

Zero Draft
**South-South and Triangular Cooperation
Strategy**

Briefing to the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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1. Background

- SSTC:
 - ✓ An effective and efficient mechanism for the delivery of development goals.
 - ✓ Activities are increasing across the world.
 - UN System guidelines.
 - Increased socio-economic collaboration amongst countries of the South => Need to ensure that environment is incorporated in decisions.
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1. Background – continued

- Responds to resolutions of:
 - ✓ United Nations General Assembly.
 - ✓ High-level UN Conferences on South-South Cooperation (Nairobi, 2009 and Buenos Aires, 2019).
 - ✓ UNEP's governing bodies.
 - Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives considered a draft outline of the strategy on 11 June.
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2. Process to date

Desk review

- Existing UNEP policies.
 - External guidance material from the UN System.
 - Policy and guidance documents of other UN agencies such as FAO, IFAD, UNFPA.
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2. Process to date - continued

Consultations

- UNEP Consultations: UNEP SSTC Community of Practice (CoP), Sub-programme Coordinators, Regional Development Coordinators and the Evaluation Office.
 - External Consultations: GEF Small Grants Programme, IFAD, UNOSSC.
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3. Content

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION defined:

“A process whereby two or more developing countries pursue their individual and/or shared national capacity development objectives through exchanges of knowledge, skills, resources and technical knowhow, and through regional and interregional collective actions, including partnerships involving Governments, regional organisations, civil society, academia and the private sector, for their individual and/or mutual benefit within and across regions.”

Source: The UN Framework Guidelines for SSTC

South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation.

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TRIANGULAR COOPERATION defined:

“Southern-driven partnerships between two or more developing countries supported by a developed country(ies)/or multilateral organization(s) to implement development cooperation programmes and projects.”

Source: The UN Framework Guidelines for SSTC

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- SSTC Strategy suggests:
 - ✓ **Timeframe** = 2020-2030.
 - ✓ Normative and operational principles from the 2009 Nairobi outcome document of the First High-Level United Nations Conference on SSC.
 - Strategy focuses on three main areas:
 - I. UNEP's Programme of Work.
 - II. Engagement with the UN system.
 - III. Innovative partnerships.
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Objective 1: Enhance South-South and Triangular Cooperation in UNEP's Programme of Work

- Increase awareness and capacity of SSTC among staff and partners.
 - Enhance visibility and use of SSTC in internal processes and highlight SSTC in next MTS and PoW.
 - Develop and enhance knowledge management, communication and outreach tools.
 - Provide dedicated funds for SSTC projects and activities.
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Objective 2: Enhance UNEP's South-South and Triangular Cooperation engagement with the UN system

- Engage with UN agencies, UNCT, Regional mechanisms and SSTC inter-agency process.
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Objective 3: Fostering and enhancing innovative partnerships

- Develop innovative partnerships with:
 - ✓ Think tanks
 - ✓ Private sector
 - ✓ Youth
 - ✓ Civil society
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Guiding principles for partnerships

- UNEP's Programme Manual (Partnerships section) and the "Framework of operational guidelines on UN support to South-South and triangular cooperation".

Also include:

- Alignment to UNEP programme objectives and the SDGs.
 - Identification of clear benefits/outcomes.
 - Demand driven.
 - Based on the availability of funds.
 - Have a multi-stakeholder and inclusive approach.
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4. Next steps

- 5 Sep – Draft Strategy presented to Member States at a Secretariat Briefing.
 - By 27 Sep – Member States provide comments in writing on the draft Strategy.
 - By mid Oct – Revised draft shared with the CPR.
 - 31 Oct – Member States will consider the revised draft at Subcommittee of the CPR.
 - 10 Dec – Final draft of the Strategy will be made available for consideration by Member States at CPR meeting.
 - 5 Sep to 10 Dec – Internal consultations with CoP, SMT.
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Thank You
