

StatsTalk-Africa

Quantifying South-South cooperation with data of the South New SDG Indicator 17.3.1 and Framework

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Concept Note

Background

Financing SDG process and achievement has been at the heart of global leaders around the world due to the challenge it represents in terms of amounts to be mobilized and their sources. The SDG agenda foresaw in its Target 17.3 the need to “Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources” as a supporting means to implement the Agenda beside ODA flows and strengthening of domestic resources mobilization. In this respect, understanding the contribution of South-south cooperation constitutes an important step in better comprehending the sources of development support for developing countries as well as the specific challenges faced by developing countries in meeting the SDGs

This event will update heads of National statistical offices (NSOs) and international cooperation agencies across Africa as well as other participants of the StatsTalk-Africa webinar on progress and challenges regarding the measurement of South-South Cooperation (SSC), as part of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicator 17.3.1 on ‘*additional financial resources mobilized for developing countries from multiple sources*’. The new indicator’s methodology was adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) at its 53rd session in March 2022.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Global South, now for the first time there is a global, voluntary *Conceptual Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation* which will support countries’ reporting on the SDG indicator. The United Nations Statistical Commission, at its 53rd session, welcomed the development of this conceptual framework and “requested that further work on this, including on global reporting and capacity-building, be enabled by the co-custodianship of UNCTAD and be led by countries from the global South, building on country-led mechanisms”. The Commission also invited countries involved in South-South cooperation to work closely with UNCTAD to that effect.

In this context, a [United Nations Development Account Project on Quantifying South-South cooperation to mobilize funds for the Sustainable Development Goals](#) was approved in 2023, led by UNCTAD and implementing partners in the regional commissions. The objective is to strengthen the capacity of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to measure and report South-South cooperation to manage and mobilize resources for the 2030 Agenda and enable a more inclusive, resilient and green recovery from the pandemic.

In July 2023, UNCTAD and UN Regional Commissions held the first in-person expert meeting in Brazil with 16 member States after several online awareness raising events. Member States at the workshop underlined the agreement on the Framework as a historic achievement.

The framework supports national efforts of interested countries to measure both financial and in-kind South-South cooperation flows and inform the SDG indicator with comparable data. It supports the quantification of flows towards the goals expressed at the UN High Level Conferences on South-South Cooperation focusing on flows instead of impacts or results of this mutual support. The indicator is central to mobilizing resources for financing for development, including recovery from the pandemic and progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

Of the 80 countries that responded to UNCTAD's 2022 global stocktaking survey on South-South cooperation, about 90% confirmed their interest in reporting data with 75% of countries wishing to start within one to two years' time if the necessary capacity support is available.

UNCTAD invites countries interested in measuring South-South cooperation flows to test the new Framework for national sustainable development and data reporting on the Global SDGs Indicators Database.

Objective

The ACS, in collaboration with UNCTAD and UNESCWA, is convening this webinar as part of its **StatsTalk-Africa** series to provide a space to raise awareness of the Framework and ongoing efforts to quantify South-south cooperation among national stakeholders. Specifically, this event on the quantification of SSC aims to:

1. Share information on the new SDG Indicator 17.3.1 and on the Framework to measure South-South cooperation elaborated by countries of the South;
2. Present the ongoing UN Development Account project on *Quantifying South-South cooperation to mobilize funds for the SDGs*;
3. Discuss African perspectives on South-South cooperation and its measurement.

Date and Time

The Webinar is scheduled for Tuesday 19th December 2023, from 11:00 to 12:30hr EAT.

Language

This webinar will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation between English and French.

Registration

Register in advance for this meeting here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e8vHNn2MSOq7vMuyGHnYMg.

Upon registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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