

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, analysis 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.

DCR is designed to bring policy-makers, 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 narratives of global architecture of development cooperation, including ODA.

The necessity of a publication that analysis 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 also with 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 their discernible trends and patterns. In the evolving narrative on SSC, different modalities and divergent ideas are emerging.

The establishment of Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) South-based Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) and involving active participation of scholars and practitioners in development cooperation may be considered a welcome invitation to the quest for understanding the achievements and taking care of the challenges facing the present architecture of global development cooperation in general and South-South Cooperation (SSC) in particular. The need for a platform like DCR that would facilitate open dialogue among the stakeholders was felt ever since these two organisations were in place. It is felt that DCR will fill the existing vacuum to a larger extent.