







# वैश्विक दक्षिण एवं त्रिकोणीय सहयोग के उभरते पहलुओं पर सम्मेलन

3-४ जून २०२**५** होटल ताज पैलेस सरदार पटेल मार्ग, डिप्लोमैटिक एन्क्लेव, धौला कुआँ, नई दिल्ली

# Conference on Global South & Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Facets

3-4 June 2025

Hotel Taj Palace

Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave,

Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Day 1: Tuesday, June 3, 2025		
Breakfast Dialogue on University Connect Hub  (by invitation)		
7:30 – 8:30 AM (Venue: Mumtaz)	Round of Introductions  Special Remarks: Professor Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi	
	Roundtable Discussion with Hon'ble Vice Chancellors	
	Special Invitees: Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi	
	<b>Dr Nitya Nanda,</b> Director, Council for Social Development, New Delhi	
	<b>Professor Dipankar Sengupta,</b> Professor, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir	
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration and Tea	
	MoU Signing Ceremony of University Hub Partners (by invitation)	
8:30 – 9:00 AM		
(Venue: Mumtaz)	Introduction of University Connect Hub: Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS, New Delhi	
	Signing of MoUs	
	Remarks by Hon'ble Vice Chancellors	
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Settling in of Guests	











### अध्यक्षीय अभिभाषण

महामहिम श्री सैंटियागो पेना पालासिओस पराग्वे गणराज्य के राष्ट्रपति

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#### **Discurso Presidencial**

#### S.E. Sr. Santiago Peña Palacios

Presidente de la República del Paraguay

3 de junio de 2025 Hotel Palacio Taj Sardar Patel Marg, Enclave Diplomático, Dhaula Kuan, Nueva Delhi

## **Presidential Address**

#### H.E. Mr Santiago Peña Palacios

President of the Republic of Paraguay

3 June 2025 Hotel Taj Palace Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi

## PRESIDENTIAL SESSION

## **Programme**

Tuesday, 3 June 2025 9:30 am – 10:15 am\*

# Context Setting Professor Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General, RIS

## Welcome Remarks Shri Pabitra Margerita

Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

# Presidential Address H.E. Mr Santiago Pena Palacios

Hon'ble President, Republic of Paraguay

#### Closing Remarks

**Ambassador Sanjay Kumar Verma** 

Chairperson, RIS

\*Please be seated by 9:15 am

## **10:30 – 11:45 AM** (*Venue: Durbar*)

# High Level Panel on Bandung and Beyond - Collective Will and Collective Action

#### Key issues:

- Revisiting the principles of the Bandung Conference, which emphasized solidarity among the countries of the Global South in the post-colonial context.
- Reflecting on how those ideals of economic cooperation and solidarity can guide collective responses to 21<sup>st</sup> Century global challenges.
- Encouraging global collaborative approaches among governments, civil society, and international organisations for ensuring growth for all.

In this high-level panel, the speakers will discuss the historic Bandung Conference in the context of contemporary global development challenges. The idea is to bring in voices from the North and the South to deliberate the scope for a unified and a collective solution driven mandate to achieve sustainable development.

Co-Chair: Dr Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre, Switzerland

*Co-Chair:* Mr Luis E. Breuer, Former Senior Resident Representative for India, Nepal, and Bhutan, IMF, Paraguay

**Keynote: Shri Rohit Rathish**, Joint Secretary (DPA-III), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi

#### **Speakers:**

**Professor Amitabh Mattoo,** Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Ms Cynthia McCaffrey, Representative, UNICEF, New Delhi

**Dr Satish Chandra Mishra,** Founder and Executive Director, The ArthaShastra Institute, Indonesia

**Dr José Molinas Vega,** Chief Economist and Academic Director, Desarrollo Institute, Paraguay

**Dr Somdeth Bodhisane,** Institute for Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR

**Dr Him Rotha,** Deputy Director, Cambodian Centre for Regional Studies, Cambodia

**Dr Renu Modi,** Senior Lecturer, Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai, Maharashtra (online)

Open Discussion

# 11:50 – 12:30 PM (*Venue: Durbar*)

#### Key issues:

- Examining the transformation of agriculture into a high-value, technology-driven sector including the role of agri-tech, precision farming, and digital infrastructure.
- Revisiting Cross-country knowledge sharing through South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and policy frameworks and institutional innovations

# Special Session on Agriculture as Driver of Growth in the Global South in partnership with ICRISAT

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of livelihoods, employment, and food security across the Global South. The sector contributes significantly to GDP and employs a large share of the population, particularly women and youth. However, the potential of agriculture to drive sustained, inclusive growth is often underutilized due to structural challenges such as low productivity, climate vulnerability, land degradation, and limited access to finance and technology.

**Special Address by Dr M. L. Jat,** Secretary-DARE & Director General, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi

**Professor Sachin Chaturvedi,** Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Director General, RIS, New Delhi

Dr Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT, India

supporting rural transformation	Ms Ama Brandford-Arthur, Senior Partnership Officer (SSTC) External Relations Department, IFAD, Italy
	Ms Archna Vyas, Director, Gates Foundation, New Delhi
	Special Invitees:
	<b>Ambassador Ashraf Rashed</b> , Chairperson, COMESA Committee of Elders, Egypt
	<b>Professor (Dr) Govind Raj Pokharel</b> , former Vice-Chairperson, National Planning Commission, Nepal
	Professor Joseph Keiyah, Deputy Director, KIPPRA, Kenya
	MoU Signing between ICRISAT and DAKSHIN at RIS
	Launch of Website of ICRISAT Centre of Excellence for South- South Cooperation in Agriculture (ISSCA)
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
	Knowledge Forum-I
<b>1:30 – 3:00 PM</b> (Venue: Durbar)	Knowledge Forum I: New Development Strategy and Scope for Partnerships
<ul> <li>Key issues:</li> <li>Rethinking development models which strike a balance between economic growth and climate change and use of technology as a force for good.</li> <li>Reflecting on the expanding nature and scope of partnerships to bring in TrC, Public-Private Partnerships, and involvement of communities in the development debates.</li> <li>Encouraging diverse modalities of mobilization of resources to realise the SDGs.</li> </ul>	Resource intensive model of development has led to a plethora of challenges that the world is currently facing in the spheres of economic, social, cultural, civic, and political dimensions. In this plenary, the delegates will discuss the avenues for renewed development strategies and the means of achieving them through partnerships and judicious resource allocations.  Co-Chair: Professor Bishwambhar Pyakurel, Former Ambassador of Nepal to Sri Lanka, Nepal  Co-Chair: Professor K. Seeta Prabhu, Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development,  Keynote: Professor Jyoti Chandiramani, Director, Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune  Speakers:  Dr Dayaratna Silva, Executive Director, Pathfinder, Sri Lanka  Dr Naing Swe Oo, Senior Advisory Board Member, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Myanmar  Mr. Akindeji Aremu, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria  Dr George Owusu Essegbey, Former Director, CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (CSIR-STEPRI), Ghana. (Online)  Professor Mihir Kanade, Head, Department of International Law, University for Peace, Costa Rica  Dr Sergio Lugaresi, Former Executive Director at Asian Development Bank (Online)

Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja, Professor and Head, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore Professor Rasigan Maharaj, Chief Director, Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa (Online) Dr Hendri Saparini, Founder, Center of Reform on Economics, Indonesia Open Discussion Tea Break 3:00 - 3:30 PM **Knowledge Forum-II** 3:30 - 5:00 PM **Knowledge Forum II: Norms and Modalities for Triangular** (Venue: Durbar) Cooperation Key issues: TrC has been recognised as a transformative and flexible methods of development cooperation along with the traditional aid, and South- Encouraging discussions around strengthened local South Cooperation. In plenary II, the subject experts will propound the evolving norms and modalities for TrC towards bringing in a better dynamic ownership, harmony between the provider, pivot, and partner countries. partnerships of all relevant including actors Co-Chair: Professor Paulo Esteves, Professor, Institute of communities, civil society and social entrepreneurs, International Relations of the Pontifical Catholic University, Brazil towards evolution of norms Co-Chair: Professor Anuradha Chenoy, Adjunct Professor, Jindal and identifying relevant School of International Affairs and Former Dean, School of modalities. International Studies, JNU, New Delhi Reimagining the methodologies for Keynote: Ms Nadine Piefer-Soyler, Policy Analyst, OECD, France measuring sustainable and (Online) inclusive development going beyond the narrow **Speakers:** focus on economic prosperity. Mr. Wofsi Yuri Guimarães de Souza, General Coordinator of the • Encouraging discussions on General Coordination for Technical Cooperation and Partnerships nature, scope and size of with Developed Countries, ABC, Brazil TrC Projects Professor Milindo Chakrabarti, Editor, Development Cooperation Review, RIS and Professor, O. P. Jindal Global University, India Dr Ulrich Mueller, Senior Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Germany (Online) Ms Nandita Baruah, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, India Dr Citlali Ayala Martinez, Research Professor, Instituto Mora, Mexico **Dr Stephan Klingebiel**, Head, Inter and Transnational Cooperation, Institute of Development and Sustainability, Germany (Online) Dr Sanusha Naidu, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa (Online)

Mexico (Online)

**Dr Jorge A. Perez Pineda**, Research Professor, Anáhuac University

**Professor A. Subramanyam Raju**, Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University, India

Open Discussion

#### **Solutions Hub-I**

# **3:30 PM – 5:00 PM** (*Venue: Shahjehan*)

## Key issues:

- Elaborating how LiFE offers new pathways of mitigating and adapting to climate change; and for tackling rising inequalities within and among countries.
- Exploring how Triangular Cooperation can be promoted for adoption of LiFE inspired initiatives in the Global South

# Solutions Hub I: LiFE and Sustainable Development Partnerships

A new development paradigm towards sustainable, equitable and low carbon pathways would require deep transformations as all societies, in the North and in the South, are poised to adopt sustainable consumption and production practices including circular economy, and carefully drive changes based on behaviour shifts, community partnerships and social entrepreneurship. Partnerships would be further driven by ethical and value-based economic systems, technology development, and global governance; and measuring wellbeing going beyond GDP. India's strive for Lifestyles for Environment (LiFE) which has also been recognized by the COP/UNFCCC and the G20 offers new opportunities of sustainable development partnerships for the Global South by leveraging Triangular Cooperation modalities.

Welcome and Context Setting: Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS

**Chair: Professor Pami Dua,** Distinguished Fellow, RIS, and Senior Professor and Former Director, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi

#### **Speakers:**

**Professor K. Seeta Prabhu,** Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development, India

**Professor Jyoti Chandiramani,** Director, Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune

Ms Radhika Kaul Batra, Chief of Staff, UN Resident Coordinator's Office, New Delhi

**Professor Alakh N. Sharma,** Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

**Professor Dipankar Sengupta**, Professor, International Political Economy, Jammu University, Jammu and Kashmir

Ms Anita Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor, ERIA, Indonesia

Mr Shyam Parande, Secretary, Sewa International, New Delhi

**Ms Ayanthi Gurusinghe**, President, Ceylon Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs, Sri Lanka

Open Discussion

#### **Action Labs** Action Labs on Successful Case Studies and Sectoral Specificities 5:00 - 6:30 PM of Triangular Cooperation The successful model of TrC is replete with positive case studies from across the Global South which have transform the lived realities of peoples and communities. Plenary III will showcase some of these positive case studies strengthening the value of mutual learnings. Key Issues: Reflecting on the best practices emanating from various successful case studies from across the Triangular Cooperation. Envisioning best practices as guidelines and standard operating practices thereby bringing coherence between the relevant stakeholders. Action Lab I: Agriculture, Health, Action Lab II: Energy, Gender, Biodiversity SMEs, Entrepreneurship and Digital and Disaster Management (Venue: Durbar) **Solutions** (Venue: Shahjehan) Co-Chair: Mr Chaman Lal Dhanda, Head, Co-Chair: Professor Pam Rajput, Professor Emeritus, Triangular Cooperation, India Component, GIZ, Panjab University, Punjab India Co-Chair: Mr Harsh Jaitli, Chief Executive Officer, Co-Chair: Dr Saravanan Raj, Director, National Voluntary Action Network India, New Delhi Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, India Keynote Address: Dr Thai Binh Dang, Director, Vietnam Centre for the Advanced Study of India Keynote Address: Ms Dima Al-Khatib, Director, UNOSSC, New York (Online) Professor Gurmeet Singh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, University of the South Pacific, Fiji **Speakers:** Mr Manuel Mera, Director Social Protection, CIPPEC, Argentina Ms Damchae Dem, Vice President, Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Bhutan Dr Manuel Gonzalo, Research Professor, The Argentine Council for International Relations Ms Pramila Acharya Rijal, President, South Asian (CARI), Argentina Women Development Forum, Nepal Dr Beatriz Muriel, Executive Director, INESAD, Dr Dayaratna Silva, Executive Director, Pathfinder, Sri Bolivia Lanka Ms Temwa Disi, Founder, Temwanani Agri Food's Dr Pooran Chandra Pandey, Director, Interdisciplinary Enterprise, Malawi Centre of Excellence on Climate Centre, Green Transition and Sustainability, South Asian University, NewDelhi Dr M. C. Arunkumar, Professor, Manipur Professor Yogesh Gokhale, The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Manipur University of Baroda, Gujarat Dr Jayanta Choudhury, Professor, Nagaland Mr Sudhanshu S. Singh, Founder and CEO, Humanitarian University, India Aid International, New Delhi

Institute, India

Open Discussion

Mr Anal Raj Bhattarai, CEO, N.R.N Nepal

Development Fund, Nepal

Open Discussion

Dr Dhanya MB, Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour

Dr Zaw Oo, Executive Director, Centre for Economic and

Social Development, Myanmar (Online)

6:30 – 7:00 PM	Networking Time
7:00 - 7:45 PM	<u>Dinner Talk</u>
(Venue: Shahjehan)	Chair: Mr Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator, New Delhi
	Initial Remarks by Professor Seshadri Chari, Chairman China Study Centre Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India
	"Triangular Cooperation in Troubled Times: Why and
	How" by Professor Amrita Narlikar, Distinguished Fellow,
	Observer Research Foundation; Honorary Fellow, Darwin
	College, University of Cambridge and President and Professor,
	GIGA, Germany (2014-2024)
7:45 PM Onwards	Reception

Day 2: Wednesday, June 4, 2025		
Special B	reakfast Dialogue (by invitation)	
08:30 – 09:30 AM (Venue: Mumtaz)	Scope for New Partnership for Global South through Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation	
<ul> <li>Key issues:</li> <li>Envisioning sector-specific training for the Global South leveraging AI and Big Data.</li> <li>Examining capacity gap to anchor the demographic dividend in the Global South.</li> </ul>	ITEC has been India's flagship capacity building and technical cooperation initiative instituted in 1964, thus celebrating the 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Till date it has trained more 225,000 professionals hailing from 120 countries in more than 2500 courses. This session will delve into the scope for new partnership for the Global South in the realm of capacity building.  Welcome Remarks and Context Setting: Dr Sushil Kumar,	
	Assistant Professor, RIS and <b>Dr Pratyush Sharma</b> , Assistant Editor, Development Cooperation Review, RIS <b>Round of Introductions</b>	
	<b>Special Remarks: Mr Viraj Singh,</b> Additional Secretary, DPA-II, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi	
	Speakers: Mr Oluseun Andrew Ishola, Principal Researcher, Centre for Management Development, Nigeria	
	Mr. Akindeji Aremu, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria	
	Mr Dario Camacho, Director, Green Projects, UNIGRANADINOS, Colombia	
	Ms. Andrea Carolina Echeverria Enriquez, International Cooperation, Ecuador	
	Mr Esayas Girmay Tegegne, Consultant - Political Risk and Diplomacy and Regional Integration, Ethiopia	

**Mr Yahoenti Daniel**, Commonwealth Department, Ministry of External Relations, Cameroon

**Ms Lorena Elizabeth Diaz Flores,** Case Manager for Temporary Foreign Workers, YMCA, Canada

Ms Varsha Sankar, Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago

**Ms Maria Florencia Collados,** Technical Advisor, Argentina Investment Agency and International Trade, Argentina

Dr António Sarmento Manuel, Lecturer, UP, Mozambique

**Dr Cesar S. Perez**, Assistant Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Ecuador

Ms Chanda Ashley Mwali, Senior Legal Officer, Zambia

Mr John Patrick Omegere, Resource Person, DAKSHIN at RIS

Open Discussion

## **Knowledge Forum-III**

Knowledge Forum III: Preparing for Future - Global South IOs and Triangular Cooperation

#### Key issues:

 Envisioning Global South IOs to provide development solutions relevant for the wider world.

10:00 - 11:30 AM

(Venue: Shahjehan)

- Reflecting on coordination challenges in the era of fragmented multilateralism and to explore opportunities of how Southern led IOs may contribute more substantively.
- Encouraging institutionalisation of the Southern and other knowledge systems through these IOs.

In conjunction with the reform processes of the North led multilateral institutions, the countries in the Global South have established their own IOs for different sectoral and thematic areas. This session will bring together some of these IOs from the continents of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, along with intergovernmental institutions based in the Global North to discuss, deliberate, and share various developmental experiences.

**Co-Chair: Professor Gulshan Sachdeva**, Chief Coordinator, DAKSHIN at RIS, New Delhi

**Co-Chair: Ambassador Arvind Gupta,** Director, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi

#### **Speakers:**

**Dr Joshua Wycliffe,** Chief of Operations, International Solar Alliance, Gurugram

Mr Enrique Mendizabal, Executive Director, On Think Tank, Spain

**Dr Melisa Deciancio**, Academic Coordinator for International Relations, FLACSO University, Argentina (Online)

**Dr Ruchita Beri**, Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi

**Professor Faizel Ismael,** Director, Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town, South Africa (Online)

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	Ms Anita Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor, ERIA, Indonesia  Mr Rafael de Moraes Baldrighi, International Cooperation, Presidential Office, IPEA, Brazil  Mr Abdessalam Saad Jaldi, International Relations Specialist, Policy Center for the New South, Morocco  Professor Nawal K. Paswan, Head, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, Sikkim University, Sikkim  Open Discussion
	Solutions Hub-II
40.00 44.20 13.5	
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Solutions Hub-II:
(Venue:Mumtaz)	<b>Engagement with NETRA for Development of North-East</b>
	Welcome and Context Setting: Dr Priyadarshi Dash, Associate
	Professor, RIS, New Delhi
	Chair: Professor S. K. Mohanty, RIS, New Delhi
	Chair: Froiessor S. K. Wollanty, RIS, New Delli
	Speakers:
	Professor Kesang Degi, Professor, Department of Education, Rajiv
	Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh
	Dr Jayanta Choudhury, Professor, Nagaland University, Nagaland
	Ms Chubaienla, Assistant Professor, Jubilee Memorial College,
	Nagaland
	M. D. Coll. (1971)
	Mr Durga Chhetri, Chairperson, Sikkim University, Sikkim
	Dr Jyotiraj Pathak, Professor & Head, Department of Political
	Science, Bodoland University, Assam
	Science, Bodoland Chrycistry, Assam
	Dr Kanak Haloi, Former Professor & Head, C-GARD, NIRDPR-
	NERC, Assam
	<b>Dr Moameren Pongen</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Political
	Science, St. Joseph University, Nagaland
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	<b>Dr Papiya Dutta</b> , Associate Professor & HOD, University of Science & Technology, Hyderabad
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	Professor Subhrabaran Das, Professor of Economics, Tripura
	University, Tripura
11.00	Dr Biswajit Roy Choudhary, Founder Chairman, SAIARD, Kolkata
11:30 – 12:00 Noon	Tea Break

Valedictory Session	
12:00 – 1:30 PM (Venue: Shahjehan)	Valedictory on Preparing for Future Global South Partnerships
	In the fractured multilateral space, this high-level panel will chart the path for future global partnerships in general, and in/of the Global South in particular.
	Co-Chair: Mr Dammu Ravi, Secretary, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi*
	Co-Chair: Mr Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, Jaipur
	<b>Key Takeaways: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi,</b> Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Director General, RIS, New Delhi
	Speakers:
	<b>Dr Dushni Weerakoon</b> , Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
	<b>Dr Posh Raj Pandey</b> , Chair Emeritus, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal
	<b>Dr Carlos Correa</b> , Executive Director, The South Centre, Switzerland
	<b>Professor N. R. Bhanumurthy</b> , Director, Madras School of Economics, Chennai
	Vote of Thanks: Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS, New Delhi
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Lunch