

# INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON TRIANGULAR CO-OPERATION

## MAKING BEST USE OF THE VALUE ADDED OF TRIANGULAR CO-OPERATION

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DAY 1: 17 APRIL 2018

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 10:30 **Opening and setting the scene**

**Welcome by the organisers and pre-launch of the “Toolkit for identifying, monitoring and evaluating the value added of triangular co-operation”:** Teresa Ribeiro, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Portugal, and Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

**Good practices in knowledge sharing:** Mónica Aspe, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the OECD

**Keynote address – Triangular co-operation on the road to BAPA +40:** Jorge Chediek, Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Co-operation (UNOSSC)

10:30 – 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00-13:00 **Session 1. Making best use of the value added of triangular co-operation – scaling-up multi-stakeholder partnerships**

Triangular co-operation has multiple objectives: strategic, developmental and partnership. All partners transfer knowledge and expertise which encourages co-creation of development solutions and can lead to additional benefits. Among others, these benefits include enhanced ownership of the activity, the transfer of solutions that are cost-effective and better adapted to the needs of the beneficiary country, or the establishment of a partnership that continues beyond the duration of the activity. Those involved in implementing triangular co-operation agree that these factors are a significant value added and a key motivation for working trilaterally. Nevertheless, triangular initiatives could often be better linked to other development programmes in countries and could be planned to involve various partners in the form of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

The issue of multi-stakeholder partnerships is also linked to the question of what happens when triangular co-operation projects end:

- What are the experiences of different stakeholders in triangular co-operation?
- What preconditions need to be in place to seize the benefits of triangular co-operation?
- How can different development co-operation partners scale up successful initiatives and build synergies with other programmes?

This session will be structured in three parts:

- 1) First, a panel will introduce user stories on how contributions of different types of stakeholders can be leveraged and additional resources mobilised to scale up triangular co-operation.
- 2) Panellists and participants will look at how to create better synergies between triangular co-operation and other development co-operation programmes.
- 3) Having identified these synergies and against the background of the user stories, the panel will discuss with the plenary what pre-conditions need to be met to scale-up multi-stakeholder partnerships.

**Moderator: Clare Woodcraft, Woodcraft Associates**

**Panel discussion with user stories from:**

**Private sector:** Rogelio Rodríguez Morales, Development Director, Mexican Retailers Association (ANTAD)

**Working with civil society organisations and banks:** Mohammed H. Al-Saleem, Department for Microfinance Projects, Arab Gulf Fund for Development (AGFUND)

**Philanthropic organisations:** Representative from Aga Khan Foundation

**Chile:** Juan Pablo Lira, Executive Director of the Chilean Agency for International Development Cooperation (AGCID)

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH – Lunch Room**

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 2: Addressing pressing global challenges through triangular co-operation**

**Moderator: Clare Woodcraft, Woodcraft Associates**

An expanding body of evidence is showing that triangular co-operation can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in innovative and collaborative ways and can provide solutions to overcome today's environmental, economic and social constraints to development. By looking at a range of global challenges, this panel will show how triangular co-operation contributes to tackling pressing issues at the global level and, at the same time, will dispel the myth that there is little triangular co-operation beyond Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Triangular co-operation and:**

- **Social - Women's economic empowerment:** Soukeina Bouraoui, Director of the Center for Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)
- **Innovation – Agricultural marketplace:** Wófsi Yuri de Souza Guimarães, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)
- **Economic - Inequality and inclusive economic growth:** Sachin Chaturvedi, Director Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India
- **Energy:** Hartley Kabunda Walimwipi, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Zambia

Followed by plenary discussion.

16:00 – 16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 3. Triangular co-operation on the road to BAPA +40**

**Panel discussion on “Messages from Lisbon to Buenos Aires”**

**Moderator: Jorge Chediek, Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Co-operation (UNOSSC)**

The development co-operation landscape has changed dramatically since the Buenos Aires Plan of Action was agreed in 1978. While some concepts and approaches are as valid today as they were 40 years ago, others have evolved substantially. Triangular co-operation has come of age and will feature explicitly in the United Nations second high-level conference on South-South Co-operation (BAPA +40), which was not the case at the original conference in Buenos Aires. This paves the way for all development stakeholders to shape a new agenda. The panellists will discuss messages to take from this meeting in Lisbon to Buenos Aires. The discussion will be followed by the presentation of a video of the Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) on effective triangular co-operation as a platform for participants to continue working together in preparing for BAPA + 40

#### Panellists:

- **Argentina:** Ana Ciuti, Director, Development Co-operation Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship
- **Thailand:** Suphatra Srimaitreephithak, Director General of Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)
- **Indonesia:** Dewo Broto Joko Putranto, Director of Foreign Politics and International Development Cooperation, Bappenas,
- **Morocco:** Mohamed Methqal, General Director, Moroccan Agency of International Cooperation (AMCI)
- **Islamic Development Bank:** Abdelhakim Yessouf, Senior Technical Co-operation Specialist, Reverse Linkage Division
- **Mexico:** Teresa Rosas, Deputy Director-General of Multilateral Fora, Mexican Agency for International Development Co-operation (AMEXCID)

18:00 **Group Photo**

18:30 **Cocktail offered by Teresa Ribeiro, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Portugal**  
*Salon Nobre, Camões Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, Avenida da Liberdade 270*

### DAY 2: 18 APRIL 2018

9:30 – 11:30 **Session 4. Presenting a toolkit for identifying, measuring and evaluating the value added of triangular co-operation**

**Moderator:** Martín Rivero, Team Lead Social Cohesion and South-South Co-operation, Iberoamerican Secretariat (SEGIB)

At the international meeting on triangular co-operation that the OECD organised in Lisbon in 2016, participants agreed that, to help triangular co-operation achieve its full potential, the partners involved should capture and communicate better its value added, e.g. through evaluations, based on their respective goals as well as the overall development and partnership objectives. As a follow-up, a group of interested experts started working, together with the OECD, on a toolkit for identifying, measuring and evaluating the value added of triangular co-operation. In this session, discussants will give their perspective on the toolkit. Further work will continue on the toolkit during break-out sessions.

#### Discussants:

- **Germany:** Ulrich Müller, Senior Policy Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- **Programa Iberoamericano para el Fortalecimiento de la Cooperación Sur-Sur (PIFCSS):** Cynthia Filartiga, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paraguay
- **South Africa:** Gcino Mlaba, Deputy Director, Developments Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology

11:30 – 12:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 – 14:00

**Session 5: Advancing the work of the Global Partnership Initiative on effective triangular co-operation**

**Moderator: Ryutaro Murotani, Director, Deputy Head, Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

Discussion in three breakout groups and reporting back to the plenary:

- **Advocacy work stream** – discussion led by Teresa Rosas, Deputy Director-General of Multilateral Fora, Mexican Agency for International Development Co-operation (AMEXCID)
- **Analytical work stream** – discussion led by Lars Thomann, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- **Operational work stream** – discussion led by Alexandre Bento, Trade Union Centre (CUT) and Abdelhakim Yessouf, Senior Technical Co-operation Specialist, Reverse Linkage Division, Islamic Development Bank

(Finger food will be provided during the session)

