

SOUTH PROGRESS
THROUGH COOPERATION



SOUTH UNITY
IN DIVERSITY



WHO WE ARE

The South Centre is an intergovernmental organization composed of and accountable to developing country Member States.

It was established on July 31, 1995 with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. It has 55 member countries.



OUR MISSION

- » The South Centre undertakes policy-oriented research on a set of issues relevant to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- » It supports the countries of the South to effectively participate in negotiating processes in order to build up a multilateral system that supports and does not undermine development efforts.
- » To provide policy and technical advice and capacity building in support of countries and institutions of the South.



OUR VISION

- » The empowerment of the Global South to achieve a fairer international trade, tax and investment system, eliminate poverty and inequalities, realize human rights, respond to climate change, fight disease and health emergencies, and harness digital and other technologies for innovation and sustainable development.
- » Expand South-South and Triangular Cooperation as a tool to achieve sustainable development.

1986

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia announced that an independent commission, a “South Commission”, would be set up to “try and work out solutions to major economic problems



1987

The South Commission became operational in August 1987 in Geneva. Composed of twenty-eight distinguished personalities from different walks of life and various parts of the developing world, the Commission examined the problems of developing countries

1990

The South Centre was established to follow-up the Report of the South Commission, entitled “The Challenge to the South”, which provided recommendations on what the South could do to address continuing development challenges. It called for the South to work together collectively



1995

The South Centre became an intergovernmental organization through the 1994 Agreement to Establish the South Centre, with its headquarters in Geneva. The

TIME



2020

The South Centre commemorated its 25th anniversary serving developing countries with technical analysis and policy recommendations in various issues from trade, development, health, climate change, intellectual property, investment, debt, international tax cooperation and sustainable development,

OUR WORKSTREAMS



Developments in the global economy, notably in relation to finance for



Implementation



Climate change and



International trade, including trade in goods, agriculture, services, special & differential treatment, and free trade



Biodiversity, access to and use of **genetic**



International regime



Global health, access to medical technologies,



Social and human rights dimensions of development



Innovation, intellectual property, technology transfer and protection of traditional



South-South cooperation



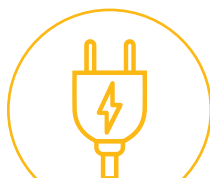
International institutions



The 4th **industrial revolution**



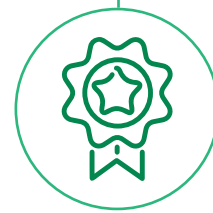
Reform of the international tax system, taxing rights in the digital economy, illicit fund transfers





The Secretariat of the South Centre and its Board is accountable to the Council of Representatives of Member States. The Secretariat is composed of a small staff based in Geneva. The South Centre expands its reach and impact by leveraging cooperation with other international organizations, research institutions, academia and civil society.

- » The Member States provide annual voluntary contributions.
- » Specific projects supported by UN and other international cooperation agencies, foundations, development banks and other organizations.
- » The Host State provides operational sup-



OUR APPROACH



**STRONG
MULTILATERALISM**



**SOUTH-SOUTH
COOPERATION**



**RESPECT FOR
DIVERSITY**



**PROMOTION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS**



**EVIDENCE-BASED
ANALYSIS & ADVICE**



INTERDISCIPLINARITY



ACCOUNTABILITY

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