

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME  
ON LEARNING  
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION  
UNDER ITEC/SCAAP, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

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In recent years, the global dialogue on South-South Cooperation (SSC) has become more prominent in discussions on international cooperation, highlighting the importance of SSC in the global arena. The desire of Southern economies to harness the potential of their cooperation has led to the conception and formalisation of several platforms such as India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS), BRICS, IBSA, New Development Bank and Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) including many others. There is evidence that substantial attention is being paid to discussions on SSC including intensified inter-governmental dialogue on SSC in the United Nations as well as at the High Level Forums (HLF) on Aid Effectiveness of the OECD/DAC, where a larger role for SSC is being discussed. In these discussions, there have been serious efforts at viewing SSC as a process that is distinct from the North-South Cooperation (NSC).





SSC takes different forms and modalities for extending assistance to partner countries. They include technical assistance, capacity building programmes, knowledge sharing, production cooperation financial assistance and technology transfer. The SSC is often perceived by the partner countries to be more receptive and adapted to their needs and priorities. As a result, expectations from the SSC have increased manifold.

The present course on Development Partnership to be held at Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi is intended to familiarise the participants to a broader concept of SSC particularly on the Development Cooperation in the context of ongoing resurgence of the economies of the South in the wake of major changes being witnessed in the global aid architecture. The programme would, among other things, focus on rationale, concepts and contours of SSC by building on the individual accomplishments of the respective countries, thus explaining the benefits from and barriers to their collective engagements. It would also throw light on



the key principles, policies, modalities (that includes national sovereignty, national ownership, independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference and mutual benefit) and practices that are evident across SSC and respond to how the policy orientations or the strengths of SSC can be practically applied.



Further, it would discuss how SSC is a different paradigm from the NSC and how the SSC should be viewed as a voluntary partnership which has now developed into a more matured platform transcending the initial foundations of political solidarity and not as a replacement for the NSC in any significant measure.

## COURSE CURRICULUM

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This would be a two week programme (November 15th-26th, 2016) for participants interested in issues related to SSC. It would have sessions on principles, approaches, features and different dimensions of South-South Cooperation. The programme would cover the following broad topics:

- **South-South Cooperation: Rationale, Concepts and Contours**
- **Differences between North-South and South-South Cooperation**
- **Evidence based Analysis and related Case Studies**
- **Evaluation of Development Partnership**
- **Development Finance and Global Trends**
- **Institutional Architecture and Development Cooperation**
- **Trade and Technology Linkages**

The course would provide a brief overview of different contours of SSC by providing a practical experience in the field.

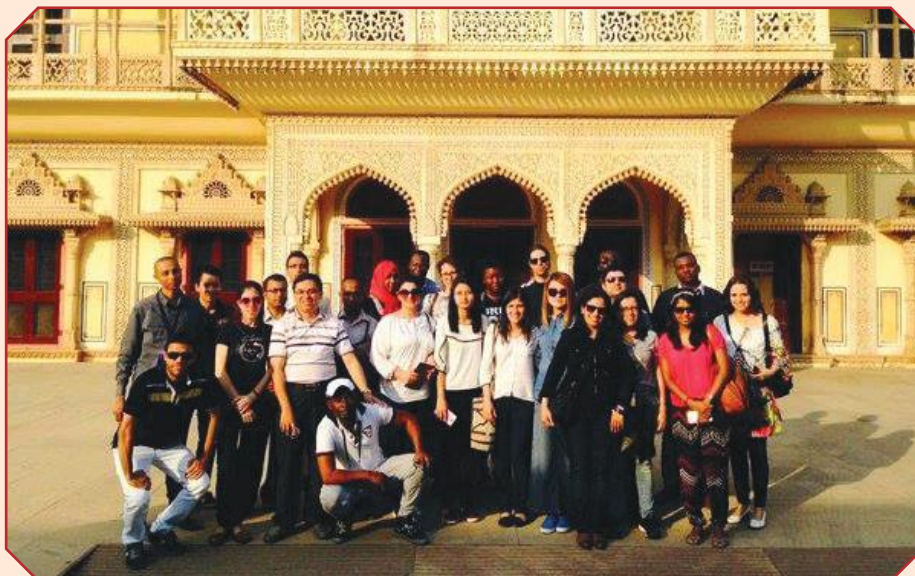
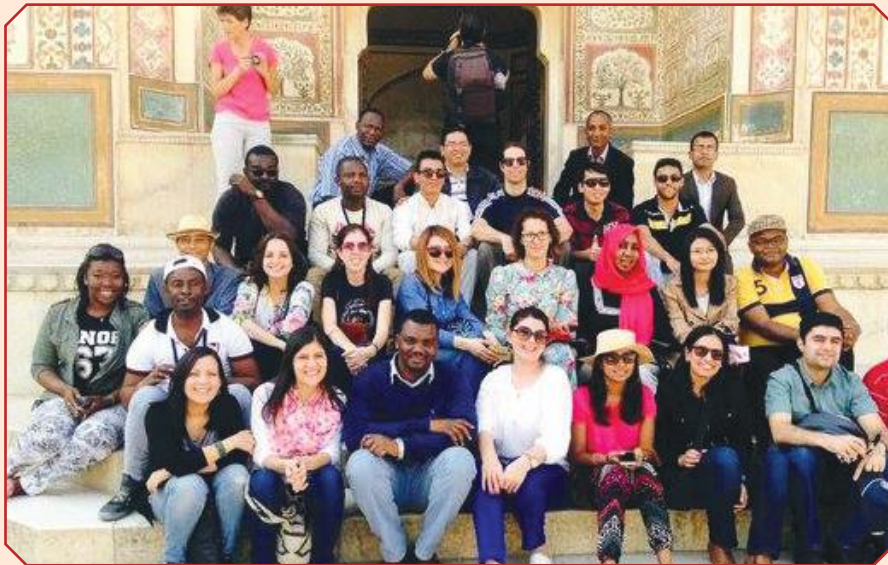
The themes covered in previous years were rich in content. Science, Technology & Innovation and South-South Cooperation covered issues of Intellectual Property Rights and cooperation in bio safety. The theme on Trade, Investment and Development Issues encompassed topics of Regional Integration & Trade and Investment Linkages; India's Development Cooperation with Latin America and Involvement of India and global South in the debate of Sustainable Development Goals. Theme III on Financial Architecture dealt with rise of new financial institutions like New Development Bank (NDB) and Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The fourth theme on Peace, Security and Institution Building entailed discussions on Peace Keeping Operations and SSC; and Peace Security and Development. Contribution of Election Commission of India in strengthening democracy across the developing world was discussed in a detailed way. Multi stakeholder approach to SSC and involvement of Civil Society Organisations was dealt in a nuanced manner in the theme of Civil Society Organisations. The theoretical framework of SSC was also dealt in detail with a session on Theoretical Debates and Development Cooperation: A Southern Perspective.

**For details on South South Cooperation Bibliography:**

[http://ris.org.in/pdf/RIS\\_Bibliography\\_ssc.pdf](http://ris.org.in/pdf/RIS_Bibliography_ssc.pdf)

## EDUCATIONAL TRIP AND VISITS

Apart from academic sessions, we scheduled study tours as well. Last year the participants were taken on a study tour to The Barefoot College in Tilonia village of Rajasthan. A special visit to the heart of democracy, the Indian Parliament was also arranged for the participants. We also try to take participants to places of historical importance like Taj Mahal in Agra and other places of interest in Fatehpur Sikri and Jaipur.



## TENTATIVE DAY WISE SCHEDULE

Date/Day	Time	Theme and Lecture
Day 1, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016, Tuesday  <b>Introduction to the Course</b>	9:00-10:30 am	Welcome and Introduction
	10:30-11:00 am	Tea Break
	11:00-12:00 noon	Inaugural Address
	12:15-1:15 pm	SSC: An Introduction
	1:15-2:15 pm	Lunch Break
	2:30-4:00 pm	Discussion regarding course flow and Group Presentations
Day 2, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 Wednesday <b>Theme I: Science, Technology Innovation and South-South Cooperation</b>	9:00-10:15 am	1.1 Science, Technology and SSC
	10:30-11:45 am	1.2 Science, Technology and SSC: Some Practical Illustrations
	12:15-1:15 pm	1.3 Intellectual Property Rights and SSC
	1:15-2:15 pm	Lunch Break
	2:30-3:45 pm	1.4 Cooperation in Bio Safety
	4:00-5:00 pm	1.5 Science, Technology and International Affairs
	5:00-5:30 pm	Group Discussion
Day 3, 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 Thursday <b>Theme II: Trade, Investment and Development Issues</b>	9:00-10:15 am	Self Study and Group Discussion
	10:30-11:45 am	2.1 Introduction to Regional Integration & Trade and Investment linkages
	12:15-1:15 pm	2.3 India's Development Cooperation with Latin America
	1:15-2:15 pm	Lunch Break
	2:30-3:45 pm	2.4 Developing Countries in the World Economy and Rise of the Global South
	4:00-5:00 pm	2.5 SDGs and the responsibilities of the Global North
	5:00-6:00 pm	2.2 India's Experience with Development and Post-2015 Agenda
6:00-6:30 pm	Group Discussion	
Day 4, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 Friday	9:00-10:15 am	3.1 Financial Architecture and Agenda 2030

<b>Theme III: Financial Architecture</b>  <b>Theme IV: Peace, Security and Institution Building</b>  <b>Theme V: Role of Civil Society</b>	10:30-11:45 am	3.2 New Financial Institutions
	12:15-1:15 pm	4.1 Peace, Security and Development
	1:15-2:15 pm Lunch Break	
	2:30-4:00 pm	4.2 Peace Keeping Operations and SSC
	4:15-4:45 pm	5.1 Civil Society and SSC
	4:45-5:15 pm	Self Study and Group Discussion
	5:15-5:30 pm	Group Discussion
Day 5 and 6, 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> November 2016, Saturday and Sunday	Cultural Trip to Agra and Jaipur	
Day 7, 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2016 Monday <b>Theme VI: Theoretical Framework</b>	9:00-1:00 pm	Self Study and Group Discussion
	1:15-2:15 pm Lunch Break	
	2:30-4:00 pm	4.4 Multi-stakeholder approach of SSC
	4:15-5:15 pm	4.5 Cultural Linkages and SSC
	5:15-6:00 pm	6.1 Theoretical Debates and Development Cooperation: A Southern Perspective
	5:15-5:30 pm	Group Discussion
Day 8 and 9, 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016 Tuesday and Wednesday		2.6: Lectures on Trade, Investment and Development Issues
Day 10, 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016, Thursday	Delhi Darshan	
Day 11, 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 Friday	10:00 – 11:00 am	3.3 Monitoring and Evaluation
	11:00 – 12:00 pm	4.3 Election Commission of India and SSC
	Parliament Visit (1:00 PM onwards)	
Day 12, 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 Saturday	Session 25: 9:30-11:00am	Group I (Institutional Architecture) & Group II (Specific South-South Experiences)
	Session 26: 11:30-1.00 pm	Group III (Regional Cooperation)
	Session 27: 2:00-3:00pm	Group IV (Sectoral Experiences) & Group V (Leveraging of Strength)
	Session 28: 3:00-4:30pm	Valedictory Address and Certificate Distribution
	Hi-Tea at RIS, 4:30pm	



## RIS CORE FACULTY

The Programme draws upon the expertise of RIS faculty, which includes internationally renowned scholars on issues of South South Cooperation. In addition, noted experts from other think-tanks/universities, and senior officials from the Government of India provide to the participants valuable insights on the subject.

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## GROUP DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS

Participants are expected to prepare and make presentations on select issues in consultation with the Core Faculty.



# WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligibility Criteria for the Participants	
Educational Qualifications	Graduate
Work Experience required, if any	Experience with diplomatic assignments/ Experience with Aid Management/ South-South Cooperation (SSC)/North-South Cooperation (NSC)
Age Limit: [ <b>Note:</b> ITEC norms is 25-45 years]	Open
Target Group [ <i>Level of participants and target ministries/departments, etc., may be indicated</i> ]	Junior and Middle level officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Finance/ Commerce or other Ministries dealing with SSC/NSC/Civil Society representatives engaging in related issues/Research Institutes

## FELLOWSHIP ALLOWANCES

The Programme covers return travel of the participants between his/her home country and India, living and subsistence allowance, and admissible medical expenses during the programme in New Delhi, as per the rules governing ITEC/ SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

**Last Date of Application: 5 November 2016**

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The focus of the work programme of RIS is to promote South-South Cooperation and collaborate with developing countries in multilateral negotiations in various forums. RIS is engaged across inter-governmental processes of several regional economic cooperation initiatives. Through its intensive network of think tanks, RIS seeks to strengthen policy coherence on international economic issues and the development partnership canvas.

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