SOUTH PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

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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 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.

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.
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 faced by the South”, from the South’s perspective.

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 from their perspectives.

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 and to create a South Secretariat.

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

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 WORK STREAMS

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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.

**FINANCING**

- 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 support.
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