

**DRAFT GENDA**

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**  
**As An ACCELERATION TOOL FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**  
 February 2017, Cotonou, Republic of Benin

**Date:** 21-22-23 February 2017

**Venue :** Hôtel AZALAI - Cotonou, BENIN

**Organizers :**

- Ministry of Planning and Development, Benin
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- United Nations Office for South-South cooperation (UNOSSC)

**Languages of the conference:** French, English and Spanish with simultaneous translation

**Objective:** The objective of this workshop is primarily for African countries to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences between African countries and other developing countries and intergovernmental organisations, on enhancing the capacity of developing countries to effectively manage South-South cooperation towards the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the sustainable development goals

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- Exchange solutions from the South;
- Establish platforms, networks for the development and promotion of knowledge exchange;
- Mobilize political and resource support for South-South cooperation; and
- Promote country environments conducive to effective South-South cooperation.

**Expected results**

- Enhanced interest and knowledge in Africa to develop the tools for the management of project and programmes of South-South and triangular cooperation;
- Developed and improved networks and hubs for the exchange of knowledge in Africa;
- Increased interest for technical and financial partners to support African countries' on their South-South cooperation initiatives;
- Similar consultations carried out in East and Southern Africa by countries that participate in the Benin meeting; and
- Progress on data management for South-South and triangular cooperation.

**Day1: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

Hour	Session	Speakers
08 :30-09 :30	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>	
09:30-10:30	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	Ministry of State in charge of Planning and Development Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation UNOSSC Director and Envoy of the Secretary General Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Benin JICA Representative
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:45-11:00	<b>Opening session</b> South-South cooperation: a tool for accelerating the Sustainable Development Objectives	<b>Speakers:</b> organizers
11:00-12:30	<b>Introduction of participants</b>	<b>Speakers:</b> all participants
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	

14:00-15:00	<b>SESSION 1:</b> Promotion of South-South Cooperation for sustainable development	<b>Speakers:</b> UNOSSC, ECOWAS, NEPAD, EAST Africa Community, ECA
15:00-15:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:15-16:15	<b>SESSION 2:</b> South-South cooperation for structural economic transformation and inclusive growth	<b>Speaker:</b> Bénin
16:15-17:30	<b>SESSION 3:</b> Sharing experiences of the South-South Cooperation Program for Sustainable Development between Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica	<b>Speaker:</b> Bénin
<b>Day2: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017</b>		
9:30-10:30	Experiences in strengthening South-South and triangular cooperation	<b>Speakers:</b> Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00-12:00	<b>SESSION 4:</b> Review steps taken to enhance the implementation of South-South cooperation	<b>Speakers:</b> Arab States
12:00-13:45	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:45-14:45	<b>SESSION 5:</b> Sharing of the experiences and good practices in collaboration and coordination towards strengthening South-South cooperation	<b>Speakers:</b> Guinea, Mexico, and Philippines
14:45-16:00	<b>SESSION 6: Regional perspectives</b> - Sharing experiences in strengthening South-South cooperation	<b>Speakers:</b> Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and an organization from CIS region (TBA)
16:00-17:00	<b>Networking session</b>	
19:30-21:30	Dinner/cocktail cultural event	
<b>Day3: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017</b>		
8:30-10:00	<b>Opportunities of South-South cooperation in the West African Region</b> Round table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the priority areas for South-South cooperation?</li> <li>▪ What are the steps for the creation of the network's acceleration tools for Sustainable development goals?</li> <li>▪ What are the contributions from countries / partners?</li> <li>▪ How and when to take action?</li> </ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Benin  <b>Experts:</b> Senior Economist, UNDP Benin Participant from ECOWAS Participant from ECA Participant from University of Benin
10:00-10:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:20-11:20	Recommendations: Way forward for Benin and other West African countries. What can be done	Presentation by academic institution
11:20-11:30	Participants' reflection (survey)	
11:30- 12:00	Adoption of Cotonou Declaration on Tools for Accelerating Sustainable Development Objectives  Official Closure	Ministry of State in charge of Plan and Development, Benin Director of the UN Office for South-South Cooperation Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, Benin  Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Benin