



Food and Agriculture
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Joint Roadmap

towards BAPA+40

Strengthening collaboration among Rome-based Agencies on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

1. Background

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP), also known as the Rome-based UN Agencies (RBAs), taking into account their respective mandates, comparative advantages and distinctive strengths, share a common vision for an effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through holistic approaches aimed at achieving in particular Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 – End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

The objective of this Joint Roadmap, entitled “Towards BAPA+40: strengthening collaboration among RBAs on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)” is to present a shared action plan for enhanced collaboration between the RBAs in the area of SSTC, outlining the working mechanisms and shared priorities that the three RBAs will put in place, as well as the enhanced coordinated efforts leading to the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (BAPA+40).

2. Preamble

The three RBAs,
Acknowledging that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been the reference framework for the international development agenda since its adoption in 2015 and that its effective implementation will require action on various fronts, such as: fostering innovation; increasing knowledge-sharing; scaling up successful development solutions; and building new partnerships;

Recognizing that the United Nations agencies, and specifically the RBAs, have a key facilitation role to play, by promoting and mobilizing SSTC as a cost-effective and crucial means for implementing the commitments of the 2030 Agenda;

Also recognizing that in 2016, during the Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the three RBAs presented a joint paper outlining their collaboration, with emphasis on their support to countries in achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda;

Emphasizing the strengths of each of the three RBAs, and the joint vision as a tool to strengthening collaboration in support of Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

Considering that collaboration in mainstreaming SSTC into the development cooperation agenda, to deliver on important food and nutrition security development goals will require commitment to promote and raise the visibility.

Hereby agree to develop a plan of action for the implementation of the joint roadmap for the period 2018-2019.

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3. Working methodology

The three RBAs agree to:

- a. Convene regular meetings, on a rotational basis, of the Directors of the respective SSTC units/divisions and concerned staff, at least twice a year;
- b. Discuss common operational and administrative issues related to collaborative efforts on SSTC;
- c. Evaluate past joint initiatives and select potential future areas of action;
- d. Jointly release an annual report/highlights briefing note on joint SSTC activities and the results achieved.

4. Shared priorities

The RBAs will jointly explore concrete SSTC initiatives at the country and regional levels. In particular, they will cooperate through thematic knowledge exchanges to facilitate/strengthen:

- a. **Policy dialogue** to promote an enabling environment for food and nutrition security, at national, regional and global levels;
- b. **Knowledge sharing**, through the leveraging of southern institutions, learning hubs, sharing of rosters of experts and technical networks for SSTC;
- c. **Technology transfer**, through grass roots best-practices, demonstrations and exchanges of applicable and affordable technologies;
- d. **Joint resource mobilization** activities for attracting financing for SSTC, with a focus on emerging economies and through triangular cooperation arrangements;
- e. **Multi-stakeholder approaches** to SSTC, particularly by further engaging Southern non-state actors, academia, the private sector, and farmer organizations;
- f. **Explore complementarities** within in country-level engagement, through the organization of field missions, technical assistance programs, workshops, etc.;
- g. **The undergoing United Nations Reform**, which requires further strengthening of partnerships and coordination among UN agencies and development organizations. The RBAs in particular, through their joint SSTC activities can strongly support the 2030 Agenda, and foster the mobilization of resources, promoting investments, cooperation and business-to-business links among developing countries.

5. Way forward

To achieve the above mentioned priorities, and to support national plans for the achievement of the SDGs and targets by 2030, the RBAs commit to actively organize the following activities through SSTC, as complementary to North–South cooperation:

- a. **Joint RBAs SSTC Event** to commemorate the UN Day on South-South Cooperation on 12 September. The 2018 event will specifically identify approaches and pathways towards the 40th Anniversary of BAPA+40, and will be hosted by FAO. Subsequent events will be hosted by the RBAs on a rotational basis;
- b. **Annual SSTC Report/highlights** on RBAs activities at global, regional and country level;
- c. **IFAD-China SSTC Workshop**, the annual SSTC workshop jointly organized by China (Ministry of Finance) and IFAD, to include the participation of FAO and WFP officials;
- d. **Identification of collaboration opportunities among RBAs** to develop synergies and enhance the impact of SSTC at country level;
- e. **Joint knowledge management activities**, to contribute to the respective SSTC platforms to facilitate experience sharing and peer learning through periodical exchanges of development solutions. This would also feature RBA SSTC initiatives and events on the SSTC communication channels of each agency;
- f. **Joint participation at the annual GSSD Expo**, through the organization of joint panel session and side events;
- g. **Jointly support SSTC activities** as trainings, workshops, seminars, and high-level policy dialogues for SSTC, targeting the areas of value-chain management to support small holders' better access to market, as well as pro-poor Zero Hunger strategies and nutrition;
- h. **Joint SSTC assessments, research and M&E**, where feasible and appropriate.

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