South-South cooperation survey results

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Recent Developments in SSC in A-P Region

Regional:
- June: Establishment of Asia-Pacific DG Forum
- November: 2nd Asia-Pacific DG Forum

2018

2019
- ESCAP Resolution 75/3

2020
- 3rd Asia-Pacific DG Forum

2021
- March: Roundtable on Network for SSC in A-P
- September: 4th Asia-Pacific DG Forum

Global:
- BAPA+40 General Assembly Resolution 73/291
- UN System-wide Strategy on SS&TrC, 2020-2024
- General Assembly Resolution 76/221
- Global Expo
### Discussions/Decisions of previous Asia-Pacific DG Forums

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<th>1st: Towards Buenos Aires 40th Anniversary</th>
<th>2nd: Review of regional SSTrC in the context of the BAPA+40 Conference</th>
<th>3rd: Role of SSC in Building Back Better from COVID-19 Pandemic</th>
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<td>• Discussed ideas that respond to the regional demand and directions and means to delivering results-oriented development cooperation</td>
<td>• Reviewed and articulated the region’s South-South and triangular cooperation priorities</td>
<td>• How to leverage regional, subregional and national cooperation for greater access to information and innovation</td>
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<td>• Decided to continue this exchange through organization of regular A-P DG Forums</td>
<td>• Agreed on the next steps after BAPA+40</td>
<td>• How to promote exchanges of SS&amp;TrC good practices, knowledge, and experiences</td>
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<td>• Better alignment of available resources with the needs</td>
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ABOUT the Survey

Survey target: National agencies/units responsible for South-South or development cooperation in Asia-Pacific countries

Objectives: (a) To map needs, resources and capacities of member States; (b) To obtain their expectations on the Asia-Pacific DG Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation

Timeline:

First Launch
July 2021
Total 11 responses

Second Launch
July 2022
Total 18 responses from 15 countries

In total, 29 responses from 26 countries
Components of survey questionnaire:

**Part 1**
Preparation of the A-P DG Forum
- Confirmation of interest in joining proposed working groups
- Function of the A-P DG forum
- Suggestions

**Part 2**
SSC/TrC Modalities
- Role of the member States
- Responsible agency
- Priorities in modality/sector/region/country to provide/receive assistance

**Part 3**
National Strategy for South-South Cooperation
- National strategy for South-South cooperation
- Monitoring and evaluation system for official development assistance (ODA)
- Challenges to provide/receive technical cooperation
Part 1: Working groups under the A-P DG forum

- Resource Mobilization/Matchmaking: 8 MS interested in joining, 1 for Chair
- Support to Assistance Providers: 10 MS interested in joining, 1 for Chair
- Strengthen the Asia-Pacific DG-Forum: 9 MS interested in joining
## Part 1: Function of the A-P DG forum

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<th>The A-P DG Forum</th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Strongly disagree</th>
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<td>Membership should function as a Community of Practice.</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>Should meet no less than on an annual basis.</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>Should have formal Terms of Reference agreed upon by participating members.</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Should have a rotating organizing committee comprising a Chair and several members.</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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Part 2: Respondents

- 41% More of a provider
- 35% More of a recipient
- 24% Provides and receives assistance in more or less equal proportions
Part 2: Top 5 areas for providing/receiving TC

1. ICT
2. Environment
3. Disaster Risk Reduction
4. Transport
5. Trade and investment
Part 2: Priority region for providing TC

- South and South West Asia: 96%
- South East Asia: 81%
- North and Central Asia: 78%
- East and North East Asia: 70%
- Pacific: 67%
Part 3: Challenges member States face in providing TC

- COVID-19 pandemic: 75%
- Difficulties in matching technical assistance demands/needs: 63%
- Lack of funding: 25%
- Low priority on the national agenda: 25%
- Fragmentation of ODA resources (personal, financial, etc.): 25%
- Others (Human resources constraints): 13%
Part 3: Challenges member States faces in receiving TC

- Difficulties in matching technical assistance demands/needs: 80%
- COVID-19 pandemic: 60%
- Lack of funding: 40%
- Fragmentation of ODA resources (personal, financial, etc.): 20%
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| **3** | Difficulties in matching technical assistance demands/needs were the biggest challenge for both providers and recipients of the technical cooperation

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