

LEARNING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION (LSSC)

Course on Development Partnership

17-28 November 2014

at

RIS, New Delhi



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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

In recent years, the global dialogue on South-South Cooperation (SSC) has become more prominent in discussions on international cooperation, highlighting the importance of SSC in the global arena. The desire of Southern economies to harness the potential of their cooperation has led to the conception and formalisation of several platforms such as India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS), BRICS, IBSA and Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) including many others. There is evidence that substantial attention is being paid to discussions on SSC including intensified inter-governmental dialogue on SSC in the United Nations as well as at the High Level Forums (HLF) on Aid Effectiveness of the OECD/DAC, where a larger role for SSC is being discussed. In these discussions, there have been serious efforts at viewing SSC as a process that is distinct from the North-South Cooperation (NSC).

SSC takes different forms and modalities for extending assistance to partner countries. They include technical assistance, capacity building programmes, knowledge sharing, production cooperation financial assistance and technology transfer. The SSC is often perceived by the partner countries to be more receptive and adapted to their needs and priorities. As a result, expectations from the SSC have increased manifold.

The present course on Development Partnership to be held at Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi is intended to familiarise the participants to a broader concept of SSC particularly on the Development Cooperation in the context of ongoing resurgence of the economies of the South in the wake of



major changes being witnessed in the global aid architecture. The programme would, among other things, focus on rationale, concepts and contours of SSC by building on the individual accomplishments of the respective countries, thus explaining the benefits from and barriers to their collective engagements. It would also throw light on the key principles, policies, modalities (that includes national sovereignty, national ownership, independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference and mutual benefit) and practices that are evident across SSC and respond to how the policy orientations or the strengths of SSC can be practically applied.

Further, it would discuss how SSC is a different paradigm from the NSC and how the SSC should be viewed as a voluntary partnership which has now developed into a more matured platform transcending the initial foundations of political solidarity and not as a replacement for the NSC in any significant measure.

This would be a two week programme (November 17th-28th, 2014) for participants interested in issues related to SSC. It would have sessions on principles, approaches, features and different dimensions of South-South Cooperation. The programme would cover the following broad topics:

- **South-South Cooperation: Rationale, Concepts and Contours**
- **Differences between North-South and South-South Cooperation**
- **Evidence based Analysis and related Case Studies**
- **Evaluation of Development Partnership**
- **Development Finance and Global Trends**
- **Institutional Architecture and Development Cooperation**
- **Trade and Technology Linkages**

The course would provide a brief overview of different contours of SSC by providing a practical experience in the field. A one-night and two-day field visit would also be organised for the participants during the course of the programme.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligibility Criteria for the Participants	
Educational Qualifications	Graduate
Work Experience required, if any	Experience with diplomatic assignments/ Experience with Aid Management/ South-South Cooperation (SSC)/North-South Cooperation (NSC)
Age Limit: [Note: ITEC norms is 25-45 years]	Open
Target Group [<i>Level of participants and target ministries/departments, etc., may be indicated</i>]	Junior and Middle level officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Finance/ Commerce or other Ministries dealing with SSC/NSC/Civil Society representatives engaging in related issues/Research Institutes

FELLOWSHIP ALLOWANCES

The Programme covers return travel of the participants between his/her home country and India, living and subsistence allowance, and admissible medical expenses during the programme in New Delhi, as per the rules governing ITEC/SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

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