economy: Indonesia’s wager
This publication is part of a series of articles highlighting the key themes of the upcoming 2018 edition ReShaping Cultural Policies to be launched ... en.unesco.org

South Centre @South_Centre - Feb 11
In responding to the partial and misleading analysis in US submission W/49/GC/W/77, #developingcountries need to find common grounds to preserve and strengthen the special & differential treatment in #WTO as a pillar of the #multilateral #trading system. bdp/25/06/04/W
The answer is 7.
South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 11
Deputy Permanent Representative Mr. Rajkumar Seshum of Mauritius, a member of the South Centre, visited @SouthCentre to discuss his country’s priorities and continuous support by the Centre in international negotiations.

South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 11
Inequality is a global problem that requires global solutions. @SouthCentre co-organized an event on "Multilateralism as an essential tool to reduce inequality within & among countries" at 17th Session of the Commission on Social Development on 14 Feb 19, 13:00-14:00, UN HQ.

South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 11
Multilateralism as an essential tool to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10)

Thematic Debate: SDG 10: Reduced inequality
Conference Room 10, United Nations Headquarters, NY.

Workshop: Multilateralism as an essential tool to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10)

South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 11
South Centre has joined other init. orig. in #eTradeForAll Initiative, launched by @UNCTAD in 2016. @SouthCentre will offer technical assistance & capacity building services in relation to Legal & #Regulatory frameworks, particularly #IP & #dataprotection.

South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 8
How to diversify and increase value added in Commodities dependent countries. The problem of Malamedicines in Africa, the situation of the #multilateral system, were some of the issues discussed with Nigeria’s Ambassador Mr. Adu Ajaide Kadiri.

South Centre @SouthCentre - Feb 7
The @SouthCentre met the Ambassador of Maldives Ms. Atta Hameed and her team to discuss possible cooperation with the Centre, including in the areas of human rights and of #multilateralism, one of the greatest development challenges for the country.

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