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Conference on South-South Cooperation



Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West) delivering keynote address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, Mr. Jaokim Reiter, Ambassador S.T. Devare, Mr. Wu Hongbo, Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, and Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu.

RIS in association with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GoI) organised the international Conference on South-South Cooperation (SSC) in New Delhi on 10-11 March 2016.

The conference began with the renowned scholars and experts underscoring the growing importance of South-South Cooperation in the changing international development landscape. The inaugural session chaired by Amb. S.T. Devare, Chairman, Research Advisory Council, RIS and Ram Sathe Chair for International Studies, Symbiosis International University, Pune, stressed on increasing intra-south trade in investment and development cooperation. Amb. Devare said, 'The focus of RIS work programme has been promoting SSC and this conference is a major step towards that.' Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), MEA, GoI in her keynote address highlighted the emergence of the

South. 'The South is the hub of economic vibrancy and enterprise,' said Ms. Mehta. She highlighted, 'There is a marked increase in intra-South trade, investment and development cooperation. The South explains the current growth dynamics of the world. The contribution of the South to incremental world growth has outpaced the advanced economies.'

Placing broader issues concerning SSC in perspective Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS in his welcome address

said, 'Conference on South-South Cooperation is being held in the backdrop of the changing narrative of North-South cooperation and evolving new paradigm of South South Cooperation, particularly, in the context of South emerging as a new centre of economic gravity. This is all the more important in light of the recent economic upheaval that the Southern economies are going through.' Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, applauded RIS for holding the



(From right): Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary General, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, inaugurating the SSC exhibition. Also seen in picture are Ms. Sujata Mehta, Amb. S.T. Devare, and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

conference at a very opportune time when the world is witnessing the rise of SSC and the global agenda on Sustainable Development Goals has been laid. Mr. Li Xiaoyun, Chair, China International Development Research Network (CIDRN) addressing the gathering said, 'Starting 1980s the world has seen structural change with the rise of the South.' Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary General, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, in his special address emphasised that the conference is a timely initiative as 2030 agenda calls for partnership among all nations. Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, Dean, School of International Studies, JNU, and Chairperson, FIDC, reiterated the fact that the SSC is different from North South Cooperation as it is not just about economic growth but about taking people out of poverty and all types of insecurities.

Mr. Jaokim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD, Geneva in his special address underlined the growing importance of the rising South by giving some statistical evidences: South-South trade has increased to 25 per cent from 6 per cent in the 1990s and growth in South-South FDI. Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary, MEA, GoI and Coordinator of the South-South Conference extended the vote of thanks.

On this occasion, RIS also released two important publications capturing different facets of SSC entitled '*South South Cooperation: Mapping New Frontiers*' and '*Resurging South: Stylized Facts*' prepared by RIS core team.

The Conference aimed to situate SSC within the broader global macro-economic context. Thus, the first plenary session explored the broad issues associated with the idea of global justice.

Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development, New Delhi chaired the session. Panellists for the session included Mr. Jaokim Reiter, Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD, Geneva; Prof. Thomas Pogge, Director, Global Justice Program, Yale University, New Haven; and Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The second plenary session on Global Aid Architecture, SSC and Triangular Development Cooperation addressed the issues of traditional institutional architecture of aid from the North and the different modalities being practiced under the SSC strategies. Amb. Asoke Mukerji, Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations chaired the session. Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Head, South and South-West Asia Office, UN-ESCAP, New Delhi; Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Former FAO Assistant Director-General for Economic and Social Development, Rome; and Dr. Manuel Montes, South Centre, Geneva were the panellists.

The third plenary session discussed southern development narrative and role of southern think-tanks. Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka was the chair for the session. Dr. Vicente Yu, South Centre, Geneva; Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Chair, CIDRN, Beijing; Dr. André de Mello e Souza, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Rio; Prof. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg; Dr. Samar Verma, Senior Programme Officer, Think Tank Initiative, IDRC, New Delhi; Mr. Erik Solhiem, DAC Chair, OECD, Paris; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi were the panellists.

SSC does not operate on 'one size fits all'. The plenary session four thus discussed regional experiences of SSC from Africa, Central Asia, Latin America and South East Asia. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi chaired the session. Dr. Thomas Fues, GDI, Bonn co-chaired. Dr. Anthea Mulakala, Asia Foundation, Kuala Lumpur; Mr. Francisco Simplicio, Assistant Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation, New York; Ms. Sanusha Naidu, Institute for Global Dialogue, Cape Town; Mr. Edgar Alejandro Huezo, PIFCSS, San Salvador; and Mr. James Bichachi Wafula, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kampala were the panellists.

The plenary session five deliberated on role of CSOs and private sector in SSC. Mr. Amar Sinha, Secretary, Economic Relations, MEA, GoI chaired the session. Dr. Rajesh Tandon, President, PRIA, New Delhi co-chaired. Mr. Shankar Venkateswaran, Tata Sustainability Group, New Delhi; Ms. Vinita Sethi, Bharti Airtel, New Delhi; Dr. Paulo Luiz Moreaux Lavigne Esteves, BRICS Policy Center, Rio; Dr. Sunil Motiwal, CEO, SAARC Development Fund, Thimphu; Dr. Manon Bernier, UNV Regional Manager, Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok; and Mr. Harsh Jaitli, Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), New Delhi were the panellists.

Apart from these plenary sessions, the conference also had four parallel sessions. Mr. Arun Sahu chaired the parallel session I(a) on Climate Change, Sustainability and Financing for Development. Prof. Swaran Singh, JNU co-chaired. Dr. Vicente Yu, South Centre, Geneva; Ms. Nisha Agarwal, OXFAM India, New Delhi; Prof. Swaran Singh, JNU; Dr. Athula Senaratne, Head, Environmental Economics, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo; and Dr. Rajni Bakshi, Senior Fellow,

Gateway House, Mumbai were the panellists.

Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, JNU and Prof. Wenping He, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing chaired the parallel session I(b) on SSC and Regional Growth: African Union - Agenda 2063. Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, IDSA; Prof. Suresh Kumar, Head, Department of African Studies, University of Delhi; Dr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, Executive Director (AFRODAD), Harare; Mr. Neissan Besharati, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg; and Ms. Renu Modi, University of Mumbai were the panellists.

Mr. Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India, New Delhi and Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired the parallel session I(c) on Health. Dr. Halla Thorsteinsdottir, Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto; Dr. Jorge A. Pérez Pineda, Mora Institute, Mexico City; Ms. Ornela Garelli Rios, UNAM, Mexico City; Prof. Tirtha Prasad Mishra, Chairman, Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh, Kathmandu; and Dr. Urvashi Aneja, Fellow, ORF, New Delhi and Jindal School of International Affairs, Sonapat were the panellists.

Dr. Nagesh Kumar and Prof. Radharaman Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta, Kolkata chaired the parallel session II(a) on Theoretical Framework for SSC. Prof. S.K Mohanty, RIS; Prof. Saikat Sinha Roy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr. Sreeram Chaulia, Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, Sonapat; Mr. Larry Strange, Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), Phnom Penh; and Dr. Michelle Morais de Sa e Silva, Harvard Kennedy School and ENAP, Brasilia were the panellists.

Mr. Alok A. Dimri, Joint Secretary (MER), MEA, GoI and Dr. Archana Negi, Associate

Professor, JNU chaired the parallel session II(b) on Role of ECOSOC/ Development Cooperation Forum (DCF). Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA, New York; Prof. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg; Dr. Thomas Fues, GDI, Bonn; and Prof. Wang Yihuan, China Agricultural University, Beijing were the panellists.

Mr. Shyam Khadka, FAO Representative in India, New

Delhi and Prof. Rasigan Maharajh, Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, Tshwane University, Pretoria chaired the parallel session II(c) on S&T, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Jose Bellini, EMBRAPA, Brasilia; Dr. H.S Shylendra, IRMA, Anand; Prof. Diran Makinde, ABNE-NEPAD and University of Ouagadougou; Prof. Pranav Desai, JNU; and Dr. Alluri Venkata Nagavarna, Andhra University, Vizag were the panellists.

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India increased budget for SSC - Foreign Secretary Dr. S. Jaishankar



Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary delivering the valedictory address.

Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary of India delivering valedictory address at RIS conference on SSC highlighted the vital role that India is playing in reshaping the global agenda on South-South Cooperation. He mentioned that India is always willing to share its limited resources with other developing countries and take it as a responsibility to assist developing countries in building their capacity. For this, India in its present union budget has

increased the range of its development assistance be it in capacity building, lines of credit, grants or aids. India has been proponent of the South-South Cooperation since ancient times which is clearly reflected in its neighbourhood policies. Under the neighbourhood's first approach policy India is by far the largest provider of development assistance to its neighbours, Dr. Jaishankar added. He also pointed out that North South Cooperation is about giving whereas South South Cooperation is about sharing.

Dr. Jaishankar congratulated RIS for holding such a high-level conference at a very opportune time when the Sustainable Development Goals have been agreed upon and there is need for global partnership. He also mentioned that SSC must be as a parallel process to North-South Cooperation and SDGs can be met by joint efforts of both. He said, this conference, provided the much needed platform to discuss how southern countries could adopt SDGs within their plans and work collectively to achieve these.

He stressed on the need to proactively own and contribute on South-South cooperation. It is a partnership beyond strategic cooperation and is built on solidarity, shared past and ancient relations.

India-COMESA CEPA Joint Study Group Report

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOC&I), Government of India launched a joint study in 2012 to examine the feasibility of formalising the India-COMESA Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which is under consideration of both the parties. RIS has prepared the Joint Study Group (JSG) Report which covers all important areas relating to trade liberalisation in goods, trade liberalisation in services and investment liberalisation. The Report identifies the potential in key economic sectors for expansion of trade, investment promotion and other areas of cooperation in India as well as in the COMESA countries. Besides indicating the magnitude of trade potential that could accrue to both the parties from the India-COMESA CEPA, the study highlights the existing structure of tariff, non-tariff barriers, rules of origin, trade facilitation, and FDI policies and the roadmap for further reforms in those areas. While tariff reduction is expected to result in substantial expansion of trade between India and COMESA, the importance of reforms in rules of origin, trade facilitation, customs procedures, SPS and TBT measures has been emphasised. Besides trade in goods, the study finds strong complementarity in trade in services between India and COMESA. By comparing the competitiveness of both the parties in different sectors, it is observed that both India and COMESA

are well-placed to negotiate on services in the context of the proposed CEPA. In all important spheres of trade policy, the broad recommendations of the study are visualised keeping in mind the competition for preferential market access that both India and COMESA countries face in the recent years. (For further details please contact Prof. S.K. Mohanty: skmohanty@ris.org.in).

Joint Feasibility Study on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and India

Recognising the potential complementarity between India on the one hand and the Economic Union of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation (EAEU), a Joint Study Group has been established to recommend the approach and process for economic cooperation engagements of India with this Economic Union. Given India's recent economic dynamism as well as the economic performance of the members of the grouping, it appears imperative to engage with them in a comprehensive way including trade in goods, trade in services and investment, as well as on other areas of economic cooperation. The need for the study also stems from the fact that this region has had much stronger economic linkages in the past and that can be strengthened due to the imperatives of energy security as well. RIS has been approached by the MOC&I to serve on the

JSG and conduct the study. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das: upendra@ris.org.in).

Policy and Implementation Measure to Enhance India-Myanmar Border Trade

The North-eastern region's borders form India's international boundaries; it shares borders with China in the north, Bangladesh in the southwest, Bhutan in the northwest, and Myanmar in the east. The North-eastern region's locational advantage and rich natural resources provide a backdrop to its development as a base for cooperation not only with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) but also with other neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal. More specifically, as part of India's 'Look East' and 'Act East' policy through Myanmar, regional economic integration with several ASEAN countries such as Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam can be made possible. Addressing the border trade with India which is the mainstay of Myanmar's economy, a beginning could be made to integrate India with not only Myanmar but as part of the wider strategy of India CLMV cooperation. To harness the potential and to evolve policy mechanisms MOC&I has requested RIS to conduct a study on the subject. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das: upendra@ris.org.in).

India as an Economic Hub for Integrating East and South-East Asia with the Rest of Asia

India's recent economic dynamism including its future prospects as the fastest growing economy in 2016 highlighted by various credible projections along with the emphasis of Indian policy making on the Make in India initiative, suggests that India can emerge as an economic hub for integrating East Asia, ASEAN on one hand with South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia and even the eastern coast of Africa, on the other. The study has the basic objectives that include: providing analytical and empirical basis for making India an economic hub for integrating different parts of Asia; identifying dimensions and sectors across sub-regions where India can play such a role; and suggesting policy measures and modalities for creating enabling conditions for the above. To achieve these objectives some of the dimensions/themes that are being explored, but not limited to, include: (i) Conceptual Basis to Regional Value Chains; (ii) Potential Trade and Regional Value Chains in Manufacturing and Services; (iii) Infrastructure and Connectivity; (iv) India as an R&D Hub; and (v) Mapping, Building and Harnessing Skill Complementarities. The project is funded by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das: upendra@ris.org.in).

Responsible Research and Innovation- Practice

RRI-Practice (Responsible Research and Innovation-Practice) is a project funded by the European Commission for three years (2016-2018), to be launched in the second half of 2016. Fourteen institutions in Europe, Australia, USA and Asia are partner institutions in this project and RIS is the partner institution from India. RIS was a partner institution in ProGreSS Project, a project on Responsible Research and Innovation funded by EC for three years from 2013.

The main aim of RRI-Practice is to examine implementation of RRI in 24 research conducting and research funding organisations, in countries, and understand, identify and promote best practices in implementation of RRI for scaling up at European and global levels. This project is co-ordinated by Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences. (For further details please contact Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas: ravisrinivas@ris.org.in).

North Eastern Consultation

Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) will organise its fifth regional consultation in Shillong in June 2016. This consultation would have special significance due to eight constituent states of the North Eastern Region (NER) sharing over 5,400 kilometres of international border (about

98 per cent of its entire border area) with China (southern Tibet) in the north, Myanmar in the east, Bangladesh in the southwest, Bhutan to the northwest and Nepal in the west. Also, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam do not have immediate national borders with any of the North-Eastern states but, have promising linkages with the region. It is interesting to note the convergence in India's Act East and earlier Look East Policy (LEP) and North Eastern Region Vision 2020. The synergies between the developmental activities planned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India and India's initiatives of development cooperation with the neighbouring countries of Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan are intense.

The five areas where sufficient attention may help achieve a win-win partnership may include the areas of: (a) connectivity and physical infrastructure; (b) developing primary and secondary sectors of economic activities including in trade, agriculture, horticulture-floriculture and SMEs; (c) education, health and tourism; (d) natural resources and energy areas; and finally (e) capacity building. The previous regional consultations were held at Pune, Kolkata, Jaipur and Chennai. (For further details please contact Mr. Pratyush: pratyush@ris.org.in).

National Consultation on Road to Sustainable Development Goals: Focus on Health and Education (SDG 3 and 4)



Prof. Bibek Debroy delivering the inaugural address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Ms. Sujata Mehta, Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, and Dr. P. K. Anand.

In September 2015, the Prime Minister of India along with the world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. Building on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the new SDGs, and the broader sustainability agenda, would go much further than the MDGs, addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. The global agenda has been set and now it is the responsibility of the individual countries to take it forward to meet their own development targets.

With the aim of creating awareness and simultaneously exploring the implementation strategies at the Centre and in the States, RIS in association with the NITI Aayog, Government of India

and the UN in India organised the National Consultation on Road to Sustainable Development Goals, particularly focussing on Health and Education (SDG 3 and 4) in New Delhi on 9-10 February 2016. Prof. Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India delivered inaugural address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India delivered welcome addresses. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West), MEA, Government of India spoke about SDG Framework and Global Processes. Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India delivered special address. Dr. P. K. Anand, Sr. Consultant, NITI Aayog, Government of India extended vote of thanks.

The first day of the consultation focussed on SDG 3: Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well Being of All at All Ages by 2030. The first plenary session on Promotion of Wellness through Healthy Ecosystem chaired by Dr. Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India took up key issues like inter-connectedness of all SDGs; role of sanitation, water management, clean air and water, and safe food; public health management and community health care, addressing issues of vulnerable groups; anticipation of pandemic outbreaks and disaster management; availability of modern energy and transport; strategies for life-style diseases alleviation – Wellness (peaceful mind and healthy body); role of education and health education in schools; tackling alcoholism, smoking, drug abuse; mental health issues; and role of public advocacy and media.

Dr. P. K. Anand, Sr. Consultant, NITI Aayog chaired the second plenary session on targets and indicators. The key issues taken up included global monitoring framework and principles for development of national indicators; monitoring SDGs and identification of periodic targets; standardisation, harmonisation and periodicity issues; coordination among different Ministries/Departments; and data collection and new approaches.

Mr. Alok Kumar, Adviser (Health/WCD), NITI Aayog chaired the third plenary session on health care delivery, infrastructure and medical expenditure. The key issues taken up included access to affordable medicines, hospitals, pathological labs, access to finance for patients, health insurance and human resource gaps.

The first day also had three parallel session focussing on reduction of mortality rates and disease control; role of drug development and generic medicines in SDG 3 and role of Indian Systems of Medicine (ISMs) in SDG 3.

The second day of the consultation deliberated on SDG 4: Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Promote Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog chaired the first plenary session of day two on quality, access, equity and inter-sectoral linkages. The key issues taken up included learning outcomes and quality of teaching; childhood development and pre-primary education; access and equity at all levels; inclusiveness and gender issues; and sustainable development and health values.

Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, Educationist, Jaipur and Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation for India chaired the second plenary session on education and skill development programmes – sharing of experiences. The key issues discussed included access and equity of education for all at affordable and quality training; and skill development for better employment and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Krishna Kumar, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation chaired the third plenary session on global and national indicators for quality and equity. The key issues taken up included global monitoring framework and principles for

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South Asia Regional Consultation on Agriculture and Food Systems in the Era of Sustainable Development

RIS in association with the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) organised the South Asia Regional Consultation on Agriculture and Food Systems in the Era of Sustainable Development in New Delhi on 11-12 February 2016.

The consultation was organised in continuation of the RIS work programme on SDGs. It intended to identify opportunities for multi-sectoral action to meet SDGs particularly in agriculture and nutrition.

Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the opening session. Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Member, Global Panel on Agriculture and



(From left to right) Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, Prof. Sandy Thomas, Amb. Shyam Saran, and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi at the opening session.

Food Systems for Nutrition made welcome remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS presented the objectives of the consultation. Prof. Sandy

Thomas, Director, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition talked about the Panel's programme to support the development of improved nutrition

outcomes in the context of food and agriculture systems. His Excellency John Kufuor, Former President of Ghana also gave a special message for the consultation.

The technical sessions deliberated on climate change and sustainable agriculture in South Asia; improved nutrition for South Asia; ensuring nutrition security and dietary diversity for global health; quality of crops and health: pesticide residue, water contamination, water scarcity; the road to achieving SDGs and improved nutrition outcomes through agriculture and food systems; catalysing multi-sectoral partnerships and financial incentives; strengthening the evidence base for policy making; identifying priorities for convergent action at policy level; and agriculture R&D and Cooperation in South Asia.

Media in India has played an important role in highlighting the subject of Climate Change, Health, Food Systems, Nutrition

and Agriculture. With this view the consultation also had a special media interactive session on the second day to deliberate upon issues of improved agriculture, food systems, health & nutrition and growth in South Asia.

Amb. Shyam Saran, Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Prof. Sandy Thomas, and Prof. Tom Arnold, Member, Global Panel for Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition were the speakers.

Participants comprised senior policymakers and representatives from organisations in India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

The deliberations at the Consultation underlined that good nutrition provides a vital foundation for human development. Much has already been achieved in South Asia in the drive to address malnutrition, and in tackling the multiple challenges at the nexus of agriculture, food and nutrition. A

significant example is the reduction of stunting in India in children under the age of 5, from 48 per cent in 2005-2006 to 39 per cent in 2014.

Despite these gains, India is experiencing the “double burden” of both underweight and obesity. It is felt that new policies across the food and agriculture systems dealing with production, marketing, processing and consumption will need to be coherent and based on the best available evidence. Only by aligning their strategies and policies even more closely, will South Asian countries make informed and effective progress at the necessary pace to achieve the goal of nutritional wellbeing for all.

Governments working in concert with civil society, business, and the knowledge community will need to create integrated approaches and develop a strategic view of food systems and agriculture to help ensure that today’s decisions and investments are robust to future uncertainties.

India-Africa Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation

RIS organised a major international conference on ‘India-Africa Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation: Special Focus on Agriculture, Food Security and Biosafety’ in New Delhi on 21 January 2016.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the welcome address. Mr. R. K. Singh, Joint Secretary (Seeds & IC), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Adugna Wakjira Gemelal, Deputy Director General, Ethiopian



Mr. R. K. Singh delivering the inaugural address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Dr. Adugna Wakjira Gemelal, Dr. Kalyan Goswami, and Prof. Karim Maredia.

Institute Agricultural Research, Ethiopia made keynote remarks. Dr. Kalyan Goswami, ED, National

Seed Association of India made special remarks.

The session one of the conference focussed on resource mobilisation and regional cooperation. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi chaired the session. The key panellists for the session included Prof. Ramkishan S. Rajan, Professor of International Economic Policy, George Mason University, USA; Dr. Daniel Bradley, Food and Resource Security Adviser, DFID India; and Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Professor, RIS.

The second session on agriculture and food security was chaired by Dr. R. K. Mittal, OSD (International Relations), DARE-ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Mr. Ibrahim Awadhi

Mdee, Permanent Secretary, The Office of Vice- President, Tanzania; Mr. Surendra Makhija, Advisor, Jain Irrigation; Dr. Jaskaran Singh Mahal, Dean, Punjab Agricultural University; Dr. Jai Singh, CEO, Sakata Seeds; and Dr. T. P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow, RIS were the key panellists.

Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Distinguished Fellow and Senior Director, TERI chaired the third session on issues in biosafety. The key panellists included Dr. Arvind Kaushal, Distinguished Fellow, TERI and former Secretary, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India; Dr. DDK Sharma, Additional Plant Protection Advisor, DPPQS,

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India; Dr. Moussa Savadogo, Senior Programme Officer, Environmental Biosafety, NEPAD ABNE, Burkina Faso; Mrs. Oluwagbeminiyi Oriyomi Olajitan Popoola, Head, Legal Unit, Office of the Director General, National Biotechnology Development Agency, Nigeria; and Dr. Silas Obukosia Obwogo, Operations Manager, NEPAD Agency ABNE, Uganda.

Dr. S. R. Rao, Advisor, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India delivered the valedictory address. Prof. Karim Maredia, Professor, Michigan State University, USA made concluding remarks.

Indian Approach to South-South Cooperation

On the sidelines of the final meeting of the ProGreSS project for evolving a common understanding of the emerging concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and develop approaches, tools and mechanisms to facilitate the uptake of RRI across Europe and beyond, held on 14-15 January 2016 at the Headquarters of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in Brussels, the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) in collaboration with the Indian Embassy organised a presentation on Indian approach to cooperation by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS on 13 January 2016. The presentation was based on the book *Logic of Sharing: Indian Approach to South-South Cooperation* authored by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi. More than 50 ACP diplomats, led by ACP Secretary General H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes, representatives of



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi presenting the book titled *The Logic of Sharing: Indian Approach to South-South Cooperation* to H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Mr. Philippe Latriche, Amb. Manjeev Singh Puri, Prof. Doris Schroeder, and Dr. James Mackie.

the European Commission and academics, including Prof. Doris Schroeder, University of Central Lancashire and Dr. James Mackie of ECDPM took part. Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri, Ambassador of India to EU also graced the occasion.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to project

India's huge and growing contribution in promoting and strengthening South-South cooperation. Participants welcomed the publication *Logic of Sharing* as most important contribution in bridging the gap in concrete data about South-South cooperation.

FIDC Regional Consultation at Chennai

The Fourth Regional Consultation was organised by the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) on 15 March 2016 at Chennai. It brought together civil society organisations (CSOs) of the Southern region of the country, members of the academic community and policymakers to discuss India's Development Cooperation and South-South Cooperation (SSC). Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Mr. A.K. Sahu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Janakrajan Srinivasan of Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) delivered the keynote address. Prof. Shashanka Bhide, Director, MIDS extended the vote of thanks.

Prof. Chaturvedi in his welcome remarks gave a brief historical review of the four High Level Fora on Aid Effectiveness till date in Busan 2011, Accra 2008, Paris 2005 and Rome in 2003. He explained as to how Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) steered the discussion in Rome (2003) towards the returns that can be generated

against the disbursement of aid to their respective tax payers. In Paris 2005, a series of specific implementation measures were adopted and established a monitoring system to access progress and measure results of aid. The OECD-DAC in the third event in Accra reconciled to the fact that South-South Cooperation (SSC) is different from North-South Cooperation (NSC) and it served as the foundation for SSC commitments. However, at the fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (Busan, 2011) OECD-DAC intended to rationalise SSC as a part of NSC by forming Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) comprising of members from developed and developing nations, emerging economies, providers of South-South and triangular cooperation and civil society.

Prof. Chaturvedi also mentioned the theoretical differences between NSC and SSC and how the former is premised on Monetarist school of thought and the latter on the Structuralist school. He later underlined the importance of setting up of Development Partnership Administration (DPA) within

the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. He mentioned that DPA is a work in progress towards streamlining the development cooperation projects undertaken by India in various Southern countries.

Prof. Janakrajan Srinivasan of MIDS delivered the keynote address in which he delved into the origins of foreign aid and development cooperation through his discussions on bi-polar world and the paradigm shift that has taken place in the international development cooperation from NSC to SSC. NSC was in existence on unequal terms in the past, however, global events like recession and rise of emerging economies gave strength and confidence to SSC. Demand driven nature of SSC coupled with non-conditionality have made SSC a desirable alternative to NSC.

He also highlighted common challenges of the Southern countries in the areas of poverty, hunger, malnutrition; urban slums; low human development indicators; lack of adequate social security and health care measures; ecological degradation and erosion of natural capital; environmental degradation; climate change threat

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Participants of FIDC Regional Consultation at Chennai.

Growing Strength of IORA and Roadmap for the Next Decade

RIS organised a panel discussion on Growing Strength of IORA and Roadmap for the Next Decade in New Delhi on 6 January 2016. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. Ms. Renu Pall, Joint Secretary (SM&IOR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India made chairperson's remarks. Prof. V.N. Attri, Chair, Indian Ocean Rim Studies (IORS) for IORA, University of Mauritius, delivered the keynote address. The distinguished panellists included Dr. Pankaj Kumar Jha, Director (Research), ICWA; Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, IDSA; and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.



Prof. V.N. Attri delivering the keynote address at the panel discussion. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Ms. Renu Pall, and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

Delhi Dialogue VIII – ‘ASEAN-India Relations: A New Paradigm’

Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India inaugurated the three-day Delhi Dialogue VIII in New Delhi on 17-19 February 2016, on the theme "ASEAN-India Relations: A New Paradigm" to commemorate the successful completion of 25 years of ASEAN-India relationship and to formulate new approach towards India's engagement with ASEAN. The Dialogue was organised by the MEA, in partnership with the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA);

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS; FICCI; CII; All India Association of Industries (AIAI); Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), etc. Political leaders, policymakers, senior officials, business leaders, think tanks, academics from India and ASEAN participated in this three-day Delhi Dialogue VIII. The DD VIII was broadly divided into three components - Business Sessions, Ministerial Sessions and Academics Sessions, to facilitate debate on various aspects relating to ASEAN and India relationships. The AIC at RIS organised the session on 'Reinvigorating the Civilizational Links'. Amb. Shyam

Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the session. Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Former Chairperson, National Monuments Authority, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi; Mr. Eddin Khoo, Founder Director of Pusaka Foundation, Malaysia; Prof. Baladas Ghoshal, Secretary General and Director (Academic), Society for Indian Ocean Studies (SIOS), New Delhi; and Mr. Sachidanand Sahai, Advisor, Preah Vihear National Authority, Royal Government of Cambodia, & UNESCO Expert for the Archaeological Complex of Sambor Prei Kuk, Cambodia were the panellists.

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Dr. Rathin Roy, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi and Prof. S. K. Mohanty, RIS chaired the parallel session III(a) on Evaluation Methodologies and Accounting. Prof. Silvia Lopez, SEGIB, Madrid; Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS and Sharda University, Greater Noida; Dr. André de Mello e Souza, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Rio; Dr. Nan Li Collins, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, Asia Pacific United Nations Development Programme, Bangkok; and Mr. Pranay Sinha, University of Birmingham were the panellists.

Prof. Thomas Pogge, Director, Global Justice Programme, Yale University, New Haven and Dr. Luis Carbrera, Griffith University, Brisbane chaired the parallel session III(b) on SSC and "One World Global Citizenship". Mr. Ajay Mehta, SEVA Mandir, Udaipur; Ms. Narayani Ganesh, Editor, Speaking Tree, New Delhi; Dr. W. James Arputharaj, Member, Global EC, WFM/Institute for Global Policy and National Coordinator, UNPA Campaign, New Delhi; Prof. Syed Munir Khasru, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance, Dhaka; and Mr. Chandrachur Singh, University of Birmingham, Birmingham were the panellists.

Dr. Nisha Taneja, Professor, ICRIER and Prof. Manmohan Agarwal, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum chaired the parallel session III(c) on SSC, Trade and Investment Dynamics. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS; Prof. Shahid Ahmed, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Prof. Cho Cho Thein, Yangon University of Economics; and Ms. Swati Ganeshan, TERI, New Delhi were the panellists.

Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate, IDSA, New Delhi chaired the parallel session

IV (a) on Young Scholar's Forum on SSC. Ms. Rediet Desalegn, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Addis Ababa; Mr. Carlos E. Timo Brito, The Pandia Calogeras Institute Ministry of Defense, Brasilia; Ms. Leticia Estevez, National University of Avellaneda, Buenos Aires; Ms. Nargiza Alymkulova, International Ataturk Alatoo University, Bishkek; Dr. S. B. Yadav, Matsya University, Alwar; Mr. Saidu Nasiru Sulaiman, Phd Student, Sharda University, Greater Noida; Dr. Kyialbek Akmoldoev, Head of Economics Department, International Ataturk Alatoo University, Bishkek; Mr. A Krishna Prasad, Phone2Vote and Ms. Laura Karina Gutierrez Matamoros, Mora Institute, Mexico City were the panellists.

Dr. Thomas Muhr, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen and Dr. Jyoti Chandiramani, Director, Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune chaired the parallel session IV(b) on Education and Capacity Building. Prof. Gerardo Bracho, Senior Adviser, AMEXCID, Mexico City; Ms. Karin Costa Vazquez, Brazilian Center for International Relations, Brasilia; Dr. Juan Pablo Prado Lallande, Associate Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico City; Prof. Phillip O. Nying'uro, University of Nairobi, Nairobi; and Dr. Vijay Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, Sharda University, Greater Noida were the panellists.

Prof. Manmohan Agarwal and Prof. S. S. Parmar, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired the parallel session IV(c) Public-Private Partnership and South-South Cooperation. Mr. Nilanchal Mishra, KPMG; Mr. Abhaya Agarwal, Partner, Ernst and Young, New Delhi; Dr. Taekyoon KIM, Seoul National University, Seoul; Ms. Tamar Bello, Head, Global Partnerships, DFID India; and Mr. Denis Nkala, UN Office for South-South Cooperation, New York were the panellists.

The reports from the above mentioned parallel sessions were

presented in the Way Forward session chaired by Mr. Branislav Gosovic, Eminent expert on SSC from Geneva and Prof. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, SAIIA, Johannesburg.

Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary of India delivered valedictory address. Amb. Jayant Prasad, Director-General, IDSA chaired the valedictory session. Amb. V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made special remarks. Mr. Branislav Gosovic, Eminent expert on SSC from Geneva also made remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

The conference also had a cultural programme "Saptavarna" – the Seven Shades of Indian Classical Dance" directed by Ms. Aruna Mohanty.

More than 100 eminent speakers from abroad, in addition to a large number of Indian scholars, researchers, subject experts, high ranking officials from government, academia, civil society members, etc., participated.

NeST

In a pioneering move, the Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST), which brings together leading institutions and think-tanks of South, was also launched at the conference. NeST will serve as a knowledge and information bridge for Southern countries, sharing similar developmental experiences and socio-economic challenges.

Exhibition on South-South Cooperation

Exhibition on South-South cooperation was inaugurated by Amb. S.T. Devare as part of the two-day conference, in presence of senior diplomats, officials from UN agencies and experts from around the world. In the exhibition 38 institutions comprising of government, private and international, showcasing their products and core competencies which are furthering South-South Cooperation.

India-Myanmar Border Trade

RIS organised a stakeholders' consultative workshop on India-Myanmar Border Trade: Potential, Constraints and Policy Recommendations in Imphal and Moreh on 21-22 January 2016. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS made welcome and introductory remarks. Prof. Ch. Priyoranjan Singh, Department of Economics, MU moderated the first business session on the General Context of Indo-Myanmar Border Trade and India's Act East Policy. Speakers for the session included Prof. Amar Yumnam, Department of Economics, Manipur University; Prof. Konsam Ibo, Department of Political Science; and Dr. L. Rajen, Department of Political Science.

Prof. Amar Yumnam, Department of Economics, MU moderated the second business session on State-Specific Experience. Speakers for this session included Prof. D.K. Chakraborty, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University; Prof. E. Nixon Singh, Department of Management, Mizoram University; Dr. RKPG Singha, Pachunga University College, Aizwal; Dr. Thiyam Bharat, Reader, CSSEIP,



Prof. Ram Upendra Das speaking at the workshop.

Manipur University; and Dr. T Zarenthung Ezung, Department of Economics, Nagaland University.

The third session sought views from the representatives of trade bodies, traders and other stakeholders. Prof. Ch. Priyoranjan Singh, Department of Economics, MU moderated this session. Key speakers included: Mr. W. Nabachandra, President, Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Union (IMBTU); Dr. Th. Dhabali,

President, Manipur Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCI); Mr. N. Ibogochoubi, Vice President, Manipur Tourism Forum; Mr. N. Rudramani, Member, IMBTU; Mr. Hoabam Joyremba, MD, CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. T. Rashmani Sharma, IMBTU; Mr. Thokchom Jotin, MCCI; and Mr. Khagemba Sanabam, MCCI. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS made concluding remarks.

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development of national indicators; measuring quality and equity; standardisation, harmonisation and periodicity issues; and data Collection and new approaches.

Mr. V. K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog chaired the valedictory session. Prof. Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP (SSWA) made remarks. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered valedictory address.

Dr. P. K. Anand, Sr. Consultant, NITI Aayog made special remarks. Prof. T. C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

The two-day national consultation aimed to chalk the way forward for India and to come up with a positive agenda for implementing these SDGs within the existing policy framework of India. The consultation highlighted

that the states and centre have to work together for achieving sustainable development goals which are extremely important for ensuring inclusive economic growth through social equality of which health is a crucial factor. Senior government officials, eminent speakers from academia and civil society organisations took part in the consultation.

Third INDIALICS International Conference on Innovation and Sustainable Development

Last few decades witnessed unprecedented changes in varied spheres of economies and societies in the developing world. This was induced, among others, by technological and institutional innovations resulting in increased integration among countries. In the emerging context of globalisation international competitiveness remains the sole means of survival. Instances of high rates of growth even in large developing countries under globalisation suggest that achieving faster economic growth is within the reach of developing world. However, along with the episodes of high growth, there has been growing inequality at all levels and over-exploitation of exhaustible resources. The emerging challenge, therefore, is to accomplish sustainable development and competitiveness from a broader perspective of economy, ecology and society, which is the focus of United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Against this background RIS and Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum (CDS) organised the third INDIALICS conference that aimed at exploring the role

of innovation in its broad sense (technological, institutional and organisational) in addressing this new development challenge of achieving inclusive and sustainable development in Kerala on 16 -18 March 2016.

INDIALICS is the India chapter of Globelics – an international network of scholars who apply the concept of Learning, Innovation and Competence building System (LICS) as a framework for promoting inclusive and sustainable development in developing countries, emerging economies and societies in transition.

Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Member of Parliament, formerly Minister of Environment and Forests delivered the inaugural address. Mr. K. M. Chandrasekhar, Chairman, CDS chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Amit Shovon Ray, Director, CDS made welcome remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made opening remarks. Felicitation from Globelics was made by Prof. Jose E Cassiolato, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Representative in India made special address. Dr. T. M. Thomas Isaac, Member, Legislative Assembly, Kerala and Honorary

Fellow CDS delivered keynote address. Prof. K J Joseph, CDS extended the vote of thanks.

The different sessions of the conference deliberated on issues like from MDGs to SDGs: tasks, challenges and way forward; SDGs, innovation and globalisation; innovation, inequality and sustainable development; low carbon innovation; innovation and governance for sustainable development; manufacturing issues and sustainable development; innovation for inclusive and sustainable development: the southern perspective; innovations for sustainable agriculture; plantation agriculture; innovation beyond R&D for inclusive and sustainable development: reflections from Kerala's development experience; social sector innovations (Health/Education); the excluded and sustainable development; grassroot innovation; and innovation for inclusive and sustainable development: focus on plantation agriculture. A large number of government officials, stakeholders from academia, industry, national and international organisations took part in the conference.

RIS Breakfast Seminar Series

RIS Breakfast Seminar Series is meant to provide a platform to younger faculty members and early-career researchers to disseminate their research findings, discuss ongoing work and receive comments/feedback from experts and peers. Eminent scholars are also invited to speak on subjects of academic and policy relevance. At the same time, distinguished experts are invited to chair these sessions to share their experiences and wisdom. To make these sessions interactive occasionally senior researchers and policymakers are invited as discussants. As part of this series, the following seminar was held:

- Fiscal Incentives to Promote Industrial R&D: Cross Country Evidence by Ms. Prativa Shaw, Research Assistant, RIS on 7 January 2016. Prof. Pranav N. Desai, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University chaired the seminar.

Capacity Building Programme

ITEC Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)

RIS conducted the capacity building programme on 'International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)' in conjunction with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)/SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in New Delhi during 15 February-11 March 2016. The programme is conducted for participants from developing countries with a view to inculcate enhanced understanding on challenges and opportunities associated with the processes of globalisation and development. The Programme is designed to expose the participants to the growing complexities of global economic issues and negotiations and to build their analytical skills to deal with them. This is a part of the overall capacity-building exercise of RIS activities.

The objective of IEIDP Programme is to contribute to building of analytical capacity in developing countries in the realm of international development policy. The Programme includes capacity building in areas such as global

trading system and the WTO, international monetary and financial systems, South-South cooperation, regional economic cooperation, foreign direct investment and multinational enterprises, technology transfer and new technology in development, development policy reforms, among others.

The Programme is expected to equip the participants with capabilities to understand and systematically analyse the implications of different global economic trends for their home countries and to work out suitable policy options and responses.

The participants were engaged in discussion on various crucial subjects of national, regional and global significance specifically from the perspective of developing



Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary, MEA giving certificate to one of the participants of the ITEC. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi and Prof. Ram Upendra Das.

countries. This was achieved through a series of lectures delivered by RIS faculty, which includes internationally renowned scholars on international economic issues as well as noted experts from other think-tanks/universities, and senior officials from the Government of India. The participants were also exposed to India's economic dynamism through various field visits in and outside Delhi. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS was the Programme Director. Twenty seven participants from 17 countries took part in the programme.



Participants of the RIS-ITEC Capacity Building Programme on International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP) with RIS Faculty.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Made a presentation on 'Trade and Investment between Commonwealth Members' at the Consultative Meeting of Commonwealth Expert Group on Trade-Revitalising Global Trade and Multilateralism organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in New Delhi on 31 March 2016.
- Made a presentation on 'SDG Process, Indicators and National Strategy' at the Workshop on 'Achieving Sustainable Development Goals- Opportunities and Challenges for India' organised jointly by the NITI Aayog and Center of Environment Education in Ahmedabad on 10 January 2016.
- Panellist at the session on 'Voices from the World on Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World' and Participated in the Roundtable on RRI-Take home message from Plenaries and Parallel workshops at the Conference on Responsible Research and Innovation in Europe and across the World Go4 Joint Final Conference co-organised by 4 EU-funded projects with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in Brussels on 15 January 2016.
- Participated at the first LPAC meeting for DST sponsored study titled "Emerging and Contemporary R&D and Innovation Indicators in National S&T System and Policy Implications- A Comprehensive Study", organised by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in New Delhi on 20 January 2016.
- Chaired a Session on 'Trade in Natural Resources: Economic Implications of Export Restriction' at the Workshop on 'Potential Impacts of Export Restrictions on Natural Resources' organised by TERI in New Delhi on 20 January 2016.
- Participated at the second Research Institute Network Meeting (RINM) for Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), and also at the Semi-Roundtable on TPP and RCEP in Kuala Lumpur on 25 January 2016.
- Made a presentation on 'India's Future Trade Policy Priorities' at the Interactive Session on WTO Nairobi Ministerial Outcomes and India's Future Trade Policy Priorities organised jointly by the CII and Centre for WTO Studies in New Delhi on 27 January 2016.
- Panellist at the Panel Discussion on Sustainable Development Goals - the Role of Think Tanks in Policy Making organised by ORF in New Delhi on 28 January 2016.
- Participated in the 7th Round of the annual MEA-IISS Dialogue co-organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and London based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in New Delhi on 9 February 2016.
- Chaired a session on 'Social and Economic Impacts of Agricultural Biotechnologies for Smallholders: Taking Stock of the Evidence and Prioritising Future Assessments' and made a presentation on 'South-South Collaboration in Agricultural Biotechnology' at the International Symposium on Agriculture Biotechnologies organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome on 15-16 February 2016.
- Delivered keynote address at the National Conference on 'Africa since 2000: Transition and Change' organised by the Department of African Studies, University of Delhi in New Delhi on 18 February 2016.
- Participated at the third meeting of CII Africa Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Noel Tata, in New Delhi on 23 February 2016.
- Participated in the discussion meeting with Secretary, MoSPI on SDG indicator framework organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India in New Delhi on 26 February 2016.
- Made a presentation on 'International Aid Architecture and Theory of Development Compact and Mission Approach' at the University of Chicago Center in Delhi for the visiting group of students from the Committee on International Relations (CIR) from the University of Chicago on 22 March 2016.
- Participated in the Seminar on 'India-Nepal Relations: Changing Context, Emerging Situations' organised by Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad, Bharat, India Policy Foundation and Niti Anusandhan Parishad, Nepal, in New Delhi on 26-27 March 2016.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. S.K. Mohanty

- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on 'Trade Policy Issues' held in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 7 January 2016.
- Participated in an Interactive Session on 'WTO Nairobi Ministerial Outcomes and India's Future Trade Policy Priorities', organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Centre for WTO Studies in New Delhi on 27 January 2016.
- Participated in the launching of the 'Third FICCI/PwC Strategy and India Manufacturing Barometer' in New Delhi on 9 February 2016.
- Made a presentation on 'Blue Economy' at the Seminar on 'Good Order At Sea: India's Role', organised by UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University at Pondicherry on 18-19 February.
- Participated in the Discussion on 'Bangladesh and North-Eastern States of India (BNESI)' organised by the Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG) through Skype on 29 February 2016.

- Participated in the Discussion Meeting on Draft Report of the Joint Study Group (JSG) on COMESA, held at the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries on 18 March 2016.
- Made a presentation on "Resurging IORA with Expanding Cooperation in Trade: Addressing Regional Imbalance with GVC Sector" at the International Conference on 'Emerging Geopolitics in the Indian Ocean', organised by the Society for Indian Ocean Studies (SIOS) in New Delhi on 19 March 2016.

Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Presented a paper on 'Asean Plus Six and Successful FTAs: Can India Propel Intra-Industry Trade Flows?' in the Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Allied Social Science Associations, San Francisco, USA on 3-5 January 2016.
- Participated in a meeting on 'India-Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU) FTA' organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India in New Delhi on 18 January 2016.

- Participated in a review meeting on 'Joint Feasibility Study Group (JFSG) Report for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU) organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 15 February 2016.
- Participated in a meeting on 'Border Trade Committee and Border Haat Committee between India and Myanmar' organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 16 February 2016.
- Participated in a meeting on 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)' organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 26 February 2016.
- Participated in a review meeting on 'India-Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU) FTA' organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 15 March 2016.
- Delivered a Speech at the High Level Symposium on 'Synergies along the Silk Road for Agenda 2030' organised by Turkic World Educational and Scientific Cooperation Organisation (TWESCO) at the United Nations Headquarters, New York on 28 March 2016.



Prof. Ram Upendra Das speaking at the High Level Symposium on "Synergies along the Silk Road for Agenda 2030" at the UN Headquarters, New York on 28 March 2016.

Prof. T.C. James Visiting Fellow

- Delivered lectures on "Patent Law, Practices and Procedures" and "Trademark law in India" in the Training Programme on WTO with Special Reference To Intellectual Property Rights

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

for the Officers of Indian Administrative Service at IIFT on 12 and 13 January 2016.

- Presented Indian perspectives on Intellectual Property Law and Copyright and Piracy at the Global IP Fiesta organised by the VIT University, Chennai on 30 and 31 January 2016.
- Delivered a talk on “Commercialisation of Geographical Indications of Goods” to farmers and students of law, economics and agriculture at the Kerala Agricultural University, Vellayani, Thrissur on 4 February 2016.
- Made presentations on “the Need, Background and Social Context of IP Protection and its International and Transnational Dimensions” and “the Role of the District Judiciary in Balancing the Rights of the Society/ Consumer and the Rights of the

IPR Holder in the enforcement of the IPR Regime keeping in view the Social Context” in the Orientation Programme for District Judges organised by the Delhi Judicial Academy on 19 and 20 February 2016.

- Gave a keynote address at the Workshop on “Copyright Limitations and Exception of Libraries and Archives” organised by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore on 4 March 2016 and also made a presentation on “Parallel Imports” on 5 March 2016.

Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas

Visiting Fellow

- Attended FAO Conference on ‘Biotechnology for Food Security and Nutrition’ in Rome on 15-17 February 2016.
- Gave a talk on ‘Socioeconomic Assessment of Nanotechnology

and Emerging Technologies’ at the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy on 18 February.

- Participated in a discussion meeting with team members of Centre for environmental, ethical, legal and social decisions about emerging technologies at University of Padova on 18 February.

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha

Assistant Professor

- Addressed the Inaugural Session and made a presentation on the SDGs at the Seminar on “Taking Sustainable Development and Climate Agenda Post 2015”, organised by Stree Aadhar Kendra, Development Support Team, Pune and Beyond Copenhagen in Pune on 21 February 2016.

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and increasing consumerism; rapid rise in waste generation; lack of scientific disposal methods that provide an excellent level playing field for SSC to achieve the goals of sustainable development.

Mr. Sahu in his inaugural address tried to contextualise development by questioning the meaning of development and ways of achieving them. The biggest domestic challenge for India, according to him, was the extraction of 20 per cent of India's population out of poverty. However, India is also aware of the developmental challenges faced by other developing countries and India is willingly

sharing responsibility of assisting them through its development cooperation programmes.

Mr. Sahu also emphasised the importance of platforms like FIDC which has been created to facilitate the consultation on SSC and India's development cooperation at track II level.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi chaired the first technical session on India's Development Cooperation: Perspective and Practice. Comm. R.S. Vasan, Director, Centre for China Studies and Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS were the panellists.

Prof. T. C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired the second technical session on Development Cooperation and Civil Society Organisation. Dr. Bhavani R. V., Programme Manager, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation; Dr. Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay, Director, PRIA; and Mr. Sandip Mookerjee, Vice President, Hand-in-Hand India were the panellists.

The consultation also had two parallel sessions focussed on agriculture moderated by Dr. P. G. Chengappa, National Professor of ICAR, Institute for Social and Economic Change and Fisheries and Aquaculture moderated by Dr. Y.S. Yadava, Director, BoBP.

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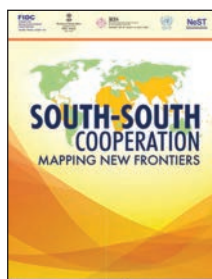
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Resurging South: Stylized Facts

Prof. S.K. Mohanty,
Dr. Priyadarshi Dash,
Dr. Sabyasachi Saha,
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Ms. Aastha Gupta, RIS, New
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BACKGROUND PAPER

South-South Cooperation: Mapping New Frontiers

RIS, New Delhi, 2016

PROFILE OF EXHIBITORS



Partners in Resurgence: South South Cooperation

RIS, New Delhi, 2016

PARTNERSHIP FOR RESURGENT INDIA: SDGs AS CATALYSTS OF CHANGE

RIS produced a brief digest titled "Partnership for Resurgent India: SDGs as Catalysts of Change" for the Women Legislators' Conference held in New Delhi on 5 and 6 March 2016. The Digest contained a socio-economic and governance analysis of the issues of Health, Education, Inclusive Growth & Equity and Climate Change. Prof. T. C. James, Visiting Fellow; Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant; Dr. Beena Pandey, Research Associate; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor; Ms. Pratiba Shaw, Research Assistant and Ms. Deepti Bhatia, Research Assistant, RIS contributed to the Digest.

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दक्षिणीय सहयोग सम्मेलन

आरआईएस ने 10-11 मार्च 2016 को नई दिल्ली में दक्षिणीय सहयोग (एसएससी) सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया। इस दो दिवसीय सम्मेलन में प्रसिद्ध विद्वानों और विशेषज्ञों ने बदलते अंतरराष्ट्रीय विकास के परिदृश्य में दक्षिणीय सहयोग के बढ़ते महत्व को रेखांकित किया। सम्मेलन का आयोजन विदेश मंत्रालय एवं संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ के सहयोग से किया गया।

राजदूत एस टी देवरे, अध्यक्ष, अनुसंधान सलाहकार परिषद, आरआईएस और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अध्ययन के लिए राम साठे चेरर, सिम्बायोसिस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विश्वविद्यालय, पुणे, की अध्यक्षता में हुए उद्घाटन सत्र में निवेश में बढ़ते हुए अंतर-दक्षिणीय व्यापार और विकास सहयोग पर जोर दिया गया।

राजदूत देवरे ने कहा, "आरआईएस के कार्यक्रम का ध्यान दक्षिणीय सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने पर केंद्रित रहा है और इस सम्मेलन का आयोजन इस दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है।" उन्होंने यह भी जोर देकर कहा कि दक्षिणीय सहयोग या विकास सहयोग पर केवल सरकार का एकाधिकार नहीं है बल्कि पूरे नागरिक समाज को इसमें अपना सहयोग देना होगा। उन्होंने कहा, "उत्तर-दक्षिण सहयोग (एसएससी) में गिरावट आ रही है और संसाधनों की कमी है इसलिए संसाधनों को सामूहिक प्रयासों के माध्यम से ही उत्पन्न किया जा सकता है।"

सुश्री सुजाता मेहता, सचिव (पश्चिम), विदेश मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार ने अपने मुख्य भाषण में दक्षिण के उद्भव पर प्रकाश डाला। "दक्षिण आर्थिक जीवंतता और उद्यम का केंद्र है," सुश्री मेहता ने कहा। उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि "अंतर-दक्षिणीय व्यापार, निवेश और विकास सहयोग में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है। दक्षिण दुनिया की वर्तमान विकास की गतिशीलता बताता है। वृद्धिशील दुनिया के विकास के लिए दक्षिण का योगदान उन्नत अर्थव्यवस्थाओं से आगे निकल गया है।" उन्होंने आगे कहा, "उत्तर-दक्षिण सहयोग में आई गिरावट को दक्षिणीय सहयोग द्वारा पूरा किया जा सकता है।"

एसएससी के विषय में व्यापक मुद्दों को सामने रखते हुए प्रोफेसर सचिन चतुर्वेदी, महानिदेशक, आरआईएस ने अपने स्वागत भाषण में कहा, "दक्षिणीय सहयोग पर सम्मेलन उत्तर-दक्षिण सहयोग के बदलते विवरण और दक्षिणीय सहयोग के उभरते हुए प्रतिमान, विशेष रूप से, आर्थिक गुरुत्वाकर्षण के एक नए केंद्र के रूप में उभर रहे दक्षिण की पृष्ठभूमि में आयोजित किया जा रहा है। यह हाल ही में दक्षिणी अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में हुए आर्थिक उथल-पुथल के संदर्भ में और भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है।" उन्होंने यह भी रेखांकित किया, "सम्मेलन और भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि यह अन्य अवसरों के विपरीत है जहां दक्षिण दृष्टिकोण उत्तर से उभरते दृष्टिकोण पर निर्भर रहा है वही इस सम्मेलन में शैक्षणिक समुदाय और दक्षिणीय सहयोग पर कार्य कर रहे लोगों को एक साथ लाया गया है।" श्री यूसी अफनासेव, संयुक्त राष्ट्र के निवासी समन्वयक और भारत में यूएनडीपी के स्थानीय प्रतिनिधि ने उपयुक्त समय पर सम्मेलन आयोजित करने के लिए आरआईएस की सराहना की जब दुनिया एसएससी में वृद्धि देख रही है और सतत विकास लक्ष्यों पर वैश्विक एजेंडा निर्धारित किया गया है। उन्होंने दुनिया के विकास के ढाँचे में वैश्विक दक्षिण के बढ़ते महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला।

श्री वु होंगबो, अवर महासचिव, आर्थिक और सामाजिक मामलों के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र विभाग, संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने अपने विशेष संबोधन में जोर देकर कहा कि सम्मेलन सही समय पर की गई पहल है क्योंकि 2030 एजेंडा सभी देशों के बीच साझेदारी के लिए कहता है।

श्री जाओकिं राइटर, उप महासचिव, अंकटाड, जिनेवा, ने अपने विशेष संबोधन में कुछ सांख्यिकीय सबूत देकर दक्षिण के बढ़ते हुए महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने बताया 1990 के दशक में दक्षिण-दक्षिण व्यापार 6 प्रतिशत से 25 प्रतिशत हुआ है और दक्षिण-दक्षिण प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश में वृद्धि हुई है।

श्री ली शियाओयू, चेरर, चीन इंटरनेशनल डेवेलपमेंट रिसर्च नेटवर्क (सीआईडीआरएन) ने सभा को संबोधित करते हुए कहा, "1980 के दशक के शुरु से दुनिया ने दक्षिण के विकास के साथ संरचनात्मक बदलाव देखा है।"

प्रोफेसर अनुराधा चिनाय, डीन, स्कूल ऑफ इंटरनेशनल स्टडीस, जेएनयू, और अध्यक्ष, एफआईडीसी ने कहा, "एसएससी का ढाँचा दक्षिण के लिए एक अनिवार्य गठबंधन है।" उन्होंने इस तथ्य पर भी जोर दिया कि एसएससी उत्तर-दक्षिण सहयोग से अलग है क्योंकि यह न सिर्फ आर्थिक विकास के लिए है, बल्कि लोगों को गरीबी और सभी प्रकार की असुरक्षाओं से मुक्त करने के लिए है।"

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