Dear Guest,

It is our great pleasure and privilege to welcome you as a participant to our Conference of Southern Providers on “South-South Cooperation: Issues and Emerging Challenges”. In recent years South-South Cooperation (SSC) has received considerable attention at various international forums, including the UN intergovernmental process, where a new role for SSC is being explored. In this process, the expectations from SSC have multiplied. Therefore, there is need to take an objective view as to what SSC can contribute to national development as well as the global development agenda, in an effective manner, in line with the principles that govern SSC.

Keeping in mind the present scenario regarding the South-South Cooperation and the need of a platform for the facilitation of ideas and cooperation among the Southern providers, this conference has been organized to start a dialogue among Southern partners on the nature and contours of SSC, and the manner in which these countries can build on their individual and collective accomplishments in order to maximize the benefit and impact of SSC.

To encourage dialogue and make the event as attractive as possible, we have organized open discussions. We welcome your active participation and hope that the conference will identify new areas for building individual strength among Southern providers and strengthening South-South Cooperation.

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