



Publication Launch Event

Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Least Developed Countries: From the Istanbul Programme of Action to Achieving Sustainable and Resilient Development

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Introduction

The Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) was adopted by the [Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries](#), for the decade 2011 – 2020. The goal of the ten-year Programme was to overcome least developed countries (LDCs) structural challenges in order to eradicate poverty and achieve internationally agreed development goals. This also includes graduation from the LDC category, and other internationally agreed development goals, including the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement. It aimed to enable half of the LDCs to meet the [criteria for graduation](#).

The IPoA recognizes the important complementary role of South-South and triangular cooperation in its implementation, in areas such as human and productive capacity-building, technical assistance and exchange of good practices, particularly on issues relating to health, education, professional training, agriculture, environment, science and technology, trade and investment. The BAPA+40 Outcome document calls upon the United Nations Development System for the “sharing of good practices and experiences from the South, especially with the least developed countries....to address poverty eradication and sustainable development”.

The new Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2022-2031, to be endorsed on 17 March 2022, embodies a new generation of renewed and strengthened commitments by the LDCs and their development partners. It outlines areas where South-South cooperation can generate impactful results such as productive capacity-building, infrastructure development, energy, science and technology, trade, investment and transit transport cooperation. Its effective implementation will play a key role in the success and achievement of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

Background and Objectives



The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), in partnership with the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) will jointly launch the **“Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Least Developed Countries: From the Istanbul Programme of Action to Achieving Sustainable and Resilient Development”** publication. This special volume has a particular focus on LDCs, mapping and sharing around 80 good practices relevant to the implementation of the SDGs as well as the IPoA priorities in these countries, while spotlighting the role of South-South cooperation in supporting sustainable development. This publication aims to demonstrate the potential of South-South cooperation in LDCs to attain the objectives of supporting national and regional development efforts, strengthening institutional and technical capacities and improving the exchange of experience and know-how. The publication aims to facilitate and promote peer and cross-regional learning and collective efforts among LDCs and their development partners in addressing LDCs’ special development challenges and building resilience.

The publication will be launched in advance of the adoption of the Doha Programme of Action. As LDCs are poised to achieve a resilient, sustainable and inclusive recovery, it is imperative to unleash the potential of South-South and triangular cooperation in critical areas of sustainable development. More than ever before, LDCs need the full contribution and cooperation of the global South, complementing North-South cooperation, to build more resilient economies and equitable societies and achieve technology and digital leapfrogging.

This publication is expected to inspire governments, private sector and entrepreneurs, civil society and non-governmental organizations and citizens, in general, to adopt, improve and share the good practices that aim to contribute to the well-being of countries and communities in the Global South. This will be followed by a short fireside chat with experts who will provide illuminating perspectives on how to leverage South-South and triangular cooperation to deliver tangible benefits for LDCs in the Decade of Action

Followed by the formal launch of the publication at the event, high-level government representatives from LDCs will be invited to present selected good practices, from the publication, to share their success stories, and experiences.

The good practices will also be available on [South-South Galaxy](#)– a digital global knowledge sharing and partnership brokering, to facilitate knowledge sharing and cooperation between partners of the global South.

Proposed Agenda

Moderator: UNOSSC

1. **Opening Remarks** (20 minutes; 5-7 minutes each)
 - Ministerial representative from Malawi; Chair of the Group of LDCs (TBC)
 - H.E. Khalifa Jassim Al-Kuwari, Director General, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)
 - Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (TBC)
 2. **Launch of the Publication** “Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Least Developed Countries: From the Istanbul Programme of Action to Achieving Sustainable and Resilient Development” (2.30-minute animated video)
 3. **Special Commentators** (LDCs Representatives speaking on Good Practices) (35 minutes; 7 minutes each)
 - High-level representative from Bangladesh
 - Speaking on the case: National COVID-19 Intelligence Platform
 - High-level representative from Liberia
 - Speaking on the case: Côte d’Ivoire-Liberia- Sierra Leone-Guinea (CLSG) Interconnection Project
 - High-level representative from Mauritania
 - Speaking on the case: Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women at the National Level in the Arab region
 - High-level representative from Togo
 - Speaking on the case: Incentive Mechanism for Agriculture Financing Based on Risk Sharing (MIFA)
 - High-level representative for the case from Asia suggested by UNCDF
 - Speaking on the case:
 4. **Fireside Chat**
 - Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Non-Resident Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka (TBC) and David Jackson, UNCDF (15 minutes)
 5. **Closing Remarks** (5 minutes)
 - Mr. Erdenebileg Sandagdorj, Chief, UN-OHRRLLS
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