



EVENT: South-South Global Thinkers Dialogue – Reflection on BAPA+40 Outcome Document

Date: 17 July 2019; Time: 2:00-400pm

Venue: 304 East 45th Street, 15th floor, NY, USA

I. Background

The Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) was held in Buenos Aires in March 2019 on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the 1978 United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among developing countries, which adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. The overarching theme of the Conference was the “*Role of South-South Cooperation and the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities.*” This Conference gathered heads of States and Government and high-representatives from international organizations and the United Nations system to take stock of the progress made and build a roadmap for South-South and triangular cooperation (SSC & TrC) for the next decades.

The [Outcome Document](#) of the BAPA+40 Conference, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly recognized the expansion in the scope of SSC and TrC contributing to regional, subregional and interregional integration. However, it was also been noted that to fulfill the enormous development potential, SSC needs to be further enhanced by improved financing mechanisms; evaluation and assessment frameworks; national research capacities; data and information; knowledge-sharing on technical know-hows; and multi-stakeholder engagement, among many other factors.

As such it recognized the contribution of think tanks and research institutions to the improvement of SSC and TrC practices and called on the United Nations entities to continue its engagement and support to these organizations in efforts to better understand the role and impact of SSC and TrC to successfully implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

II. Session Objectives

With this background, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seek to organize a session bringing together think tank members from the South-South Global Thinkers initiative to discuss their reflection on the BAPA+40 outcome document. The session would do the following:

- a. Share views and perspective on the BAPA+40 outcome document; and

- b. exchange and propose research ideas and knowledge initiatives for the future that would be important for Southern Countries and development partners

III. Session Layout

Activity	Responsible Party	Time
Introduction & Opening Remarks	Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the Secretary General on South-South Cooperation and Director of UNOSSC Ms. Margaret Thomas, Director, Effectiveness Group, BPPS, UNDP	10 mins
Presentation of a summary of the Outcome Document & Objective setting for the session	Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Deputy Director, UNOSSC	10 mins
Presentation by each think-tank on their views of BAPA+40 and research ideas and knowledge initiatives	Think Tank representatives	10*6 = 60 mins
Q&A/ Interactive Discussion	All participants	40 mins
Session wrap-up & Concluding remarks	Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang, UNOSSC Ms. Margaret Thomas, UNDP	5 mins