

# South-South Global Thinkers

The Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for SSC



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## THE PURPOSE: Sustainable Development Goals

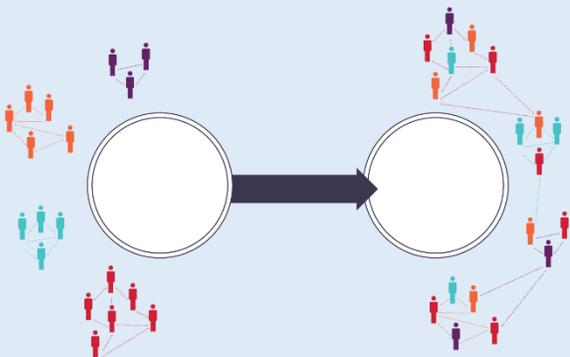


The world has adopted the

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

an agenda calling for a new and inclusive global partnership, of which South-South and triangular cooperation (SSC and TrC) forms an integral part.

## THE CHALLENGE: Knowledge gaps in scaling-up SSC for sustainable development



It is the think tanks from the Global South who can best tackle this challenge, in collaboration with those from the North. Think Tanks can play a vital role in the political and policy arenas at the local, national level, and global levels and assist governments in understanding and making informed choices about issues of domestic and international concerns.

## THE SOLUTION: South-South Global Thinkers



The scale and complexity of SSC requires multidisciplinary knowledge and analysis, which can be very difficult to fully master by any individual think tank or a single network of think tanks. **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)** will support the establishment of the South-South Global Thinkers: Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks for SSC (GCTTN).

## OBJECTIVES

**Build partnership with major think tank networks** to deepen the understanding of SSC and TrC, including its concepts, methodologies, policy issues and solutions for sustainable development;

**Facilitate a global support platform that connects and enable various networks of Think Tanks and centres of excellence**, to exchange knowledge, pool multidisciplinary expertise, and collaboratively conduct research and policy dialogues on scaling up SSC and TrC for sustainable development.

**Support capacity development of think tank networks** to provide advisory services to inform policy making and practice in SSC and TrC.

## 10 PRIORITIES:

- O1 SSC concepts, trends, evaluation frameworks and Impact assessment
- O2 Policy coordination and legal environment for SSC
- O3 SSC in economic structural transformation
- O4 SSC in science, technology, and innovation
- O5 South-South trade, investment and financing
- O6 SSC delivering results on the SDGs
- O7 SSC in basic infrastructure and connectivity
- O8 SSC risk management in fragile contexts
- O9 Multi-stakeholder engagement in SSC (Youth, Women, Private Sector, Civil Society, etc)
- O10 Regional/sub-regional mechanisms & neighbourhood SSC initiatives

## ACTIVITIES: Support research, advocacy and advisory



- Research agenda on SSC and TrC for sustainable development
- collaborative research and produce knowledge products



- Organize discussions and forums for the exchange of ideas and information between key stakeholders in the policy formulation process
- Generate multimedia publications and advocacy materials on South-South Cooperation and SDGs topics



- Advisory services at demand to support SSC programme implementation;
- Contribute policy recommendations to global agenda setting on SSC including those leading to the BAPA +40 process

## GOVERNING BODY: Steering Committee consisting of representatives of founding partner institutions and major think tank networks

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