

Editorial

Development Cooperation Review (DCR) brings its ninth edition forward with a mosaic of articles to immerse the reader in the plurality of country experiences to further South-South and Triangular Cooperation. The articles showcase cooperation efforts from countries, irrespective of their size, reflecting upon the principle of solidarity that is foundational to South-South Cooperation (SSC).

The special articles unfold with the Laura T. Waisbich highlighting the state of debate on development assistance in IBSA countries. Waisbich provides a qualitative semblance of the legislative-executive debates in India, Brazil and South Africa, wherein parliamentary oversight guides development cooperation indicating an increased role of the legislative in SSC. The special article by Irina Babuci draws attention to the increasing role of SSC towards the attainment of the sustainable development goals, which presents SSC as a viable mode of engagement for the Republic of Moldova. Babuci highlights the landmark visit of the Moldovan Minister of Foreign Affairs Tudor Uliianovschi to India in August 2018 as a step towards establishing mutually beneficial partnerships. The special article by Farida Zakaria Abdou Rahamane presents the Niger-Nigeria Joint Commission for Cooperation as a case study to further SSC. The article illustrates the institutional setup of the commission, its background, targets and key areas of engagement. The Niger-Nigeria Joint Commission for Cooperation presents a good practice towards addressing common challenges faced by the two countries as they embark on their development journeys.

India-Nepal partnership is cemented on a shared history, strong people-to-people linkages and open border. Since the 1950 India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, the relations have evolved manifold spreading over a diverse cooperation landscape covering trade and economics, water and energy cooperation, humanitarian assistance, Indian grant assistance and capacity building initiatives to name a few. This month, DCR provides a brief account of India-Nepal cooperation by Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri. He narrates the multifaceted nature of development cooperation between the two countries, highlighting the various projects of the Government of India to enhance connectivity, trade and infrastructure.

This month, DCR takes up the book by Kevin Gray and Barry K Gills (eds.), 'Rising Powers and South-South Cooperation'. Reviewing the book, Kartikeya Dwivedi highlights that the compilation presents a variety of analytical perspectives related to South-South and Triangular Cooperation and focuses primarily on the role of emerging economics. Dwivedi draws attention to the need to understand SSC at the sectoral operational level along with the macro politico-economic level to better grasp the potential and demand-driven nature of SSC.

SSC in statistics underlines the share and characteristics of BRICS trade in the total world trade and highlights the share of manufacturing exports in the total exports of BRICS countries.

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