

# INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON TRIANGULAR CO-OPERATION

## TRIANGULAR CO-OPERATION AT THE CENTRE OF THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

6 OCTOBER 2022

8:30 – 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 10:30 **Opening: Scaling up and investing in triangular co-operation to shape the global development agenda**

- **Cristina Moniz**, Vice President, Camões I.P., Portugal
- **Mayumi Endoh**, Deputy-Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- **Justine Kasule Lumumba**, Minister of General Duties and SDGs focal point, Republic of Uganda (TBC)
- **Svenja Schulze**, German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (video message)
- **Xiaojun Grace Wang**, Deputy Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)

10:30 – 11:00 **GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK**

11:00-12:30 **Session 1. Taking stock of triangular co-operation as a global modality – hearing different perspectives**

**Moderator:** **Ana Fernandes**, Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Triangular co-operation is a 21<sup>st</sup>-century modality that is well placed to achieve the SDGs through its ability to forge new partnerships, build trust, share knowledge, leverage resources, and drive innovative solutions. It encourages a genuine three-way learning and co-creation of adapted, locally owned solutions to tackle key development challenges, such as climate change, ensuring pandemic preparedness, enhancing financial inclusion and empowering women and girls. Three years after BAPA+40, triangular co-operation has gained importance globally. In this session, we aim to hear updates on the use of triangular co-operation across the globe and from different stakeholders.

**Speakers (talk show format):**

- **Riad Ragueb**, Acting Director, Regional Co-operation and Integration Department, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- **Martín Rivero Illa**, Team Lead Social Cohesion and South-South Co-operation, Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)
- **Enrique O’Farrill**, Executive Director, Chilean Agency for International Cooperation on Development (AGCID)
- **Adisak Jantatum**, Counsellor, Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Sara Hamouda**, Agenda 2063&SDGs Unit- Officer in Charge, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Continental Secretariat

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- **Sebastian Haug**, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)

## Guiding questions for this session include:

- What are your updates on triangular co-operation since we last met in Lisbon?
- How do you see the global development co-operation architecture changing? Which role can triangular co-operation play?

12:30 – 14:00

## LUNCH

14:00 – 16:00

## Session 2: Building triangular co-operation systems throughout development programming

To live up to the expectations of the BAPA+40 Outcome Document, the OECD initiated a knowledge-sharing exercise on triangular co-operation in 2021. This exercise aims to address operational challenges and encourage the use of triangular co-operation throughout all development programming. In this session, we aim to discuss the first results of the exercise and plan the next steps to continue the knowledge exchange in 2023 and beyond.

### Inputs to set the scene:

- **Raising awareness for triangular co-operation and building the evidence base (breakout group 1):**  
**Rita Walraf**, Deputy Head of Division “Policy issues of sectoral and bilateral development cooperation, emerging economies”, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)
- **Sharing knowledge on monitoring and evaluating triangular co-operation (breakout group 2):**  
**Bruno del Mazo de Unamuno**, Department for Latin America and the Caribbean, Spanish Agency for International Development Co-operation (AECID)
- **Communicating on triangular co-operation (breakout group 3):** **Helge Espe**, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation (NOREC)

14:30-15:30

## Discussion in breakout groups

### Breakout Group 1: Raising awareness for triangular co-operation and building the evidence base

Triangular co-operation is a modality that can achieve strategic objectives within development co-operation. To make full use of its added value, we need to integrate the option of working in triangular co-operation into programme management systems, strategies, and reporting. To consolidate it as a global modality, it is crucial to continue building the evidence base and sufficiently resource triangular co-operation.

### Guiding questions for this breakout session include:

- Which good practices can you share on integrating triangular co-operation into programme management systems, strategies, and reporting?
- How are you collecting evidence and data on triangular co-operation?

**Facilitated by:** **Rita Walraf**, Deputy Head of Division “Policy issues of sectoral and bilateral development cooperation, emerging economies”, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)

**Rapporteur:** **Daniel Castillo Carniglia**, Technical Secretary, Ibero-American Programme for the Strengthening of South-South Cooperation (PIFCCS)

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## Breakout Group 2: Sharing knowledge on monitoring and evaluating triangular co-operation

Evaluations and monitoring data provide valuable lessons for existing and future development co-operation projects.

### Guiding questions for this breakout session include:

- What are you doing to monitor and evaluate triangular co-operation?
- How do you measure 'partnership' and 'development results' in triangular co-operation?
- How do you use the findings from your monitoring and evaluation processes?

**Facilitated by:** Bruno del Mazo de Unamuno, Department for Latin America and the Caribbean, Spanish Agency for International Development Co-operation (AECID)

**Rapporteur:** Ama Brandford-Arthur, Senior Partnership Officer (SSTC), Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, External Relations Department, International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD)

## Breakout Group 3: Communicating on triangular co-operation

Communicating the benefits of triangular co-operation requires messaging and tools specifically targeted to different audiences.

### Guiding questions for this breakout session include:

- How do you communicate about your triangular co-operation to different audiences?
- Which tools would facilitate your communication about triangular co-operation?

**Facilitated by:** Helge Espe, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation (NOREC)

**Rapporteur:** Wófsi Yuri G. de Souza, General Co-ordinator for Technical Co-operation and Partnerships with Developed Countries, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)

15:30 - 16:00

### Reporting back from the breakout groups

The rapporteurs of each group will report back to the plenary, and participants can share their experiences and thoughts on the findings from all three sessions.

Going forward, participants can sign up to join the next workshops of the knowledge-sharing exercise and propose future topics for discussion.

16:00 - 16:30

### COFFEE BREAK

## Launch and presentation: Triangular co-operation with Africa (open to the public)

**Moderator:** José Roman Leon Lora, Counsellor Development, Delegation of the European Commission to the OECD and UNESCO and Co-Chair of the DAC External Relations Group

16:30 - 17:30

Triangular co-operation is on the rise in Africa, responding to shifts in global development. African countries participate widely in triangular partnerships with the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the Americas. The paper shows that megatrends recognised by the African Union's Agenda 2063 can be addressed through triangular partnerships, and it identifies success factors to do so. During this session, findings from the paper will be

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presented and discussed, and speakers will share their experiences with triangular co-operation from different African perspectives.

## Guiding questions for this session include:

- What are your experiences with triangular co-operation? What are current trends in triangular co-operation that you observe in Africa?
- Looking ahead, what are strategic considerations for triangular co-operation with Africa? How can the modality add most value to tackling development challenges and in sharing African innovations?

## Speakers:

- **Nadine Piefer-Söyler**, Policy Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- **Carolina Estróia**, Bilateral Co-operation Director, Camões I.P., Portugal
- **Zacarias Albano da Costa**, Executive Secretary, Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP)
- **Natércia Dinis Tivane**, Deputy National Director of the Treasury and Economic and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Republic of Mozambique
- **William Munyoli**, State Department for Planning, Kenya (TBC)

18:00

## Cocktail hosted by Portugal

7 October 2022

9:30 -10:30

## Launch and discussion: Promoting triangular co-operation with Latin America and the Caribbean for a speedy and sustainable COVID-19 recovery (open to the public)

**Moderator: Gonçalo Marques**, Counsellor, Permanent Delegation of Portugal to the OECD

In times of recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, sharing knowledge, experiences and data through strong partnerships is more important than ever. Countries at all levels of development have been confronted with this unprecedented health crisis, which has carried extreme economic, social and sustainable development consequences. SEGIB and OECD have thus drafted a joint policy brief sketching opportunities for enhanced triangular co-operation for a speedy and sustainable recovery in LAC. The main findings will be presented and discussed during this session.

## Guiding questions for this session include:

- How did you use triangular partnerships to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic? Which lessons did you learn?
- How can we partner more and better for a speedy and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic? Which trends do you see for the future?

## Speakers:

- **Martín Rivero Illa**, Team Lead Social Cohesion and South-South Co-operation, Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) and **Nadine Piefer-Söyler**, Policy Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- **Sabina Frederic**, President, Argentinian Agency for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance
- **Christof Kersting**, Director, German Regional Fund for Triangular Co-operation with Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Álvaro Calderón Ponce De León**, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia (TBC)
- **Demétrio Carvalho**, Deputy Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) (TBC)

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- **Laura Oroz**, Director, Directorate for Latin America and the Caribbean, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) (TBC)

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10:30 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

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11:00 – 12:30 **Session 3: Scaling up innovations through triangular co-operation**

**Moderator: Domenic Salotti**, Deputy Director for Development Relations, Global Affairs Canada

Triangular co-operation is an important tool to share and potentially scale up innovations from low- and middle-income countries to neighbouring countries or other regions. These innovations are often close to the contexts of countries facing similar development challenges and can be adapted with the support of a facilitator.

**Guiding questions for this session include:**

- What are your experiences with scaling up innovations through triangular co-operation? Do you have further innovations in mind?
- What is needed to successfully and sustainably scale up innovations through triangular co-operation?
- Do you have systems in place to spot innovations in one country and share them with others?

**Speakers:**

- **Christine Nkulikiyinka**, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Cooperation (TBC)
- **Luo Zhaohui**, Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) (TBC)
- **Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India (TBC)
- **Ilari Lindy**, Senior Expert, Southern African Innovation Support Programme (SAIS)
- **Sachiyo Yasunaga**, Assistant Director, Office for Global Issues and Development Partnership, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- **Emma Buckhout**, Special Assistant and Policy Advisor, Northern Triangle Task Force, USAID
- **Paulo Esteves**, Head of the Financing and International Cooperation for Development Lab (LACID), BRICS Policy Center
- **TBC Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)**, United Kingdom

After hearing the inputs from speakers and discussing in plenary, participants will be invited to discuss in small groups, which innovations they would suggest to scale up. These will be collected and presented to the plenary and in the event summary.

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12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

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13:30 – 15:00 **Session 4. Triangular co-operation supporting the climate agenda**

**Moderator: Akira Kadomoto**, Counsellor, Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD and Co-Chair of the DAC External Relations Group

Triangular co-operation has proven to be a modality that fosters learning and sharing innovations in key thematic areas across countries with similar socio-economic trajectories. Based on the good results that the modality delivers on green issues, it will be important to better link the modality with the communities, discussions and multilateral processes on climate change. Over one-third of triangular co-operation across different sectors is implemented in partnership between bi- and multilateral organisations – providing good experiences to step up joint engagement on climate issues.

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## Guiding questions for this session include:

- How can we link the modality of triangular co-operation more to the thematic discussions on climate change and multilateral processes?
- How can we more actively utilise triangular co-operation to achieve thematic objectives, drawing on its ability to expand and deepen partnerships, share learning across countries and tackle culturally sensitive thematic topics?

## Speakers:

- **Randa Hamza**, Assistant Minister for International Co-operation, Ministry of International Cooperation (MOIC), Egypt (TBC)
- **Wisnu Utomo**, Director of Foreign Policy and International Development Cooperation, Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), Indonesia
- **Clara Aquino**, Director General for Bilateral Co-operation, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic
- **Libby Swanepoel**, Senior Lecturer, University of Sunshine Coast Australia, and video message from **Ulusapeti Tiitii**, Principal Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Samoa
- **Fatoumia Ali Bazi**, Executive Director, Comoros Agency for International Cooperation (ANCI)
- **TBC Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA)**, European Commission

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## COFFEE BREAK

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15:30 – 17:30

## Session 5: Marketplace - organised by the Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) on Effective Triangular Co-operation

The GPI Marketplace provides a space for partners to present triangular co-operation projects or ideas, to gather feedback from participants, identify additional partners or learn from experiences from past projects in similar areas. After introductory remarks, participants will have time to circulate in the room and interact with presenters.

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17:30 – 18:00

## Closing session: Take-aways and actions until 2023

Based on the outcomes of the discussions during this meeting, participants will share ideas for actions until the next international meeting on triangular co-operation in 2023.

## Speakers

- **Mayumi Endoh**, Deputy-Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- **Francisco André**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal