

DCF Argentina High-level Symposium

South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda Building Innovative and Inclusive Partnerships

San Martín Palace, Buenos Aires, Thursday 7 September 2017

Concept Note for Session II [12:00 PM – 01:30 PM, Libertador Room]

Enabling South-South and triangular frameworks for multi-Stakeholder approaches

Governments have the primary responsibility for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Yet, multi-stakeholder partnerships at all levels are recognized as a vital means of implementation; they engage government and non-government actors, including community and faith-based organizations, academia and think tanks, private sector, development banks, labour unions, philanthropic foundations, international organizations, parliamentarians and leaders of local and regional governments. Pooling their different strengths and sharing knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to promote sustainable development will help to forge win-win partnerships.

Challenges of development, at the local, national, regional and global levels, demand new types of partnerships, capable of summoning the different actors that may contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and climate action. This calls for exploring the potential of South-South and triangular cooperation to harness capacities and resources from a diversity of actors for development. It is necessary to underscore that diverse development actors often have, a priori, different primary liabilities. However, this does not limit the possibility of sharing objectives in the medium and long-term. For this reason, it is imperative that multi-stakeholder partnerships are consistent with national laws and national development strategies and plans.

In the run-up to both the 2018 High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum and the Second United Nations High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation to be held in 2019, the DCF Argentina High-level Symposium will explore “South-South and triangular cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda. Building innovative and inclusive partnerships”. Session II of the Symposium will provide space for knowledge sharing and mutual learning around policy and legal frameworks in South-South and triangular cooperation. It will also consider how information and knowledge sharing amongst all actors in developing countries, including development cooperation institutions and civil society organisations, can be strengthened.

Focus Questions

- What are examples of policy and legal frameworks that support effective multi-stakeholder approaches to the SDGs and climate action – specifically in (i) South-South cooperation and (ii) triangular cooperation?
- What management tools and institutional frameworks are needed to foster the role of the state in articulating its interest as well as leading and coordinating new forms of partnership?
- What are the key challenges and opportunities present at the various levels of South-South and triangular cooperation to create effective multi-stakeholder approaches?

Format

90 minute-moderated interactive discussion, featuring brief presentations by speakers.