

## GLOBAL SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXPO 2022

Concept Note - Launch of Report

### ***“Accelerating COVID-19 Recovery through Ushikamano wa Pan-Africa”***

Virtual event

September 12, 2022, 14:30 - 16:10 (GMT+2/CAT) / 8h30-10h10 am (NYT)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3zWpgQ5>

### 1. Background

African countries have been generating innovative and context-specific solutions, in collaboration with various development actors, to respond to current development challenges. South-South Cooperation (SSC) promotes horizontal knowledge exchanges between two developing countries at similar levels of development, while Triangular Cooperation (TrC), which involves a third TrC facilitating partner from a developed country or multilateral organization, is also growing as a medium for development cooperation. Despite restrictions in travel and the significant socio-economic impacts of the pandemic on countries, South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) is gaining momentum in Africa.

The Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) held in 2019 makes a number of recommendations for enhancing SSTC, including the scaling up of national-led efforts to institutionalize SSTC; promoting the access to and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms; and building multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the private sector. As mandated in the BAPA+40, the UNDP supports these SSTC efforts as a knowledge broker, partnership facilitator, and a capacity development supporter for SSTC.

In this context, building on the [First African South-South Cooperation Report](#) launched at BAPA+40, UNDP gathered data through an online survey on African SSTC initiatives in the context of COVID-19 with the support of United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and is proud to present, in partnership with UNOSSC, the report ***“Accelerating COVID-19 Recovery through Ushikamano wa Pan-Africa”***.

The report showcases how African countries have developed coordinated and collaborative responses to COVID-19 and beyond through SSTC partnerships, illustrating the strength of Africa’s resilience through the mutual sharing and the powerful Pan-African solidarity, as the Swahili word ***Ushikamano*** suggests. It captures ongoing SSTC initiatives in Africa and articulates the importance of SSTC for addressing the impact of COVID-19 and other development challenges beyond the pandemic.

### 2. Objectives

- To promote peer learning through the sharing of national experiences of SSTC practices in addressing African development challenges.
- To generate and promote opportunities for enhancing regional and country-level South-South and Triangular Cooperation post BAPA+40 in Africa.
- To facilitate knowledge sharing and cooperation among partners of the global South.

### 3. Proposed agenda

<b>14:30-14:35</b>	<b>Introduction by facilitator and overview of the agenda</b>
(5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orria Goni</b>, SDG Finance and South-South Cooperation Regional Advisor, UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub</li> </ul>
<b>14:35-14:45</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
(10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ayodele Odusola</b>, UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub Manager</li> <li>• <b>Xiaojun Grace Wang</b>, Deputy Director for Programme and Operations, UNOSSC</li> </ul>
<b>14:45-14:50</b> (5 min)	Launch of the report <b>“Accelerating COVID-19 Recovery through Ushikamano wa Pan-Africa”</b>
<b>14:50-15:05</b>	<b>Overview of the report</b>
(15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amanda Lucey</b>, South-South Cooperation Consultant, UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub</li> </ul>
<b>15:05-15:55</b> (50 min)	<b>Discussion: South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Africa during COVID-19 and Beyond</b> Facilitator: <b>Frederick Mugisha</b> , Regional SDG Integration Advisor, Regional Service Center for Africa
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TBC</b>, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TBC</b>, Rwanda Cooperation Initiative (RCI)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TBC</b>, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TBC</b>, China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nadine Piefer-Söyler</b>, Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tormod Nuland (TBC)</b>, Senior Adviser, Communication and Outreach, Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation (Norec)</li> </ul>
<b>15:55-16:05</b> (10 min)	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>16:05-16:10</b>	<b>Closing remarks &amp; wrap-up</b>
(5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orria Goni</b>, SDG Finance and South-South Cooperation Regional Advisor, UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub</li> </ul>