

## 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 IV [04:15 PM – 05:45 PM, Libertador Room]**

#### **Fostering an inclusive international cooperation system that generates sustained incentives for sustainable development**

The ambitious and universal 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development expresses the consensus of the international community around a new model of development and compels us to work at all levels in a coordinated and supportive way. The implementation of this agenda demands renewed efforts to explore innovative ways to measure development so as to “leave no-one behind”, and to mobilize the means required to achieving the SDGs through a Revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. It asks development actors to rethink and redefine their roles and actions.

At the same time, the Paris Agreement recognizes the need to mobilize international climate finance beyond previous efforts, in order to support developing countries to meet mitigation and adaptation requirements. Finally, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda commits to a new social compact to end poverty everywhere and in all its forms with the contribution of all countries, based on their capacities and allocation of resources, including financial resources and technology as well as knowledge transfer.

These long-term commitments must be maintained and systemically adapted to the particular processes and challenges of each country and region. It is necessary to work towards an integral and non-exclusionary development co-operation system that allows differentiated schemes of cooperation, according to countries’ needs and priorities. In this sense, development co-operation initiatives need multi-dimensional measures of development, new tools and frameworks to respond to the diverse needs of all developing countries and their people.

The 2030 Agenda marks the shift to a vision of goals that apply to all developed and developing countries alike. This vision calls for innovative partnerships to encourage collective action in favour of a new style of development. In this new context, South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation have much to contribute.

South-South cooperation incorporates important elements, including horizontality and a sense of shared responsibility. South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can

provide models for collaboration among peers that allow for “more with less”: greater awareness of local circumstances and shared idiosyncrasies of partner countries; lower risks of “tied aid”; cultural links; and proven locally developed best practices.

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 IV of the Symposium is intended to pursue a structured and evidence-based discussion on fostering an inclusive international cooperation system that generates sustained incentives for sustainable development, which includes rethinking indicators of development, rethinking analysis and rethinking tools.

Focus questions:

- How can the 2030 Agenda, on the basis of the SDG targets and indicators, foster a diversified approach that addressed needs and priorities of all developing countries?
- What is the role of regional mechanisms in helping to identify broad-based and inclusive development strategies?
- How can South-South and triangular cooperation contribute to the development of an integrated and non-exclusionary framework for international development cooperation?

#### **Format**

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