

Scaling-up Triangular Cooperation for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Side event at the second high-level meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, Nairobi

1 December, 13:00-14:00 in Room Robin



Triangular cooperation (TrC) features in the 2030 Agenda as a means to implement effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement the SDGs. It is a complementary modality to South-South and North-South Cooperation where the partners share knowledge, learn together and create joint solutions to development challenges. A recent survey conducted by the OECD found that, from 2012 to 2015, the number of projects, allocated budgets and duration of triangular cooperation initiatives has increased. Although triangular cooperation is recognized as a highly relevant and strategic mode of cooperation, it is still marginal when compared to bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

At this side event, participants will discuss:

Triangular cooperation as a means to implement the SDGs: How can TrC initiatives contribute to more effective development as well as the achievement of the SDGs, e.g. in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls? How can we adequately build awareness of the potential comparative advantages of TrC?

Scaling-up triangular cooperation: How can more innovative TrC multi-stakeholder initiatives, including e.g. the private sector, civil society organizations and academia, be promoted?

Success factors, challenges and guidelines: What have we learned from existing triangular cooperation projects in terms of initiating, planning, implementing and evaluating triangular cooperation? How are the guidelines that have been developed being used to facilitate the management of triangular cooperation projects?

This side event aims to:

- Achieve a commitment to scaling up TrC and improving its linkages to larger cooperation programs
- Promote more innovative TrC initiatives through multi-stakeholder approaches
- Showcase concrete examples of triangular projects and explore its effectiveness as a development tool, especially from the perspective of beneficiary countries
- Agree to establish a Global Partnership Initiative on promoting effective triangular cooperation.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre. Panelists will include:

- H.E. Goodall Edward Gondwe, Minister for Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Malawi (TBC)
- Dr. Lou Yiping, Director of Center for China-Africa Agriculture and Forestry Research (CAFOR), Zhejiang A&F University of China, and Senior Consultant to International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)
- Ryna Elizabeth Araniva Garay, Director General for Development Cooperation, El Salvador
- Shohei Hara, Head of Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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