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Delhi Process-VI YOUNG SCHOLARS' FORUM

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

THE CONTEXT

Ever since its inception in 2013, Delhi Process has been providing an important, effective and equitable platform to all stakeholders of development cooperation and promote South-South Cooperation (SSC). Having organized five such exciting gatherings so far that elicited considerable debates and discussions on the past, present and future of SSC, the process has created opportunities of late for initiating elaborate discussions on Triangular Cooperation (TrC) as a new means of development cooperation. In the process, it also opened up the space to representatives from traditional donors and multilateral organizations to participate and share their views on the broader issues of development cooperation.

Delhi Process VI is scheduled to be held during March 2021 in a virtual mode and the preparatory actions have already been initiated with organizing a number of webinars linked to regional responses to some of the glaring issues facing the global South, COVID 19 included. Some of the issues being highlighted in these webinars are Health related challenges, Science-Policy interlinkages, Future of Work in the face of Industrial Revolution 4.0, food security and multilateralism and its future.

Five editions of this process have been held so far that enjoyed active collaboration by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Initially the process started with the ECOSOC and soon the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) also joined the efforts. The global initiatives like the Network of Southern Think tanks (NeST) and the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC). Delhi Process IV played an important role in facilitating the necessary ground work prior to the BAPA+40 Conference in March 2019 and Delhi Process V gave a platform to look beyond the deliberations in BAPA+40 and creating opportunities to frame the future road map for SSC and TrC.

YOUNG SCHOLARS' FORUM

Delhi V introduced a number of new initiatives, namely “Young Scholars’ Forum” and “University-Think Tank Connect”. While the first was intended to create a platform for young researchers to share their academic outputs on SSC and TrC with peers and experts, the second initiative was an effort at bringing the members of University faculty in constant interactive relationship with those engaged with the think tanks. Both the initiatives were well accepted.

The objectives of “Young Scholars’ Forum” are:

- To create a pool of young researchers specialized in issues related to development cooperation, in general, and SSC and TrC, in particular;
- To facilitate sharing of relevant knowledge and experiences in SSC and TrC among young researchers spread across the global South; and
- To link identified researchers into an effective network that would facilitate joint research and help capture the pluralities in SSC.

Under “Young Scholars’ Forum” about 20 young scholars from all across the Southern world were invited to present their papers during Delhi Process V. They were chosen from about 80 submissions that were made in response to the call for participation.

The Delhi Process VI would also like to organize “Young Scholars’ Forum” in view of the response it received last year from scholars spread across the Southern world.

Proposals are invited from interested scholars/ graduate students (preferably below the age of 35 years) located in any country that is considered to be a part of the Global South in the form of an abstract (not exceeding 750 words) on any of the following themes.

- i) SSC in Trade and Investment;
- ii) SSC Institutions;
- iii) SSC Impact Assessment;
- iv) Collective Efforts for Effective Multilateralism and
- v) Cross Border Challenges and Solutions in Inequality and Sustainability.

IMPORTANT DATES

The abstracts are to reach Ms. Aditi Gupta (aditi.gupta@ris.org.in) no later than January 31 2021. Please mention “Young Scholars’ Forum 2021” in the subject line. The authors of shortlisted abstracts will be notified by February 10 2021 and invited to make presentations during the webinars to be held in mid-March 2021. A token honorarium of INR 3000 will be paid to each of the presenter on submission of full papers by April 30 2021. 10-12 selected papers would be compiled into an edited volume and published by early 2022 from a reputed publishing house.