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Context

The 2016 Global South-South Development Expo entitled “South-South Cooperation: Enhancing innovation towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” will showcase successful Southern solutions to the complex challenges facing the South today by communicating the growing evidence of the strong and tangible contributions in promoting people-centered investment to economic development, to creation of decent jobs and to poverty eradication at the global, regional and national levels.

What: UNDP is organizing four solution forums to show case support to South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSC and TrC) during the Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD) in Dubai. The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) is the organizer of the GSSD with Zayed International Foundation for the Environment as host on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

When: 31 October – 3 November 2016

Where: Dubai

Who: Principals and representatives of United Nations organizations, developing countries, donor agencies, business and private-sector groups, civil society organizations, think tanks and academia.

UNDP organized and Co-organized Events:

Plenary Session 2

The 2030 Agenda and the evolving dynamic role and contribution of the private sector and the catalytic role of the UN system in sustainable development

Monday, 31 October 2016, 3:45-5:15pm (Room E)

The event is co-organized by UNDP and coordinated by the UN Global Compact, UN Social Impact Fund & Global CEO Alliance. With the 2030 Agenda as the overarching framework under the Delivering as One vision of the UN Secretary-General, a joint session will be organized to create an

interactive dialogue on the role of private sector and impact investment in South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation.

Solution Forum 2

SS Mart for SDGs

Tuesday, 1 November 2016, 9:00 am -10:30 am (Room D)

UNDP will introduce a global development solution exchange system namely the South South or the SS Mart for Sustainable Development Goals—a global marketplace and an end-to-end service that will provide easy and broad access to demands and supply in development solutions to address challenges in achieving the SDGs. The forum will also demonstrate how this platform will meet the needs and demands of governments, development partners, donors and financiers for local solutions with specific examples from other countries including the Saemaul Initiative in the Republic of Korea.

Solution Forum 11

Research on SSC in the Context of the SDGs

Wednesday, 2 November 2016, 11:00am-12:30pm (Room A)

This Solution Forum “Research on SSC in Context of the SDGs” will be used as a platform to officially launch the findings of research studies on SSC & TrC priority research topics selected and conducted by think tanks from the South. In this forum, the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) will also present its research on strengthening the Institutional Capacities of African governments for monitoring the SDGs through SSC and collect expert feedback on the highlights of the studies.

Solution Forum 13

South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Tobacco Control

Wednesday, 2 November 2016, 2:00pm-3:30pm (Room A)

This Solution Forum will present results from joint efforts of UNDP and the WHO FCTC Framework Convention Secretariat to promote SSC and TrC for tobacco control. It will also examine the potential to scale up initial work to support tobacco control and to advance health, health equity and sustainable development more broadly. Other global health challenges, including non-communicable diseases and global health crises, would benefit from the currently untapped potential of strong information exchange platforms.

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