



Concept Note

Responsible Business at the Forefront of South-South and Triangular Cooperation

UN Global Compact Virtual Side Event

Global South-South Development Expo 2022

13 September 2022, 9:00 - 9:50 AM (Bangkok Time)

Content: The United Nations Global Compact - the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative - through its Local Networks, has been supporting companies to navigate the sustainability challenges magnified by COVID-19. Moreover, The UN General Assembly, through its Resolution 73/291 adopted on 15 April 2019 which endorsed the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, recognizes the expansion of the number of relevant actors in development, such as the private sector. It also takes note of the inclusive and diverse nature of triangular cooperation that supports partnerships where each partner can contribute according to its own capacities and means, and call upon establishment and promotion of innovative development solutions and partnerships, involving various stakeholders at different levels, including local and regional authorities, civil society, the private sector, academia, research centers and non-governmental organizations.

The United Nations Global Compact side-event on Responsible Business at the Forefront of South-South and Triangular Cooperation during the 2022 Global South-South Development Expo in Bangkok will showcase concrete examples and lessons between Global Compact, its Local Networks and participants, particularly at the regional level, on building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The event will showcase the inclusive and diverse nature of south-south and triangular cooperation that supports partnerships where each partner can contribute according to its own capacities and means, notably in the private sector.

Target Audience: Government officials, UN partners, and Civil Society Organizations.

Methodology: 50-min virtual event where invited speakers share their experience and best practice in supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

Objectives:

- Showcase in a high-level event, how the UN Global Compact and its Local Networks, can play a central role in driving south-south and triangular cooperation;
- Exchange views on how the private sector can further enhance government efforts in south-south and triangular cooperation in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Promote future collaboration opportunities with Global Compact Local Networks, UN Resident Coordinators, and Governments.



Agenda

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9:00 - 9:05 AM (10:00 PM EST)	Welcome and Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs and Africa of the UN Global Compact
9:05 - 9:10 AM	Opening Remarks (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary-General and CEO of the UN Global Compact
9:10 - 9:35 AM	Leadership Dialogue on The Role of Responsible Business at the Forefront of South-South and Triangular Cooperation <p>As South-South cooperation expands in scale and scope, there is increasing recognition that multi-stakeholder partnerships are critical to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. One of the most prevalent stakeholders in these multi-stakeholder partnerships is the private sector. Responsible business can play a critical role in the fight to end poverty, through the creation of sustainable jobs, foster economic activity through their supply chains, and contribute tax revenues for basic services and infrastructure, particularly in the quest to build back better from the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease pandemic.</p>
9:35 - 9:45 AM	Question and Answer Portion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilitated by Global Compact Local Network Thailand (tbc)
9:45 - 9:50 AM	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs and Africa, UN Global Compact

Registration: interested participants can register via
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G19Eq0ANQtelEQ-6B7kLkA

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