

Side Event

“Shaping the Future of Regional South-South Cooperation: Sharing the ASEAN Experiences and Nurturing Synergies across Regions”

19 March 2019, 15h00-18h00
Sala de Prensa, Palacio San Martín
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Co-organised by:

*UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)
UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
The Royal Thai Government and the Government of Viet Nam
The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat
The Asia Foundation*

Background

As the international community prepares for the Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40 Conference) that will take place on 20-22 March 2019 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Member States have called for an enhanced role of regional and sub-regional organisations in South-South cooperation (SSC). This important element is also reflected in the draft outcome document of the BAPA+40 Conference. The foundations and practice in these regional institutions are based on SSC.

In the lead-up to the BAPA+40 Conference, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and the Government of Thailand organized a Regional Consultation on South-South Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific, which, among others, reiterated the enhanced role of regional and sub-regional organisations in South-South cooperation.

Among the success stories of regionalisation, ASEAN has played a central role in shaping regional cooperation and integration through the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and ASEAN Economic Community (2015). SSC continues to play a pivotal role in the achievement of this vision, providing regional platforms for cooperation among ASEAN members, and between ASEAN and other governments.

Against this backdrop, the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC-Asia-Pacific), Thailand and the ASEAN Secretariat compiled a joint publication, “Mapping South-South Cooperation in ASEAN”, showcasing SSC initiatives and arrangements in ASEAN Member States designed to attain sustainable development within the context of regional integration, trade and investment, capacity-building, sustainability and resilience. The publication was launched in September 2018. It reaffirmed the commonly held view that South-South and regional cooperation are almost synonymous in cases of developing country cooperation. The elements underpinning the cooperation within ASEAN are based on the South-South cooperation principles of solidarity, equality and flexibility.

Over the years, the ASEAN Member States have accumulated a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience through regional integration and community-building processes. The publication thus recommends that these lessons learnt be shared with other regional organisations and the world at the BAPA+40 Conference. Such sharing will leverage ASEAN leadership in regional cooperation which could benefit other regions. There were instances identified in the document where ASEAN could benefit from collaboration with other regions. An example was drought mitigation.

A recently released study by The Asia Foundation entitled, “ASEAN as architect of regional development cooperation,” argues that ASEAN has the scope and mandate to set the terms and standards of international development cooperation. Based on the principles of ASEAN centrality, the regional organisation has become the predominant platform for international engagement in the region, particularly on political-security issues. Furthermore, the Joint Report by ASEAN and ESCAP on the Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development unlocks the potential of regional groupings in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for the SDGs to contribute to regional integration and development.

The event on “Shaping the Future of Regional South-South Cooperation: Sharing the ASEAN Experiences and Nurturing Synergies across Regions” aims to discuss and debate the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly competitive development cooperation environment and how regional organizations can support development cooperation that maximizes the benefits through public goods. The first Panel will focus on sharing the best lessons from and reflection on ASEAN experience, while the second Panel will discuss development leadership by other regional organisations and analyse synergies that could be built in working together and sharing information on managing and practicing SSC.

Proposed Activity

The BAPA+40 Conference provides a timely opportunity to “bring the world to ASEAN and bring ASEAN to the World”. The first panel will share ASEAN’s coordination and development experiences in the context of regional South-South cooperation. The second panel will focus on interregional knowledge sharing and dialogue through contributions by other regional organisations and associations.

Provisional Agenda/Structure of the side event (15:00-18:00 hours)

15:00-15.15 hrs	<p><u>High-Level Opening</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks by Mr. Jorge Chediek, Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and Envoy of the Secretary General on South-South Cooperation; 2. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu – United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and Undersecretary General of UN-OHRLLS; 3. Remarks by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP (VDO Message)
15:15-16:15 hrs	<p><u>Session 1 : ASEAN’s Role as the Catalyst of South-South Cooperation in Southeast Asia: Sharing the ASEAN Experience</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Anthea Mulakala, Director for International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand (as current Chair of ASEAN); 2. Mr. Nguyen Hoai Nam, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam (as incoming Chair of ASEAN); 3. Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, Information and Communication Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP; 4. Mr. Nguyen Ky Anh, Director of Sustainable Development Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat;
16:15-16:25 hrs	Launch of Regional South-South Cooperation Publications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mapping South-South Cooperation in ASEAN; 2. South-South and Triangular in Action: the Pacific Islands Development Forum
16:25-17:50 hrs	<u>Session 2</u> : Regionalisation and South-South Cooperation: Sharing best practices and nurturing synergies across regions <u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Carlos Correa, the Executive Director of the South Centre <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union (AU); 2. H.E. Ambassador Oscar Hernandez, Senior Advisor, the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA); 3. Mr. François Martel, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF); 4. Mr. Henrique Alberto Banze, Assistant Secretary-General for Macro-Economics, Development Finance and Intra-ACP Programming (MDFIP), African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP); 5. Mr. S M Nazmul Hasan, Director of the Secretariat, The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC); 6. Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development (PPD);
17:50-18:00 hrs	Concluding Session

Objectives

1. Support the strengthening regional cooperation as called for in the draft Outcome document, build on work undertaken by UNESCAP, UNOSSC and the Asia Foundation to share ASEAN's regional coordination and development experience;
2. Promote interregional knowledge sharing through contributions by other regional organisations and associations;
3. Identify opportunities for inter-regional technical exchanges.

Participants

This event is open to all participants of the BAPA+40 Conference. Accredited delegates with BAPA+40 Conference badges will be able to enter side event venues without having to register in advance. Interested participants without the accredited passes are requested to register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/wdSBnHx7Yu64iHBF2> or scan this QR code by 13 March 2019 in order to access Palacio San Martin in accordance with the Host Country guidelines. Due to limited capacity of the venue, participation is on first-come-first serve basis.



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SPEAKERS' PROFILES

“Shaping the Future of Regional South-South Cooperation: Sharing the ASEAN Experiences and Nurturing Synergies across Regions”

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High-Level Opening



H.E. Mr. Jorge CHEDIEK

Envoy of the UN Secretary General on
South-South Cooperation and Director

*United Nations office for South-South
Cooperation (UNOSSC)*

Mr. Jorge Chediek has been the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation since October 2015, leading United Nations system-wide promotion and coordination of South-South cooperation for development. In March 2016, Mr. Chediek was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Envoy on South-South Cooperation. Prior to this, Mr. Chediek served as the UN Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Brazil (2010-2015). In that capacity, he was also the Director of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth, UNDP's global forum for policy dialogue and South-South learning on social development innovations. He served as Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Peru (2005-2010); United Nations Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative in Nicaragua (2001-2005); Preceding his United Nations career, Mr. Chediek worked at the Department of Legislative Analysis of the Argentinean Congress and as an independent consultant assisting in the design of financial investment systems in Argentina.



**H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah
Alisjahbana**

Under-Secretary-General and
Executive Secretary

*United Nations Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific
(ESCAP)*

Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana was appointed Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on 13 September 2018. Prior to joining ESCAP, Ms. Alisjahbana was Professor of Economics at Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung, Indonesia, a position she assumed in 2005. From 2009 to 2014, she was Minister of National Development Planning and the Head of the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia. She served as Co-chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation from 2012 to 2014. From 2009 to 2014, she was Alternate Governor of the World Bank and Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank representing the government of Indonesia. In 2016, she was a member of the High Level Independent Team of Advisors to support the ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations Development System in the context of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.



**H.E. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa
'Utoikamanu**

United Nations Undersecretary General
and High Representative for
the Least Developed Countries,
Landlocked Developing Countries and
Small Island Developing States
UN-OHRLLS

Ms. 'Utoikamanu, a Tongan national, took up her appointment as the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in May 2017. Prior to this position, she was the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Tourism in Tonga. Ms. Utoikamanu has a wealth of national, regional and international experience at various senior leadership levels. She was previously Acting Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2015), Deputy Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2009-2016), Deputy Director General and Director of Education, Training and Human Development of the Secretariat of Pacific Community (2009-2015), Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Government of Tonga to the United Nations, United States of America, Cuba and Venezuela and High Commissioner to Canada (2005-2009), and Secretary for Foreign Affairs and European Commission's National Authorizing Officer for Tonga (2002-2005).

Session 1: ASEAN's Role as the Catalyst of South-South Cooperation in Southeast Asia: Sharing the ASEAN Experience

Moderator



H.E. Ms. Anthea MULAKALA

Director

*International Development Cooperation
The Asia Foundation*

As the Director for International Development Cooperation at The Asia Foundation, Ms. Mulakala leads the Foundation's work on Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation. She focuses on how Asian countries are influencing the global development and aid landscape. She served as Country Representative in Malaysia from 2007 to 2014, concurrently leading the Foundation's engagement on development effectiveness and aid policy as the Senior Advisor, International Development Cooperation. She has been overseeing programs in Asia since 1991. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. Mulakala worked for the World Bank in support of Indonesian decentralization, for South Asia Partnership, strengthening NGO capacity in Sri Lanka, and advising on gender-based issues in the World Bank offices across South Asia, and for the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) as team leader of the Government of Bangladesh and multi-donor health project consortium, and subsequently as DFID's Reconciliation and Development advisor in Sri Lanka.

Distinguished Speakers



H.E. Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi

*Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand
(as current Chair of ASEAN)*

His Excellency Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi has served as an advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand since 2018. Before this appointment, he was a career diplomat with expertise in multilateral affairs. He served as the Thailand Ambassador to the United States and Canada and the Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Prior to that, he was the Director-General of the Department of International Organisations. He also served as the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. Mr. Isarabhakdi was educated at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



Mr. Nguyen Hoai Nam

Deputy Director-General

*Economic Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
(as incoming Chair of ASEAN)*

Mr. Nguyen Hoai Nam is the Deputy Director-General of the Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam. He joined the Ministry in 2001 and has extensive experience in economic affairs and technical cooperation. Prior to this appointment, He was the Assistant Director General of the Economic Department (2014-2015), the Director of the International Economic Forum Division (2013-2014) and also served in the International Cooperation Department earlier in his career. He was posted to the Embassy of Viet Nam in Germany (2010-2013). Mr. Nam holds the Master's Degree in World Economy and International Economic Relations from Ha Noi Foreign Trade University and a Bachelor's Degree from Ha Noi Law University, Viet Nam.



H.E. Ms. Tiziana Bonapace

Director

*Information and Communication
Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction
Division, UNESCAP*

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace is the Director of the Information and Communication Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division at the UNESCAP. She is an international trade economist with over 14 years of experience working on economic and developmental policy issues. At UNESCAP, where she has worked for over a decade, her portfolio includes trade policy, in particular WTO-related issues as they apply to policy formulation for Asian developing countries. Ms. Bonapace has been involved in the preparation of studies, research and analytical papers and has conducted numerous training courses and seminars for senior government officials and business leaders. She has lived in Italy, Thailand, and South Africa, where she obtained her Master's Degree in Commerce.



Mr. Nguyen Ky-Anh

Director

*Sustainable Development Directorate,
ASEAN Secretariat*

Mr Nguyen Ky-Anh is Director of the Sustainable Development Directorate (ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Department of the ASEAN Secretariat). Under his purview, he leads three divisions covering Environment (including Climate Change), Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, Culture and Information. His work includes coordination and implementation of sectoral work plans, especially cross-sectoral initiatives to realise the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint, as well as ASCC-related matters in the ASEAN Vision 2025. Prior to this, Mr Nguyen served as Senior Officer (ICT and Energy) and Assistant Director (Culture and Information, Education and Youth) in the ASEAN Secretariat. He has participated in several international fora to promote ASEAN in its cooperation with Dialogue Partners, international organisations, the industry and related professional groups. Mr Nguyen received formal qualifications on Telecommunications, Economics and Public Policy.

Session 2: Regionalisation and South-South Cooperation: Sharing Best Practices and Nurturing Synergies Across Regions

Moderator



H.E. Mr. Carlos Correa

Executive Director
The South Centre

Dr. Carlos María Correa is the Executive Director of the South Centre. He is a renowned international authority on intellectual property and technology issues. Professor Correa is both a lawyer and economist from the University of Buenos Aires and holds a PhD in Law from the University of Buenos Aires. He has worked with the Argentine government and has been the Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics (CEIDIE) at the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires. He was a member of the UK Commission on Intellectual Property; of the Commission on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Public Health established by the World Health Assembly and of the FAO Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture.

Distinguished Speakers



H.E. Mr. Albert M. Muchanga
Commissioner for Trade and Industry

African Union

H.E. Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, born on May 21, 1959, a Zambian national has been the Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union Commission since 2016. Mr. Muchanga was the Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet Office in charge of Parliamentary Affairs in Zambia. H.E. Muchanga was also a former Ambassador to Ethiopia with extra accreditation to the African Union. He has both at home and abroad dealt with issues broadly related to international economic policy analysis and implementation as well as regional integration, foreign policy analysis and implementation.



H.E. Ambassador Javier
Paulinich Velarde
Permanent Secretary

*the Latin American and Caribbean
Economic System (SELA)*

H.E. Ambassador Javier Paulinich Velarde was elected the Permanent Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) in 2017. Prior to this, he was the Director-General for Foreign Policy Studies and Strategies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru in 1976 and has worked in various positions. From 1999 he worked as Strategic Planning Advisor to the Under-Secretariat for Economic Affairs (2005), the Director-General of World Trade Organisation (WTO) and International Economic Negotiations (2006), and Director-General of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru (2007-2017). H.E. Ambassador Paulinich Velarde is also a Professor of International Economic Policy and International Economic Systems in the Diplomatic Academy of Peru.



H.E. Mr. François Martel

Secretary General

Pacific Islands Development Forum

François Martel, a dual Samoan and Canadian national, is the first substantive Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) appointed in September 2015. The PIDF is a multilateral and multi-stakeholder organization focusing on a distinctive Pacific model of green growth in blue economies aligned to sustainable development principles. The PIDF also serves as the Pacific Islands south-south cooperation platform with the United Nations and is a member of the Inter-agency Collaborative Group on the Global Partnership on SIDS. Mr. Martel is a professional forester and conservationist with more than 35 years of experience working on issues of biodiversity conservation, climate change and sustainable natural resource management in island ecosystems. Mr. Martel spent 10 years on the Senior Leadership Team of Conservation International as the Executive Director for their Pacific Islands Program and as a Biodiversity Conservation project officer with SPREP, based in Apia, Samoa. He has developed and nurtured a wide network of conservation, climate change and sustainable development partners and alliances in all Pacific Islands over the last 34 years. He has a Masters in Forestry Science (Distinction) from the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.



H.E. Mr. Henrique Alberto
BANZE

Assistant Secretary-General

*Macro-Economics, Development Finance
and Intra-ACP Programming (MDFIP),
African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of
States (ACP);*

Mr. Henrique Alberto Banze served as a Deputy Minister for more than 15 years in two of the key ministries in the Government of Mozambique, namely, the Ministry of National Defence (2000-2004) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (2005-2015). As Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation he was responsible for ACP matters and Mozambique-EU cooperation, making significant contributions in implementing projects under the 8th European Development Fund (EDF) and playing a lead role in planning and programming the 9th, 10th, and 11th EDF. He was also designated as the National Authorising Officer (NAO) of the EDF, and engaged at various levels with UN Agencies in managing development cooperation with partners in North and South America. Mr. Banze holds a Master's degree in Peace and Development Studies from the Gothenburg University of Sweden. Along with three Mozambican languages, he is fluent in Portuguese, English, Russian, French, and has basic knowledge of Spanish.



Mr. S M Nazmul Hasan

Director of the Secretariat

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

Mr. S.M. Nazmul Hasan is the Director of the Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC). He joined the Bangladesh Foreign Service in January 2004.

He was the Director (Americas) and Deputy Chief of Protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2004 to 2006, he worked at different desks in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh in the capacity of Assistant Secretary. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Bangladesh High Commission in Pretoria. From November 2008 to November 2013, he served at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Tehran as Second Secretary/First Secretary/Counsellor and Head of Chancery. Mr. Hasan has unique experience in extending humanitarian activities abroad. He was instrumental in the successful repatriation of about 33,000 expatriate Bangladeshis, in coordination with IOM, UNHCR, WFP, UN-OCHA, International NGOs and the Tunisian Government, from Tunisia during the Libyan war in 2011.



**H.E. Mr. Adnene Ben Haj
Aissa**

Executive Director

*Partners in Population and Development
(PPD)*

Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa of Tunisia is the Executive Director of Partners in Population and Development (PPD). Before joining PPD, he served the Tunisian Government as a senior civil servant in different capacities at the National Board for Family and Population under the Ministry of Health of Tunisia. Besides, he had continued international connections through technical consultancies and frequent attendance and representation of his country in numerous high-level international fora. Within over 25 years of his professional career he has significantly contributed to the development of the Tunisian population and reproductive health policies and programs. He has worked extensively with overseas governments and international development partners influencing policy changes and program developments at the national, regional and international levels through continued South-South bilateral, multilateral, triangular cooperation and partnerships. His rich expertise in the development and implementation of the national and inter-country programs and projects focusing on the broad spectrum of public health issues, brought international recognition, standing and several prestigious awards for him and his country.