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LLDC3 Ministerial Meeting on South-South Cooperation.

**Summary Presentation of the Ministerial Meeting on South-South
Cooperation.**

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my honor to present the summary of the Ministerial Meeting on South-South Cooperation. The meeting took place on 6 August, co-organized by UN-OHRLLS and the UN Office for South-South Cooperation.

Under the theme of “*Unlocking the potential of South-South cooperation for sustainable, resilient and transformative development in LLDCs*”, the meeting convened LLDCs, partners both from the Global South and the North, UN entities, multilateral development banks, and intergovernmental organizations. Discussions centered on how South-South cooperation can help LLDCs overcome their unique development challenges and unlock their growth potential. Key areas of focus included harnessing science, technology, and innovation to drive structural economic transformation; improving regional integration and trade facilitation to enhance participation in global trade; and scaling up financing to ensure inclusive and affordable connectivity.

The critical role of triangular cooperation was emphasized, particularly in demand-driven capacity building, resource mobilization, and delivering innovative solutions to overcome development hurdles facing LLDCs.

Five case studies highlighted how LLDCs are advancing economic transformation and tackling sustainable development challenges through forward-looking South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives.

LLDCs shared national experiences, highlighting the power of these cooperative frameworks in driving progress towards sustainable development and national resilience.

Partners from the Global South and the North demonstrated strong solidarity and a collective commitment and exchanged innovative approaches to address the persistent development constraints of LLDCs.

Multilateral development banks reiterated their ongoing initiatives and unwavering commitment to supporting these cooperation modalities as critical enablers of regional integration and sustainable progress.

The meeting reaffirmed that South-South and triangular cooperation are vital to achieving the objectives of the Awaza Programme of Action and advancing the sustainable development agenda of LLDCs.

Let's strengthen partnerships and act together to foster shared prosperity for LLDCs.

I thank you.