

Editorial

Continuing with the spirit of having special articles, perspectives, conference report, book review and statistics on South-South Cooperation (SSC), Development Cooperation Review (DCR) is out with its second issue. We are happy with the response we received from our readers and well wishers during the launch of DCR both at Delhi and Buenos Aires. We sincerely hope that the present issue will also create enough interest among those who are keen to keep track of the various contours of development cooperation. This effort is all the more important keeping in view the forthcoming events -- UNDCF High-level meeting between 21-22 May 2018, to be subsequently followed by the BAPA+40 summit in Buenos Aires during March 2019.

The first article in this issue captures India-Indonesia partnership for SSC. It links both the countries historically in their shared vision of Southern solidarity and charts its way to the contemporary scenario of SSC and Development Cooperation. The following article positions the Non-Aligned Movement in perspective and discusses its relevance in the present quest for sustainable development. The next article discusses the role of Colombia and its engagement towards creating a more institutionalised architecture for SSC through the Colombian Presidential Agency of International Cooperation. The fourth contribution in the section of 'Special Article' is on SSC in the context of ECOWAS-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The piece gives an overview, challenges and endorsement of the EPA negotiations. The final write up talks about strengthening the livelihood initiative for home-based workers (SABAH) in Maldives. SABAH Maldives is a co-operative society registered in the Maldives with a shareholding of 40 per cent by Maldivian home-based workers and 60 per cent by the Government of Maldives. Objectives, activities and challenges of the co-operative have been dealt with as well.

The next section of the DCR is dedicated to our on-going 'Lexicon and Syntax' series on development cooperation. This issue of DCR talks about SSC from the perspective of 'Collective Action'. The theoretical perspective runs through the article in explaining the political movements of Non-Aligned Movement and major events such as the Bandung Conference, UNCTAD's call for a New World Economic Order and associated episode of Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

The conference report section enumerates the key takeaways from Think-Tank 20 (T20) Africa Standing Group Annual Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It talks about key discussions and major outcomes of the meeting. The Global Coalition of Think Tank Networks (GCTTN) for South-South Cooperation had its first Steering Committee meeting in Antalya, Turkey in December 2017. Ten priority research areas were identified to represent the key knowledge gaps in the areas of South-South Cooperation. A short note on deliberations in the meeting is presented in this section.

The next section in the DCR reviews Ibero-American Report on South-South Cooperation, 2017. The review talks about the special significance of the 2017 edition of the report from the perspective of two anniversaries; 10 years anniversary of the first Ibero-American Report in 2007 and the 40th commemoration of Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA).

In the Ambassador's Perspective, this time we captured India's development initiatives in Tanzania. The sectors covered have been safe drinking water and sanitation, infrastructure, agriculture, transport, healthcare, education, hydrography, solar energy and capacity building. The SSC in Statistics section features data on promoting scientific innovations in the South. We have also captured the launching event of DCR which took place in New Delhi on March 29, 2018 and in Buenos Aires on April 12, 2018. A special feature has been added in this issue of DCR where in we have tried to list some of the latest additions to literature on SSC from across the globe to apprise the readers about the recent issues being given prominence vis-a-vis SSC in particular and development cooperation in general. We hope they will be found useful.

We solicit comments and feedbacks from our readers to make DCR a better reading experience and simultaneously improve the quality of the publication.