SOUTH CENTRE
(since 1994)

# INVESTMENT CASE

**Member States** across **Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean** value the South Centre as their institution: for the policy research that informs their positions, the capacity it builds in their officials, the coalitions it helps forge across regions, and the voice of the South in the multilateral system. Our research and advocacy serve all developing countries. **Membership brings priority access and a governance voice.**

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| **Member States** Across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean | **Years of independent analysis** For fair global governance and sustainable development since 1995 | **Coordination meetings/year** Supporting G77, NAM and regional group coalitions | **Publications per year** Policy briefs, research papers and analytical notes | **Policy areas** Spanning the full development agenda |

## When it matters the most!

**When rules are negotiated, not after they are already locked in**

## IMPACT DELIVERED

- **Geneva/NY**
- **Regional**
- **National**




**Modest support**

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| **Access to Medicines and Essential Technologies** | Flexibilities in intellectual property rules, protecting health policy space for millions and saving billions in costs. |
| **Preserved Special and Differential Treatment** | Sustained cross-regional coalitions that blocked the elimination of core development flexibilities in global trade rules. |
| **WHO Pandemic Agreement and WIPO Treaty on Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge** | Decisive technical support secured health equity provisions and sovereign rights over genetic resources and traditional knowledge. |
| **Investment Treaty Reform** | Supported regional coordination that has led to terminations of harmful investment treaties, helped countries reclaim policy space and reduce exposure to billion-dollar arbitrations. |
| **UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation** | Our coordination was instrumental in launching negotiations with potential to redirect hundreds of billions in taxing rights to developing countries. |

**Unlocking enormous value**

## WHY THE SOUTH CENTRE

### Intergovernmental authority

Governed solely by Member States, our analysis carries the weight, giving developing countries a credible, authoritative voice.

### Multilateral, regional and national reach

Present across WTO, WIPO, WHO, UNFCCC, CBD and UN processes. Providing direct technical assistance to governments, connecting global norm setting to real development outcomes.

### Lean, agile, non-bureaucratic

A lean expert team without the overhead of a large bureaucracy. Rapid response, flexibility to engage across issues as they evolve, and a direct relationship between funding and impact.

## WHAT YOUR INVESTMENTS FUND

**Policy space preservation**

Advancing a just transition, preserving the right to regulate in the public interest, from industrial policy to public health to trade and investment rules, and shaping digital governance rules that allow developing countries to build their own digital economies rather than lock in external dependency.

**Revenue protection**

Effective engagement in international tax processes can secure fair allocation of taxing rights worth hundreds of billions collectively, high returns on modest investments.

**Technology access**

Securing flexibilities in intellectual property rules, technology transfer commitments, and benefit-sharing arrangements enables access to technologies, from essential medicines to climate technologies to digital innovations.

**Capacity that endures**

The diplomats and officials we train carry that knowledge across careers, postings and institutions. One engagement multiplies across people and years, building a growing base of expertise across the South that compounds over time.

## WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

"The South Centre has been a key institution, amplifying the voice of developing countries in global governance. Its ability to transform shared challenges into opportunities for collective action remains indispensable."

**— Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, India**

"For smaller missions operating with limited resources, the South Centre's expertise has been indispensable, allowing us to punch above our weight in international forums."

**— Ambassador R.G.S Wijesekara, Sri Lanka to WTO**

"The Centre's analyses on special and differential treatment and industrial policy have directly informed our national positions and negotiating strategies."

**— Permanent Mission of Brazil**

"The Centre must remain a catalytic force enabling developing countries to speak with a unified voice. Only through cohesion can we become a key player defending the interests of our peoples."

**— Ambassador Rodolfo Benítez Verson, Cuba**

"South Africa values independent thinking and principled advocacy, values the South Centre has upheld. The Centre's role in shaping fairer trade rules, offering strategic advice, and promoting South-led policy thinking remains vital as South Africa holds the G20 Presidency."

**— Permanent Mission of South Africa**

**PARTNERS AND DONORS** point to our **unique credibility** as an intergovernmental institution, our concrete impact on outcomes and our ability to **deliver disproportionate value added**.

## ANNUAL APPEAL:

**CHF 2.4 Million** Funded | **CHF 2.6 Million** Required

The **Current Funding Requirement** directly constrains the breadth and depth of support we can deliver. We need support to continue delivering impact for the Global South.

### We invite you to invest in the South Centre

— through core contributions for institutional sustenance, project-specific funding for targeted priorities, or partnerships.

**MEMBERSHIP APPEAL:** We also invite all developing countries not yet members to **consider joining**.

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**Full strategic Framework available on request.*