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THE GLOBAL SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXPO 2012
ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:
INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR DEVELOPMENT



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Special Unit for South-South Cooperation

“South-South cooperation presents a valuable and reliable complement to North-South and triangular cooperation. Technologies developed in the South often have the benefit of being tailor-made for the environment in which they are eventually deployed, and as such many, often simple, technologies can have a widespread and immediate impact on development and poverty reduction”.

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UNIDO Director-General

Closing Address at the 2011 GSSD Expo in Rome

9 December 2011



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Through South-South cooperation, developing countries seek to meet their development goals through concerted efforts in the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and technical domains. The objectives of South-South cooperation are interdependent and mutually supportive, and include fostering the exchange of experience, the sharing of technical resources, and the development of complementary capacities. South-South Cooperation has been successful in decreasing dependence on aid programmes and in addressing the challenges of developing countries.

THE GLOBAL SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT (GSSD) EXPO

Incepted in 2008 by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU-SSC), a part of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo is an important mechanism to promote South-South solutions, and a major venue for interactions among like-minded partners. Together with the Global South-South Development Academy and the South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange, the GSSD Expo is part of the United Nations' 3-in-1 multilateral support architecture dedicated to South-South Cooperation.

UNIDO, HOST OF THE 2012 GSSD EXPO

This year's event will be hosted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna, Austria, and co-organized with the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU-SSC). When asked to host the Expo, UNIDO immediately seized this opportunity as it positively reflects on its own commitment to South-South cooperation, for which it received the 2011 South-South Innovation Award. Furthermore, hosting the event enables the Organization to more actively foster interactions on the thematic priorities that are core to its mandate.

"ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE", THE EXPO'S THEME

2012 is the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, and developing countries also strive for inclusive partnerships for sustainable development in the field of Energy and Climate Change. Furthermore, the theme, which also pays tribute to UNIDO's strength in delivering environment and energy-related solutions, fully resonates with the main topics that were discussed throughout the year, including in Rio.

2012 GSSD EXPO, A GREEN EVENT

With the GSSD Expo 2012 overarching theme being "Energy and Climate Change", UNIDO and its co-organizers have taken a number of steps to reduce the ecological footprint of the event; seen together, these numerous initiatives demonstrate the United Nations' commitment to work in an environmentally-friendly manner.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SEIZED AT THE 2012 GSSD EXPO

In addition to its convening role for high-level South-South Cooperation stakeholders, the GSSD Expo will showcase successful initiatives from developing countries that address development challenges related to Energy and Climate Change issues. By participating in the forthcoming GSSD Expo, you will therefore be able to:

- Interact with high-level government officials and representatives from the international community as well as with the private sector, academia and the civil society
- Showcase innovative technologies and present best practices related to Energy and Climate Change issues
- Learn from valuable experiences in South-South Cooperation and ascertain upcoming trends and evolutions related to Energy and Climate Change in the South
- Network with like-minded potential partners, both from the public and the private sector, towards developing mutually beneficial relationships

THE LAYOUT OF THE 2012 GSSD EXPO

HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Four main events form the core of the high-level dialogue:

High-Level Opening Ceremony (19 November 2012)

The Opening Ceremony will feature numerous champions of South-South Cooperation including Heads of State, high-level government officials, senior officials of the United Nations system, Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, and business leaders from around the world.

Leadership Round Table and Launch of Major Initiatives (19 November 2012)

The Leadership Round Table theme this year will be ‘South-South Cooperation: Investing in Sustainable Industrialization; Jobs and Wealth Creation’ and will be attended by renowned leaders and experts in the field of renewable energy within South-South and triangular cooperation. The Round Table will be followed by the launch of major South-South Cooperation initiatives that relates to solutions in renewable/alternative energy and climate change adaptation.

UN South-South Stakeholders’ and High-Level Development Cooperation Directors-General Meeting (22 November 2012 - by invitation only)

Focal points from United Nations organizations, regional development banks and regional economic commissions will discuss global development solutions for South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the “Way Forward”. This meeting will be held across 4 sessions, as follows:

- Session 1:** Innovative approaches of South-South and triangular cooperation towards effective development
- Session 2:** Scaling up and partnership for South-South and triangular cooperation
- Session 3:** Capacity development and knowledge management for South-South and triangular cooperation
- Session 4:** The role of UN agencies and multilateral organizations in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation

Closing Ceremony: Annual Awards and Speeches (23 November 2012)

Eminent leaders in South-South and triangular cooperation and of Southern initiatives will share their perspectives and present the annual South-South Cooperation Awards to selected individuals and organizations.

SOLUTION FORUMS, EXHIBITION FLOOR AND MINI-FORUMS

Three main mechanisms are available on a more technical level to showcase development solutions and initiatives.

Solution Forums (Tuesday 20 November and Wednesday 21 November 2012)

The Solution Forums allow for the presentation of, and subsequent discussions on successful solutions that have been implemented and which delivered effective results. The 2012 GSSD Expo will feature six Solution Forums; each presenting UN agency will select the best applications for its Forum (six to seven) and moderate the discussions. The 2012 Solution forums themes are:

Energy, Climate Change and Industrial Development (UNIDO)

The Energy, Climate Change and Industrial Development Solutions Forum will focus on solutions that have identified and overcome potential roles and barriers to the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in industry. This will include renewable energy generation and supply through (i) on-grid connection for all forms of industrial and productive use applications, (ii) off-grid (mini grids) for SMEs and productive uses, and (iii) energy services as a business sector are all crucial to accelerate green growth and create local employment opportunities. The Solution forum will additionally look at energy efficiency measures and technologies central to mitigating the effects of climate change. In this instance not only do improvements in energy efficiency reduce GHG emissions but also create jobs, foster economic growth and improve energy security. Similarly, management practices will also be explored as they are essential for sustainable energy efficiency and so the promotion of energy management systems in industry is critical to accelerating market transformation.

Energy, Climate Change and Inclusive Social Development (ILO)

The Energy, Climate Change and Inclusive Social Development Solution Forum aims to present development solutions relevant to social protection, job security and economic empowerment as a result of improving access to energy for all; climate change; and the move towards a green economy. The Forum will aim to provide results-based presentations and scalable solutions and will ensure that employment, decent work and social inclusion are integral parts of any sustainable development strategy. It will also put emphasis on skills and education policies to facilitate job transition and improve employability, including equitable outcomes for a vulnerable group of people – women, girls and youth. Finally, the Forum will also leverage social protection mechanisms and strategies for sustainable development.

Energy, Climate Change: Focus on Biodiversity, Forestry and Land Degradation (UNEP, WB, UNESCO)

The Energy, Climate Change: Focus on Biodiversity, Forestry and Land Degradation Solution Forum aims to present development solutions on bio-diversity, forestry and land degradation in the midst of climate change and increasing demand for energy - especially in restoring or rehabilitating degraded habitats and ecosystem services, promoting the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, preserving and enhancing the ecosystem services that buffer communities from extreme events; and ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable.



Energy and Climate Change and Food Security (FAO, WB and IFAD)

The Energy and Climate Change and Food Security Solution Forum will present development solutions that are designed to support families and societies in coping with the adversarial effects of climate change. The Solution Forum will aim to present development solutions relevant to food security as a result of climate change and depleting energy sources. The Forum will provide results-based presentations and scalable solutions on agricultural and food technology; specifically featuring successful technologies and techniques for increasing Southern agricultural yields and showcasing approaches and measures for transforming agriculture and shifting the use and management of land, agriculture, and food systems towards a paradigm that integrates environmental, human well-being, and economic values. In addition, this forum will present innovative policies, institutional responses and solutions to health issues related to food insecurity and will explore ways to leverage institutional mechanisms and devise new strategies for sustainable development.

Energy and Climate Change: Health, Women and ICT (WHO/ PAHO, UN Women and UNFPA)

The Energy and Climate Change: Health, Women and ICT Solution Forum aims to raise awareness of the impact of climate change on health and present development solutions relevant to public health, women and youth, both in the lead up to and the aftermath of climate hazards. The Forum will aim to provide results-based presentations and scalable solutions that ensure health, well-being and livelihoods of vulnerable and impacted populations are integral parts of any sustainable development strategy. It will focus on skills, education and strength of new technology in improving public health and planning.

Energy, Climate Change and Energy Access (UNDP/IRENA)

The Energy, Climate Change and Energy Access Solution Forum will present a range of sustainable projects that have been implemented to address energy poverty in rural areas. The objective of this panel is to bring together speakers from government, private sector, civil society, and other development partners from the South to showcase energy access solutions on the ground that provide development solutions to the complex challenges of poverty and climate change. The Solution Forum will bring together representatives from various entities including government, civil society and the private sector to highlight the various themes related to energy access such as technology and innovative solutions, financing, role of public policy, partnerships (including PPP and triangular cooperation).

Exhibition Floor (19-23 November 2012)

The GSSD Expo exhibition floor, on display for the duration of the week is a platform for all of the solutions presented in each of the six thematic areas of the Solution Forums. The Exhibition floor will display over 35 solutions, using posters, audio-visual equipment, booths for printed materials and publications relevant to South-South cooperation. These showcased development solutions are considered among the best South-South and triangular partnership development solutions implemented in the South, and thus provide shining examples of the current and potential strength of South-South cooperation.

Mini Forums (Thursday 22 November 2012)

Mini Forums present existing tools of the international community that address climate change and promote south cooperation while exploring prospective mechanisms and future collaborative schemes. The 2012 Mini Forums are:

Knowledge Sharing Networks and Network Governance (UNIDO)

Focus on the knowledge-sharing mechanisms and the relevance/importance of networks and network governance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation. In two parts; the first sessions focus is on the Networks for Prosperity initiative (N4P) which targets at facilitating international knowledge exchange and networking in the field of sustainable economic development and the respective policy-making processes. Part two is the Industrial Knowledge Bank (IKB); an innovative south-south mechanism that enhances the exchange of Expertise and Knowhow between countries by leveraging the economic and distinctive intellectual resources of each of them.

Skills Development (UNIDO/UNV)

Discuss issues and trends for green industrial skills development and provide strategies to meet education and industry needs. To include the presentation of competency standards in industrial trades and service sectors and the showcasing of means by which traditional trade and craft skills can be integrated with new technologies and multi-skilled vocations.

Citizenry-Based Academy on Disaster Management (UNDP)

Highlight benefits gained by trainees from five South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy's (SSCBDA) in water management, sustainable livelihood, law enactment, community resilience, farmers' adaptation to climate, bio-fuel, low-impact energy consumption, flood management, etc.

PPP and Financing South-South Cooperation (OFID - OPEC Fund for International Development)

Discuss the growing role that Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) can play in the global struggle to mitigate climate change and explore initiatives to reduce climate change; discuss integrating environmental values and conservation of natural resources.

Role of International NGOs and Philanthropic Organizations in Sustainable Development

Give voice to the more strategic, effective, and sustainable development practices that result in a more powerful impact for philanthropic work and explore the unique opportunity for foundations and philanthropic groups to articulate lasting changes.

Clear Air Partnership

A consortium of an extensive Asian network working towards the reduction of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; The FK South-South cooperation program promotes mutual capacity building through exchange of staff between African and Asian organizations, institutions and companies.



REGISTRATION

Interesting in attending and being part of the GSSD Expo 2012? Whether you're a private sector member, a public servant, a student or part of an NGO; you can register to be part of the Expo in Vienna this year. To register, simply follow the below-outlined steps:

Step 1: Go to the official GSSD Expo website: <http://www.southsouthexpo.org>

Step 2: Click "Registration" and fill out the registration form selecting the specific events you wish to attend.

Step 3: Upload a passport photo (for security purposes)

Step 4: You will be notified of your successful registration on or before 1 November 2012

Please be informed that due to space limitations, registration for the event does not necessarily guarantee a seat. Please also note that it is your responsibility to have a valid passport and the relevant Schengen Visa to enter the Austrian Territory. Neither UNIDO nor UNDP are responsible for attaining the relevant visa or documentation.

SOLUTION FORUM NOMINATIONS

An integral aspect of the GSSD Expo are the Solutions. Any public or private institution or organizations can nominate southern development solutions that have made significant contributions to human development and address the challenges faced in the global south.

The development solutions can take many forms, including Southern-grown solutions, South-South partnership solutions, North-South-South triangular partnership solutions, Public-Private Partnership solutions, etc. Solutions should have some of the following attributes:

- In line with South priority and demand driven/sustainable
- Under South ownership and leadership/Southern-grown solution
- South-South partnership solution/a North-South-South triangular partnership solution
- Public-Private partnership solution
- Innovative/efficient/scalable and adaptable across developing countries

STEPS TO NOMINATE A SOLUTION

The nomination process is simple; please follow these 3 steps:

Step 1: Go to <http://www.southsouthexpo.org/project-nomination-form.asp> and download the Nomination form (available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

Step 2: Fill out the application form and email the Word version and all relevant additional documentation (e.g. multimedia, jpeg/eps, word documents, spreadsheets, etc.) to the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation Secretariat (gssdexpo.secretariat@undp.org) by 31 October 2012.

All solutions submitted online will be forwarded to the UN agency responsible for the Solution Forum. If your solution is selected, you will be notified by the UN agency directly. Please note that you will be required to submit additional information to be displayed on an Exhibition floor during the GSSD Expo 2012.

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

UNIDO is co-organizing the event with UNDP's Special Unit for South-South Cooperation. Additional partners currently include JICA, ILO, IRENA, UNEP, WB, FAO, WHO, UN Women, OFID, ITU, Beijing Zhimingde Quantum Biology Science co. Ltd and Xinhua News Agency (Austria).

The GSSD Expo 2012 is a global event with relevance for all different types of stakeholders from both the North and the South. The more support and promotion the GSSD Expo receives from its partners and sponsors the further the benefits of South-South cooperation will be felt. This broad and diverse exposure of South-South cooperation will result directly in a higher quality and standard of solutions and participation at the GSSD Expo 2012, and thus a greater potential for valuable and prosperous linkages through new connections and across current South-South and triangular networks.

To ensure this continued high quality of participation and far-reaching exposure of the GSSD Expo 2012, UNIDO would like to invite public institutions and/or private sector organizations to partner and sponsor various elements of the 2012 GSSD Expo. As sponsors and partners of the GSSD Expo, institutions and organizations will be:

- Invited to attend all elements of the GSSD Expo
- Invited to participate in all UNIDO conferences and summits relating to South-South cooperation
- Visible (through their logo) on all promotional materials, brochures, banners, posters and the GSSD Expo website
- Able to showcase their initiatives and products in an exhibition booth on the GSSD Expo exhibition floor

For additional details about sponsorship or partnership, please contact UNIDO on the details listed below.

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