



Task Team on South-South Cooperation

General overview

TT-SSC: An inclusive Southern-led platform of development actors



Key Objectives of the Task Team:

- Influence global decision-making processes on development policies with partner country perspectives
- Generate and share evidence on what works and does not work in South-South cooperation

Explore South-South Cooperation in the context of aid effectiveness

Generate and share evidence

Design good practices and policy recommendations

Task Team structure

A broad partnership:

- Hosted at the WP-EFF of the DAC
- Chaired by Colombia
- 15 developing countries
- 14 multilateral organizations
- 3 donors
- 9 CSOs (in Dec 2009)

Technical support:

- Regional coordination platforms (ADB, IDB and NEPAD)
- The World Bank Institute
- A global team supporting the analytical work

Partnerships:

- UN-DCF
- OECD-DAC
- LenCD/CD Alliance



The context of aid effectiveness



2005
Paris Declaration

Five principles of aid effectiveness:

- Ownership
- Alignment
- Harmonization
- Managing for Results
- Mutual Accountability

2008
Accra Agenda for Action

Commitment to build more inclusive partnerships :

- “Three-fold mandate”
South- South Cooperation
- Adapting
 - Enriching
 - Identifying (art.19)

2010
High Level Event Bogotá

South-South Cooperation and Capacity Building:
Generate policy recommendations to influence global policy-making to incorporate sound perspectives on South-South.

2011
High Level Forum Seoul



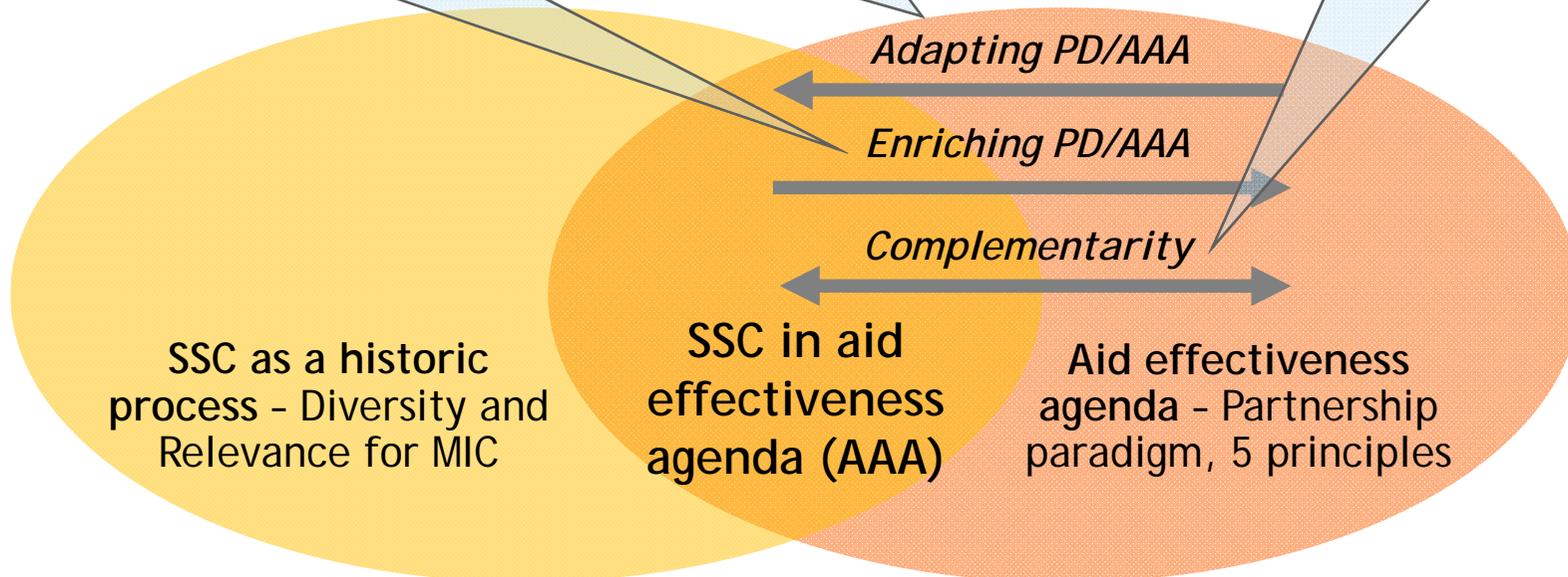
SSC in the context of aid effectiveness



AAA art. 19b: "We acknowledge [...] in particular the role of middle-income countries as both providers and recipients of aid. We recognise the importance and particularities of South-South cooperation and acknowledge that we can learn from the experience of developing countries"

AAA art. 19a: "We encourage all development actors, including those engaged in South-South co-operation, to use the Paris Declaration principles as a point of reference in providing development co-operation"

AAA art. 19e: "[SSC] plays an important role in international development co-operation and is a valuable complement to North-South co-operation"



A young, but vibrant platform...



**Launch event
Washington DC
15-16 Sept 2009**

**OECD
Policy Dialogue
Side meeting
Mexico
29 Sept 2009**

**Regional TT
meeting LAC
Bogota
27 Oct 2009**

**Regional TT pre-
meeting Africa
Addis Abeba
4-5 Nov 2009**

**Side meeting of
WP EFF
meeting
Paris
1 Dec 2009**

- Agreed on conceptual and analytical approach
- Established regional platforms

- Commitment UN and traditional donors
- Launch “TT-SSC package”

- Buy-in MIC, including Caribbean partners
- Strengthen self-critical approach

- Adapting analytical work to African context
- Importance of capacity development

- Present call for cases
- Feedback from WP EFF and its clusters

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Coming events

**CODEV Meeting -
Presentation
of the HLE
in Brussels
14 January
2010**

- Present the process
- Involve EC

**Regional meeting
Asia-Pacific, Korea
4 February 2010**

- Regional cases
- Regional perspectives for HLE Bogotá

**Regional meeting
Africa, SA
2-5 March 2010**

**High Level Event
on South-South
Cooperation and
Capacity
Development
Bogotá, Colombia
24-26 March 2010**

- Policy-making Recommendations
- Strengthen a community of practitioners on SSC and CD
- A Road Map of actions to be taken towards the Korea HLF and beyond

**Korea
HLF
and
forward**

4 months: Some lessons learnt



Lessons from an eleven-weeks' journey...

- A sound framework requires conceptual clarity
- Learning, not marketing
- Messages need to be straightforward
- Regional platforms are key, while ensuring global process
- Reflecting partner countries' commitment to the AE agenda
- Vibrant interest on the subject
- Regional and interregional dialogue is a critical factor

Steps towards policy recommendations



- Synthesis report and policy recommendation for the HLE on South-South Cooperation and Capacity Development, Bogotá 2010
- Policy recommendation and Good Practice Document for the IV High Level Forum, Seoul 2011 and beyond
- Coordination with other platforms, in particular UN Development Cooperation Forum

Generate and share evidence



Documentation of South-South Cooperation cases and practices in two ways:

Case Stories:

Brief description,
led by countries
(until HLE 2010)

1

Case Studies:

Deeper analysis
(until HLF 2011)

2

- Technical cooperation and capacity development
- Recognising diversity of SSC as a historical process
- Aid effectiveness agenda: Partnership and principles
- Open-minded and self-critical learning
- Transparency and accountability

Call open until Jan 29th, 2010
<http://www.southsouthcases.info>

Perspectives on the EU: What is being done



- Extremely important role in Accra supporting partner country priorities in aid effectiveness agenda,
but still rather silent in fostering SSC and triangular cooperation
- Some member states already advanced in triangular cooperation (in particular Germany and Spain),
but coordinated support and common approach still missing
- Investing heavily in partnerships (especially regional and economic),
but a sound strategy for partnership with MIC still pending
- Support to coping with the crisis (communication 04/2009),
but South-South exchange and mutual support still underexplored (particularly regarding reduced vulnerability and resilience in times of crisis)

How could the EU contribute



- Support TT-SSC work directly (cases, financial)
- Develop a joint approach to triangular cooperation within European Development Policies - as an outstanding opportunity for more horizontal partnerships with developing countries including emerging economies and MIC
- Use its outcomes (for example as input to the EU Backbone Strategy for the Reform of Technical Cooperation and the joint approach to triangular cooperation)
- Engage in HLE process with a view to the lead-up to Seoul
- Support financing mechanisms, such as the SSEE Trust Fund at the WBI (global) or UNDP/AsDB-led CDDE (regional in Asia)

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