

Editorial

We are happy to share the fifth issue of *Development Cooperation Review* (DCR), even though a little belated. DCR this month engages with South-South Cooperation (SSC) and its accompanying issues linked to global architecture of development cooperation. The first of the special articles begins with understanding the relationship between SSC and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which has been emerging as a serious challenge to the practitioners and commentators on development cooperation. The article looks at the interlinkage among SSC, SDGs and Development Finance and considers the challenges from the perspective of social reality of Latin America. SSC is also intimately linked to enhance the capacity of southern nations in their health delivery system. An interesting note on the potential of alternate medicinal system for provision of health care has been proposed in the next article. We also have included a case study on Lines of Credit (LoC) provided by India to Bangladesh, giving a brief account of some efforts made to strengthen railways system in Bangladesh. The final contribution to the special articles section considers Indo-Brazilian Defence Cooperation.

In the next regular section on Lexicon and Syntax of Development Cooperation we raise the debate on developing a standardized monitoring and evaluation format for SSC and creating a common template for reporting the activities under SSC. The arguments conclude in favour of “assessment” as the effective approach that does not consider understanding and/or underpinning “comparative” effectiveness of development cooperation as a necessary condition for SSC.

A recently published and interesting book entitled “*EU-China-Africa Trilateral Relations in a Multipolar World: Hic Sunt Dracones*” by Anna Katharina Stahl has been reviewed in the book review section. The reviewer notes that this book describes the trilateral relations between the EU, China, and Africa, departing from a European point of view, and shows that the EU has started adapting its foreign policy to the emerging multipolar world order and presents new evidence for emerging EU-China-Africa trilateral relations.

This issue also features the key takeaways from the workshop on “*Prospects for Triangular Cooperation in the G20*” held on the 12 April 2018, San Martín Palace, Buenos Aires. The event was convened by the Argentine G20 presidency and jointly organized by the general directorate of international

cooperation of the ministry of foreign affairs and worship, and the general directorate of cooperation and international finance of the ministry of social development.

The Ambassador's Perspective section focuses on India's SSC efforts in Sri Lanka. India's development cooperation with Sri Lanka is expansive, in both infrastructure development and capacity building. The author categorises these projects into small development projects and large scale infrastructure projects and throws light on the modalities of India's development cooperation.

The section, SSS in Statistics, considers the space for South-South trade in the global trade scenario.