

About Development Cooperation Review

Development Cooperation Review (DCR) aspires to capture holistic narrative around global development cooperation and fill an important knowledge gap towards theorisation, empirical verification and documentation of Southern led development cooperation processes. Despite growing volumes of development partnerships around the Southern world, there remains an absence of detailed information, analyses and its contribution to global development processes. Even though there have been sporadic efforts in documenting some of the activities, a continuous effort in chronicling the diverse experiences in South-South Cooperation (SSC) is still absent. RIS has endeavoured to launch DCR, a monthly periodical, to fill this gap.

SSC fast emerged as an important pillar of international cooperation. Complemented by its diversity in forms, modalities and practices, and moving away from the traditional 'one size fits all' approach, SSC operates on the principles of mutual sharing and solidarity. DCR is designed to bring policymakers, officials, researchers, academics and the development practitioners onto a global platform to share their ideas, experiences and concerns vis-a-vis development cooperation. The periodical would further allow us to feature special write-ups, analyses, opinion pieces, commentaries and in general the South's take on the emerging narrative of global architecture of development cooperation, including ODA.

The necessity of a publication that analyses development cooperation landscape through a Southern lens cannot be overemphasised, given the prevailing practice of looking at SSC from a typical Northern perspective. Through this publication, readers can keep themselves abreast of efforts carried out worldwide and the latest information about diversified efforts at development cooperation. The periodical will review and analyse bilateral/multilateral cooperation efforts, highlight key developments and issues in SSC and other narratives of development cooperation, besides underlining its discernible trends and patterns. In the evolving narrative on SSC, different modalities and divergent ideas are emerging.

Conceptually, SSC may be considered to have branched into five founding modalities of development cooperation that includes capacity building, trade and investment, development finance, grants and technology cooperation. These are collectively referred to as 'development compact', highlighting the logic that they are not mutually independent of one another. The purpose of DCR is also to concretize the notion of 'development compact' with all possible pluralities engaged in by different participants in SSC and simultaneously inform relevant stakeholders about the growing relevance of SSC in contemporary global affairs.