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High-Level Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Financing for Development in the South and Technology Transfer
17-18 May 2015, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Day 1

Session	Theme
8:30 – 9:30	
Registration	
10:00 – 11:00	
Opening session	
Welcome Remarks: Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division	
Chair: Hon. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Minister of Finance, People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Chief Guest: H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Speakers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. A.K. Abdul Momen, President of the General Assembly High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation▪ H.E. Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent representative of the republic of South Africa to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77▪ H.E. George Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development▪ Yiping Zhou, Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation, Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation▪ Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	
11:00 – 11:15	
Inauguration of Bangladesh Development Exhibition	
11:15 – 11:45	

Tea and Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:15

Session I: Technology, Science and Innovation

As a number of countries in the South have achieved significant scientific progress, evolving South-South cooperation in science, technology and innovation between least developed countries and emerging economies requires close attention. Efforts in science, technology and innovation, which respond to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, need to be stepped up in the course of implementing the post-2015 development agenda. Countries such as China and India are becoming significant sources of environmentally friendly technologies for countries of the South and the North, showing that there is immense potential for South-South collaboration on sustainable development aided by scientific and technological know-how. Harnessing this potential is of critical importance to sustainable development, growth and resilience to economic, social and environmental shocks. Participants at the high-level meeting in Bangladesh will discuss the framework to promote South-South collaboration on science, technology and innovation with a view to exchanging experiences in policymaking and applying technology in key sectors such as agriculture, health, infrastructure development, climate change and renewable energy. Scaling up innovations will be discussed as a key driver of more effective South-South Cooperation.

Moderator

Ryan S. Song,
Professor of Law at Kyung Hee University
Policy Advisor to the President's Office

Panelists

Architect Yeafesh Osman
Hon'ble State Minister
Ministry of Science and Technology
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Mr Jong-Jin Kim,
Director, South-South and Resource Mobilization Division
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

H.E. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou
Chair, LDC Group
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations

Professor Naiyyum Choudhury
Chairman
Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority

13:15 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Impact Sessions I: Technology, Science and Innovations

Event	Host
Applying innovations and appropriate technology in Agriculture	FAO, IFAD, PKSF & Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture
Health and Technology Transfer	International Centre for Diarrheal Disease and Research (icddr,b), Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Regional Connectivity: Lessons from RTAs and other forms of Regional Cooperation	Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Day 2

Speaker	Theme
9:00 – 10:30	
Session II: Complementing ODA: New Opportunities in South-South and Triangular Financing for Development	
<p>Flows of South-South trade, bolstered by trade liberalization, technological advancement, increased connectivity and dispersed production networks, have recently surpassed North-South flows. Approximately 56 per cent of exports from developing countries went to other developing countries in 2011. South-South flows of foreign direct investment (FDI) are also on the rise, with developing countries now providing 33 per cent of global investments. In 2012, overall global FDI declined by 18 per cent, whereas flows to the least developed countries, mostly from the South, rose by 20 per cent to a record \$26 billion. Traditional donors continue to account for close to 95 per cent of official development assistance but the middle-income economies of the South have become outstanding sources of South-South development assistance, estimated to be between \$12 billion and \$16 billion. Despite these remarkable gains, however, the benefits of South-South cooperation are not evenly distributed across countries and sectors in the South. Numerous tools and examples of South-South Cooperation remain underutilized, and South-South investments have yet to provide the support necessary to create a useful supplement to traditional North-South assistance. Non-traditional donors such as private sector foundations represent a significant and largely untapped resource in financing all spheres of development. Moreover, there is ample opportunity for South-South investment in pro-poor sectors, where productivity is generally low and potential for poverty reduction is significant.</p>	
Moderator	
<p>Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)</p>	
Panelists	
<p>H.E. Ahmed Shide State Minister of Finance and Economic Development Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</p>	
<p>Hon. M.A. Mannan</p>	

State Minister of Finance Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Dr. Atiur Rahman Governor Bangladesh Bank	
Mr. Kamal Malhotra United Nations Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Turkey	
H.E. George Talbot [TBC] Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations Co-Chair of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development	
Tea / Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	
Impact Sessions II: Complementing ODA	
Event	Host
Alternative Financing for Development: Strengthening Public, Private and Community Partnerships	UNDP & Prime Minister's Office
Financing Sustainable Development through Climate Finance	Bangladesh Economic Relations Division (ERD) & UNDP
12:30 – 13:45	
Lunch	
13:45 – 15:15	
Session III: Towards more Effective Cooperation & Implementation	
<p>The panelists leading this discussion will be invited to identify and share information on arrangements or mechanisms that have proven to work in the provision of predictable financing of South-South development initiatives. Particular emphasis will be placed on the funding of programmes to complete the unfinished business of meeting the Millennium Development Goals and the priority South-South initiatives to be undertaken at the start of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, once they have been adopted by United Nations Member States later in 2015. Participants from both North and South are expected to identify areas where, and ways how, Northern partners can come in to provide financing for development programmes of the South. Effective triangular cooperation can play a transformative role in implementing the Post 2015 Development Agenda, and this discussion will identify options for facilitating practical partnerships to this extent.</p>	
Moderator	
Mr. Kamal Malhotra United Nations Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Turkey	
Panelists	
Mr. Rintaro Tamaki	

Deputy Secretary-General Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	
Mr. Hiroshi Kato Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	
Hon. Tofail Ahmed, MP Minister of Commerce Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Mr. Robert Watkins United Nations Resident Coordinator UNDP Resident Representative Bangladesh	
15:30 – 17:00	
Impact Sessions III: Towards more Effective Cooperation and Implementation	
Event	Host
Promoting women's economic empowerment and resilience	UN Women & the Bangladesh Ministry of Women's and Children's Affairs (MoWCA)
International Tax Cooperation	Bangladesh National Board of Revenue
Harnessing a Demographic Dividend through South-South and Triangular Cooperation	UNFPA
17:00 – 17:30	
Closing Session:	
Chair: Hon. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith , Minister of Finance, People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Special Guests: Hon. Abul Hasan Mahmood Ali , Minister for Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of Bangladesh Hon. M.A. Mannan – State Minister of Finance, People's Republic of Bangladesh	
<u>Closing statements:</u>	
Robert Watkins , UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh	
Yiping Zhou , Envoy of the Secretary-General for South-South Cooperation, Director of the United Nations Office on South-South Cooperation	
<u>Vote of Thanks:</u>	
Md. Ashadul Islam , Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	

