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Climate Change Partnerships

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I. Introduction

Climate change is a universal challenge that requires collective action. The Paris Agreement on climate change, its rapid enter-into-force, and its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) signify the renewed relevance of multilateralism and a step towards a prosperous and sustainable future. However, enhanced climate cooperation and progressive climate actions are needed to implement the NDCs. Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo, an annual event, organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) provides one such opportunity to promote and advance climate cooperation.

GSSD Expo is a powerful platform for multi-stakeholders to showcase development solutions, celebrate successful stories, share knowledge and lesson learned, and explore new avenues of collaboration and initiative new partnerships. This year, GSSD Expo 2017 will provide a platform to explore how South-South Cooperation (SSC) on climate change can contribute to the implementation of the NDCs and climate adaptation and mitigation activities.

SSC on climate change has been recognized as an important modality in the context of the implementation of the NDCs. Several developing countries have shown interests to enhance SSC on climate change to implement their national climate strategies, plans and policies and/or NDCs. New SSC initiatives on climate change are increasingly being facilitated by the Member States. However, there remain challenges in the implementation of the NDCs.

Climate cooperation must be strengthened to address the challenges of NDC implementation. GSSD Expo provides an opportunity for multi-stakeholders to convene and strengthen climate cooperation. The United Nations stands committed to support climate cooperation efforts of developing countries for global climate action.

In this context, UNOSSC is organizing a thematic solution forum titled, “Climate Change Partnerships” in Day 3 (South-South Cooperation for Peace, Prosperity and Partnerships) of the GSSD Expo 2017. The event will be held on 29 November 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Antalya, Turkey.

Agenda

Date and Time: Tuesday 29 November 2017, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Titanic Deluxe Golf Belek, Pacific Hall, Antalya, Turkey

Opening Session (20 mins) 1:30 - 1:50	<u>Keynote Speeches and Opening Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. Mr. Murat Yavuz Ates, Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey ➤ Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation
Panel Discussion (65 mins) 1:50 – 2:55	<u>Southern Multi-Stakeholders' Climate Cooperation Experiences</u> <p>This moderated discussion session will highlight how multi-stakeholders from the global South are contributing to the implementation of the NDCs and what role can they play in strengthening climate cooperation for global climate action. The moderator will hold the session considering the opinions from the panel and welcoming the stakeholders to discuss their thoughts, actions, ideas on how they can promote climate cooperation for enhanced implementation of the NDCs.</p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, Head of Technology Unit, Division of Technology Industry and Economics (DTIE), UNEP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Ugur Zeydanli, General Director, Nature Conservation Center ➤ Dr. Hans Friederich, Director-General, International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) ➤ Mrs. Carmen Isabel Claramunt Garro, Deputy Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Republic of Costa Rica ➤ Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Deputy Executive Director, The South Centre ➤ Mr. Nuri Ozbagdatli, Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Manager, United Nations Development Programme, Turkey ➤ Mr. Bernd Hackmann, Programme Officer, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat ➤ Mr. Ayman Cherkaoui, Special Advisor to the Conference of the Parties 22 Presidency
Closing Session (5 mins) 2:55 – 3:00	<u>Closing Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, Head of Technology Unit, Division of Technology Industry and Economics (DTIE), UNEP

Objectives and Thematic Focus:

The goal is to engage multi-stakeholders to share experiences on climate partnerships for the implementation of NDCs; identify emerging trends and impactful practices on climate cooperation; discuss scalable climate solutions; and explore opportunities to forge climate partnership among various stakeholders.

The event will convene representatives from the Member States, international and intergovernmental organizations, and civil society groups. It will highlight solutions for the implementation of the NDCs in efforts to address climate change through enhanced climate cooperation, with a focus on collaboration for climate action on thematic areas like energy, agriculture, land-use, land-use change and forestry, infrastructure and transportation among others.

Concrete Outcomes:

1. Increase the recognition of SSC on climate change as an important modality to implement international and national climate strategies, plans and policies and the NDCs.
2. Identify challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the NDCs, deepen exchanges among developing countries such that they can better address climate change and achieve sustainable development, and maintain and promote momentum towards wider SSC on climate change.
3. Take stock of on-the-ground country experiences related to climate mitigation and adaptation activities, and share successful cases of Southern climate cooperation, and good practices to amplify the impacts of SSC in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
4. Identify ways through which the United Nations, the Member States and multi-stakeholders can utilize SSC on climate change to implement the NDCs.
5. Expand global partnerships on SSC on climate change and enhance the capacity and readiness of developing countries to implement their NDCs for advanced global climate action.
6. Advance commitments from the United Nations entities, the Member States and multi-stakeholders for climate cooperation.

Guiding Questions:

1. What are the key challenges for developing countries to implement the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the efforts to implement the Paris Agreement on climate change?
2. How can South-South cooperation help developing countries overcome these challenges and implement their NDCs?
3. What would make South-South cooperation on climate change successful, and how can we best support it?