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SSC for Climate Adaptation Technologies: Perspectives on Areas for Action and Recommendations

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Background

- UNOSSC is the lead UN agency mandated by the General Assembly to promote and support South-South and triangular cooperation.
- Facilitates South-South and triangular cooperation through:
 - Mainstreaming within the UN system and throughout the international development community.
 - Engaging a wide range of partners.
 - Seeking, showcasing and transferring innovative Southern development solutions.
 - Serving as the Secretariat for the High-Level Committee and monitoring trends in South-South and triangular cooperation.
 - Managing UN trust funds for SSC.

Global Trends in South-South Cooperation

- The past 15 years have seen the emergence of the global South as a economic power. Despite this, countries still face enormous challenges such as climate change. South-South cooperation is a means to address these challenges.
- UN Member States have emphasized that South-South and triangular cooperation will be key to achieving the targets set in the 2030 Agenda.
- There is a movement towards more formalized and institutionalized forms of South-South cooperation.
- Triangular cooperation adds to the effectiveness of SSC efforts and has becomes more routine.

UN Support for South-South Cooperation

- Major UN documents:
 - 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda (A/RES/69/313) – Technology Facilitation Mechanism
 - 2009 Nairobi Outcome Document (A/RES/64/222) – 3-in-1 + 1 multilateral support architecture
- SU/SSC upgraded to UNOSSC in 2013.
- In 2014/15 the UN system showed a “commendable shift” from previous ad hoc support to more systematic and planned support.
- The UN system is contributing through:
 - Supporting research and analysis.
 - Establishing and serving as a facilitator of exchange and cooperation.
 - Implementing capacity development activities.
 - Developing partnerships.

UNOSSC Support for Technology Transfer

- Since 2009 UNOSSC has operated a platform that supports the exchange of technology solutions, policies, practices, and innovations between countries of the global South.
 - combines an online platform with on-the-ground network of 50 operational centers in 40 countries.
 - Member of the Inter-agency Task Team for Science, Technology and Innovation – part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM).
 - The UNOSSC platform is transitioning to support the online platform called for in the TFM.
 - Southern Climate Partnership Incubator
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Enhancing the Enabling Environment for South-South Technology Transfer

- ▣ **Policy:** Encourage evidence-based policy dialogue and exchange – learn from successful case studies.
- ▣ **Partnerships:** Build multi-stakeholder partnerships incorporating the UN, Member States, CSOs, and the private sector.
- ▣ **Operational Mechanisms:** Encourage links between existing platforms – both within and outside the UN system.
 - ▣ Synergize existing platforms and programmes.
 - ▣ Ensure transfer of contextually appropriate solutions for the targeted beneficiary populations including vulnerable groups – LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS
- ▣ **Financing:** Identify financing mechanisms.