

Editorial

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the economic growth and development process worldwide. Economic challenges are more severe in the developing countries. Several challenges including climate change, lack of medical infrastructure, inequality, unemployment, among others, further act as a hindrance for development, particularly for developing and low-income countries. There is indecision over what a comprehensive global partnership - like global public goods (GPG) - envisages for resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of building robust global cooperation to deal with global challenges and facilitate a strong recovery, recent development cooperation initiatives seem to be fragmented. In this context, we are bringing out this special issue of DCR, which is aimed to assess the role of global partnerships and development cooperation in tackling issues faced by a significant proportion of the world.

Stephan Klingebiel, in his paper '*Development Cooperation and Climate Change: the Quest for Orientation in a Challenging Context*', discusses how climate change is damaging and threatening sustainable development in all parts of the world including the Global South. The author highlights the linkage of development cooperation and climate change debates and policy action. The role of developing countries in both domestic and international matters is emphasised with the need for South-South Cooperation based on the principle of contributing positively to climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.

Development cooperation and the provision of public goods and their inter-sectionality are well-established issues. The paper '*(Global) Public Goods and Development Cooperation: Lessons for Future Funding Arrangements*' explores the connections between the development cooperation and GPG. *Simon Reid-Henry* discusses the idea of separating GPGs from Official Development Assistance (ODA), financing of GPGs through Global Public Investment (GPI), issues of governance and the scope of effective multilateralism as a GPG.

In the paper '*Towards Sustainable World: Importance of SDG 17 as the Real Game Changer*', *Milindo Chakrabarti* explores the scope of partnerships, that is, SDG 17 (Development Cooperation) to address

the environmental and ecological constraints. The author emphasises on the need to transition from fixating on GDP-led growth to endogenous development. The paper also highlights the linkage of developmental issues and inequality and describes the findings that are captured in the World Inequality Report 2022.

In the section on *SSC Statistics*, *Sushil Kumar* presents regional income and wealth inequality trends from 2000 to 2021 across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania and Latin America.