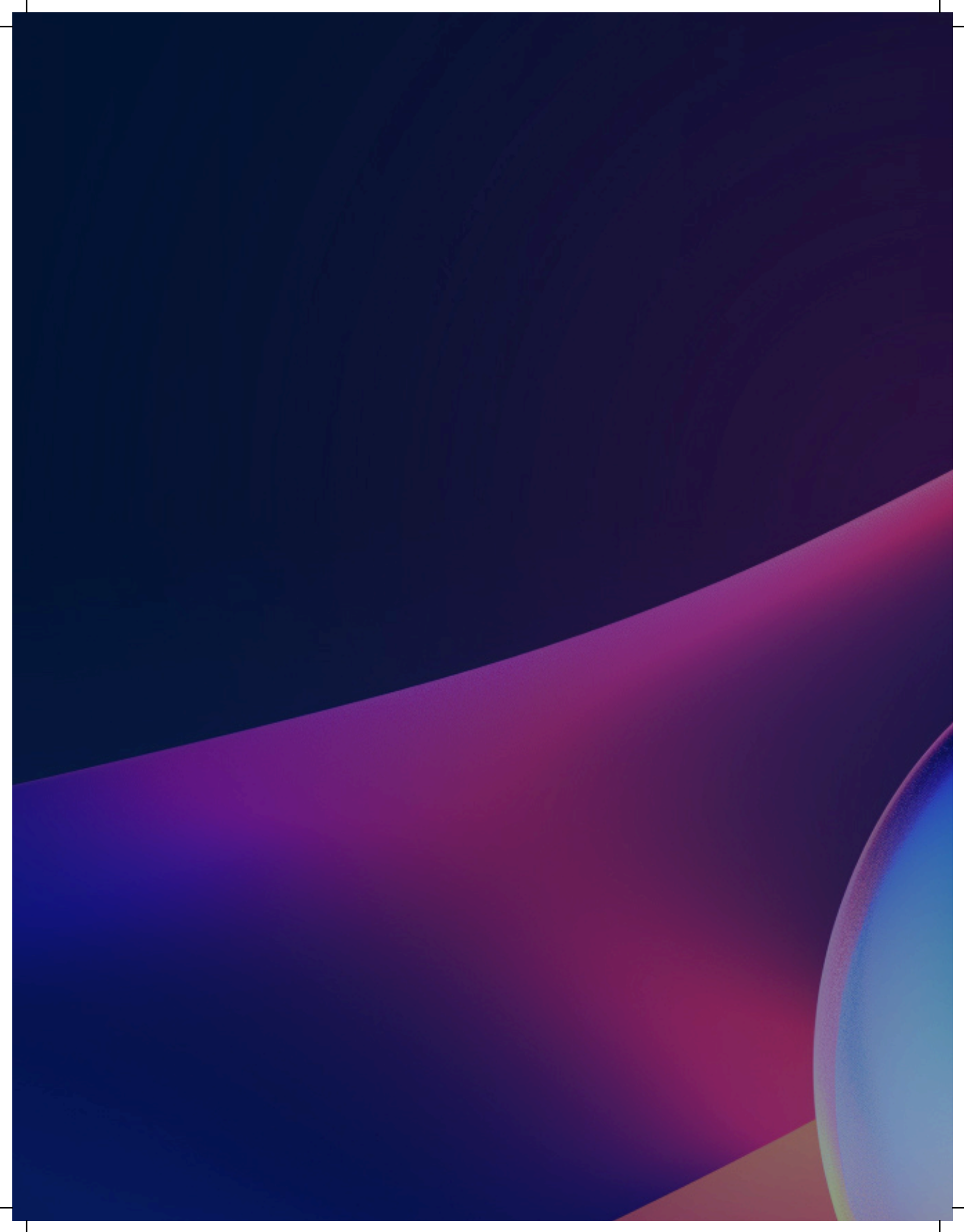




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Highlights of 2022–2025



UN FUND FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

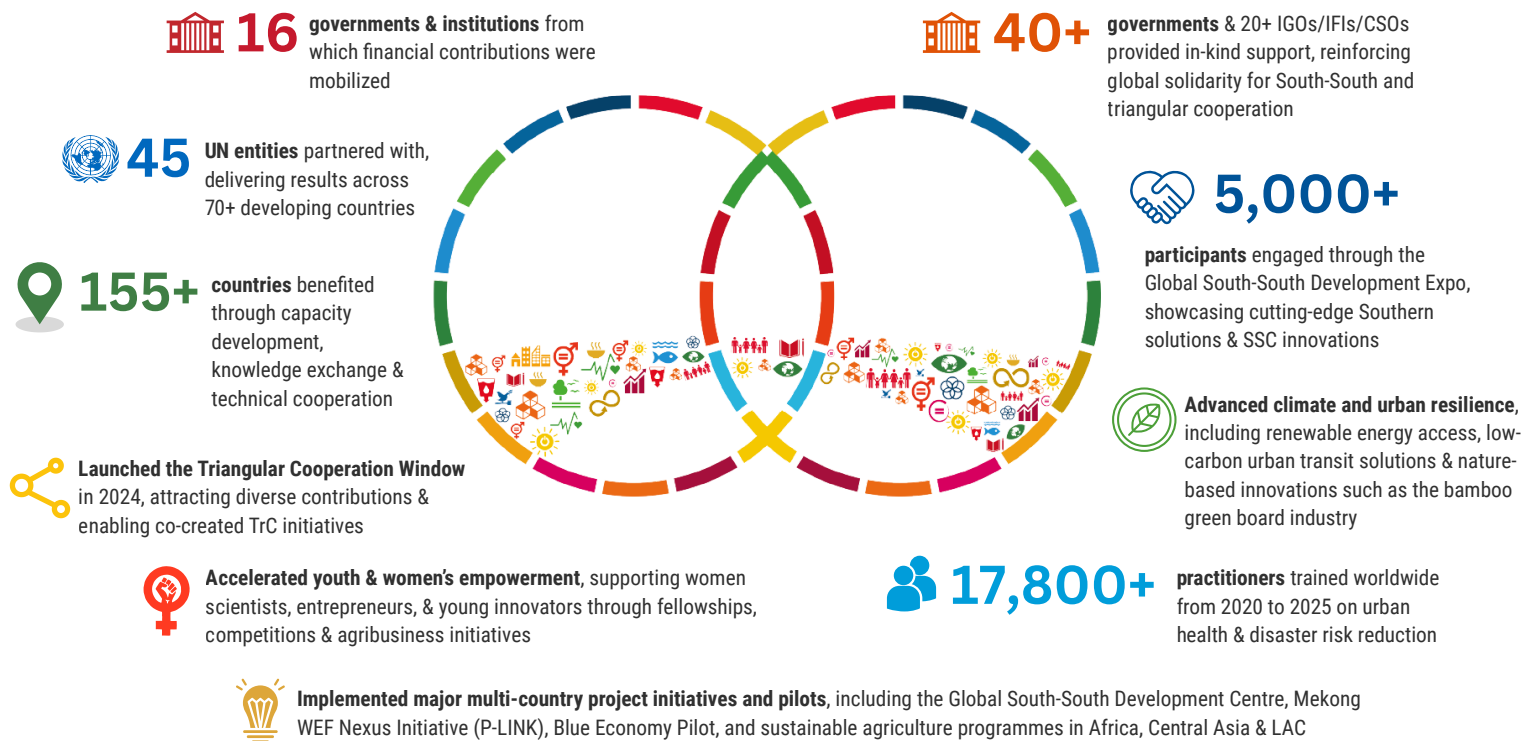
For three decades, the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation (UNFSSC) has stood at the heart of global development cooperation — where developing countries lead, innovate, and partner to address shared challenges.

Established by United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/119 in 1995, the Fund remains the UN's flagship mechanism dedicated exclusively to advancing South-South and triangular cooperation.

As a voluntary trust fund, the UNFSSC mobilizes resources, knowledge, and partnerships to transform local innovations into scalable, transferrable, and sustainable solutions — supporting national priorities, regional integration, and global commitments, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

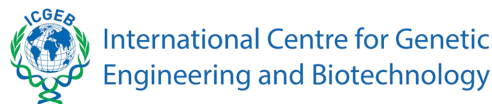
More than a financing instrument, the Fund is a trusted platform for solidarity, a bridge connecting ideas and institutions, and a powerful enabler of development impact. It has demonstrated that when countries collaborate through a UN framework, they can catalyze transformational change and unlock the full potential of multilateralism in action.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



UN PARTNERS

Engaged in Projects & Initiatives Supported through the UNFSSC





UNFSSC CONTRIBUTORS

(2004-2025)

MEMBER STATES

- ALGERIA
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- ARGENTINA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BANGLADESH
- BENIN
- BRAZIL
- CAMEROON
- CHILE
- CHINA
- COLOMBIA
- CÔTE D'IVOIRE
- GERMANY
- GHANA
- GUYANA
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
- JAMAICA
- KAZAKHSTAN
- KENYA
- LAO PDR
- LEBANON
- MADAGASCAR
- MEXICO
- NIGERIA
- NORWAY
- PHILIPPINES
- PORTUGAL
- QATAR
- REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- SAMOA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SPAIN
- SURINAME
- THAILAND
- TÜRKIYE
- TUVALU
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- VIET NAM

UN, IGO & REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- FAO
- IFAD
- ILO
- PAHO/WHO
- UN
- UNFPA
- WFP
- WWF
- GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS,
TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA
- ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK
- INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON SMALL HYDRO
POWER
- SOUTH AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
GOVERNMENT IN HEALTH (ISAGS/UNASUR)
- OPEC FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
- WORLD GREEN ECONOMY ORGANIZATION
- ZAYED INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT

CSO, ACADEMIA & PRIVATE SECTOR (8)

TOP CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE PAST DECADE

(2016-2025)



CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS

During the Current UNOSSC Strategic Framework (2022-2025)

16 Contributing Partners



TRIANGULAR COOPERATION WINDOW

Launched in 2024

The Triangular Cooperation Window (TrC Window), within the UNFSSC, mobilizes diverse sources of expertise, knowledge, and resources to support South-South and triangular initiatives on the ground for the acceleration of SDGs. It emphasizes the involvement of both developed and developing countries, and international organizations, as equal partners at an open platform, following a demand-driven, responsive, adaptive and collaborative approach, allowing all partners to articulate their needs and priorities, while fostering co-creation of projects that align with shared development priorities.

The TrC Window supports a wide range of activities and offer flexible options, funding activities from small-scale capacity-building, testing, pilots, as well as contributing to large multi-year programmes and portfolios.

In September 2021, the 5-Year Republic of Korea (RoK) Facility Phase 3 – Triangular Cooperation on Sustainable Development in the Lower Mekong Basin based on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus was launched by UNOSSC, the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), and the Mekong River Commission (MRC). The project strengthens access to water, food, and energy for vulnerable communities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam by applying integrated, multi-sectoral approaches and promoting the use of high-demand technologies introduced by Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI).

In April 2025, Camões IP, UNESCO IESALC and UNOSSC implemented the TrC Window Pilot Project on Blue Economy under the South-South University Cooperation Network. The pilot expanded scientific knowledge on the impacts of climate change and explored how blue economy approaches can support green recovery, revitalize coastal communities, and preserve natural and cultural heritage. It introduced evidence-based tools to help offset climate-related challenges while empowering local communities in Angola, Chile, Jamaica, and Portugal.



FUNDING & CO-CREATION



**EXPERTISE NETWORK, POOLED
FUNDING & IN-KIND RESOURCES**

**Contributing Partners
by November 2025**



**Republic of
Korea**



Spain



Portugal



Colombia



**Morocco
(in-kind)**

KEY PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

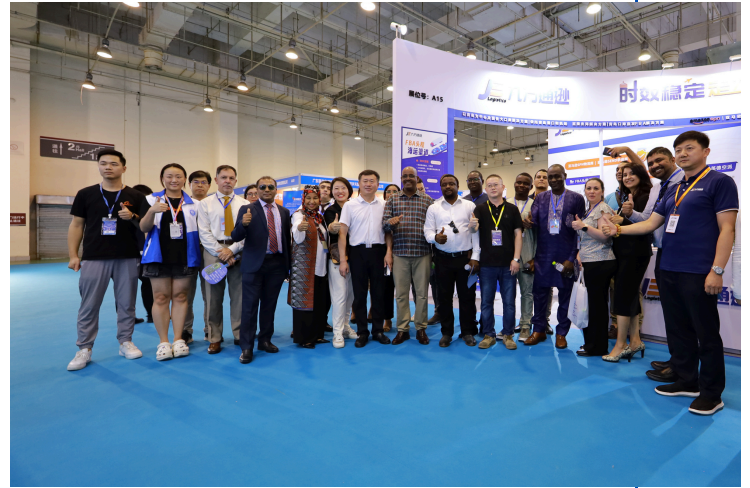
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The UNFSSC strategically allocates resources in alignment with the **priorities set by developing countries**, across key thematic areas, with poverty eradication as its overarching goal and focus.

- Digital and Technological Cooperation
- Agricultural Development and Food Systems
- Green Growth, Environment and Climate Action
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Public Health
- Creative Economy and Heritage Preservation
- Youth and Women's Empowerment



Cross-border E-commerce for Poverty Eradication & Global Sustainable Development



Seminar Series hosted by China under the GDI — engaging 1,160 practitioners from 100+ countries

People's Livelihood Initiative through Water-Energy-Food Nexus in the Mekong Region (P-LINK)



P-LINK
People's Livelihoods Initiative
through water-energy-food Nexus
in the MEKONG Region

ROK Facility Phase 3, funded by the Republic of Korea — strengthening access to water, food and energy in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam

Sustainable Agriculture Projects in the Sahel Region and Central Asia



Pilot Project funded by the **Russian Federation** & Implemented by **FAO** — advancing sustainable agriculture in the Fergana Valley (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan) and improving food systems in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania & Niger

China-Africa Rice Value Chain Initiative



Pilot project in **Côte d'Ivoire** & across **West Africa** — building resilient local food systems

AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

Strengthening Resilience and Adaptation of Food Systems against Climate Change in Latin America & the Caribbeans



Pilot project connecting practitioners from **20+ LAC countries** — contributing to climate-resilient and low-carbon agriculture development

GREEN GROWTH

Developing a Green Bamboo Concrete Board Industry



Small-grant project in **Rwanda** — 24 nurseries, 291 ha of demonstration plantations, and 620+ local jobs created

Powering Rural Electrification Using Renewable Energy



Small-grant projects — improving the use of electrical devices with Photovoltaic Technologies in off-grid rural communities of **Peru** & building capacity on small hydropower technology for professionals of **Lao PDR**

Capacity Building for Management and Technology Innovation of Ecosystem Integration in Lake Victoria Basin



Small-grant initiative in the **Lake Victoria Basin (Kenya & Tanzania)** — promoting environmental protection, raising local awareness, and strengthening the knowledge and skills of 100 officials and scholars

Sustainable Waste Management - Waste Wise Koidu



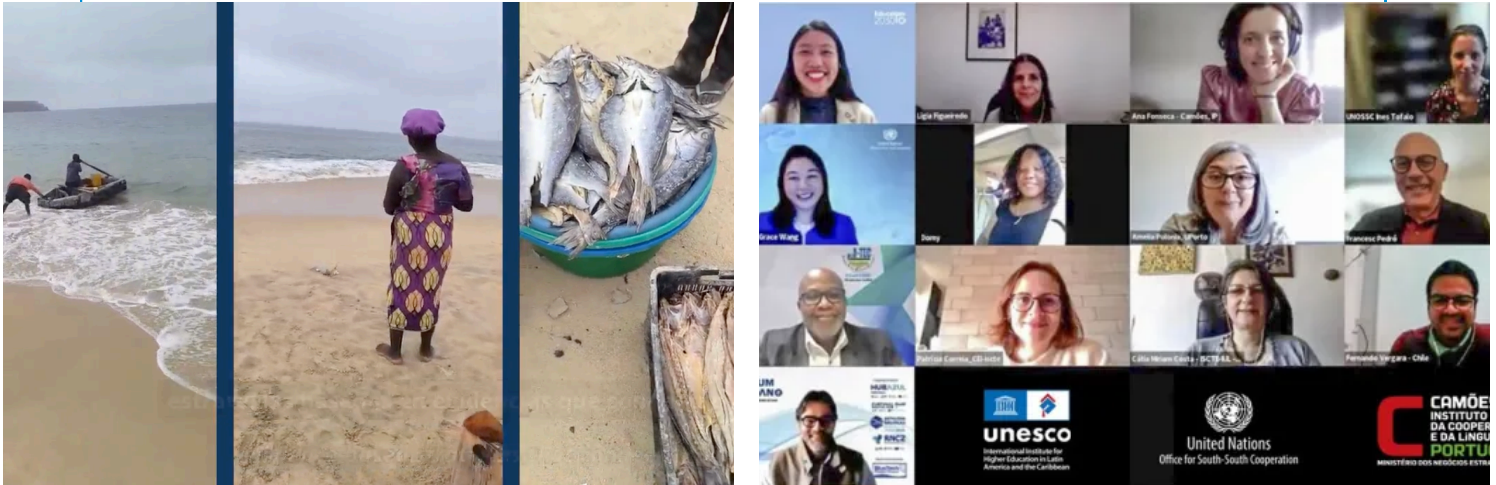
Pilot project in **Koidu, Sierra Leone** — training local authorities and SMEs on landfill operation, management and accounting, and improving waste collection and recycling practices

Promoting Smart and Low-Carbon Urban Transit System



Pilot project in the Metropolitan Region of **Santiago, Chile** — developing a low-carbon model and data strategies for a smart transportation network, and promoting digital technology exchange with Hangzhou, China

Triangular Cooperation Window Pilot Project on Blue Economy



Pilot project funded by **Portugal** under the **South-South University Cooperation Network** — enhancing policies & community practices on coastal resilience and sustainable Blue Economy development

Showcasing Innovative Experiences of Cities on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change



Report showcased **12 case studies** from Africa, Asia and Latin America — promoting low-carbon and climate-resilient development

Certificate Training Programme Organized by UNOSSC, UNDRR, PAHO & WHO



UNDRR GETI, UNOSSC, PAHO/WHO, WHO Joint Certificate Training Program 2023

Whole-of-society approach to creating healthy, resilient & sustainable cities: Harnessing South-South Cooperation for post-COVID era

7, 14, 21, 27 JUNE 2023

08:00 NEW YORK | 14:00 GENEVA | 19:00 BANGKOK | 21:00 INCHEON

English with simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

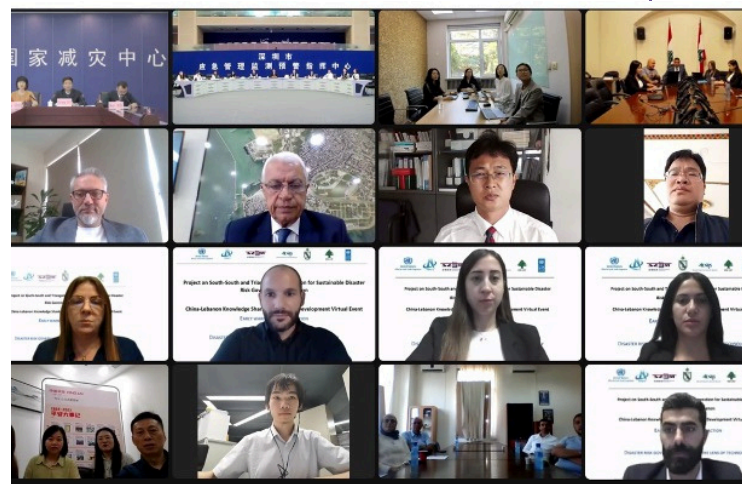
Training materials can be downloaded from:
<https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-unossc-who-paho2023>

Organized by:



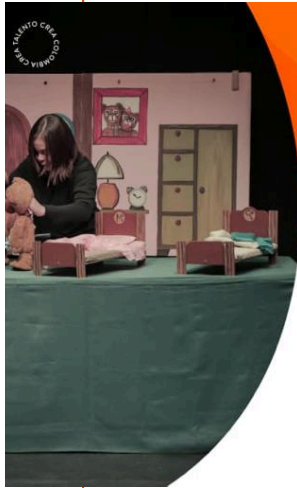
5 annual training programmes on leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation for urban health & disaster risk reduction — **17,800+ practitioners from 155+ countries/territories trained**

Sustainable Disaster Risk Governance and Emergency Response



Pilot project in **Tripoli, Lebanon** — enhancing the city's risk management capacity to better support decision-making and exchanging good practices with **Shenzhen, China**

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in Orange Economy



¡Deja de improvisar!
Aprende a gestionar tu
emprendimiento creativo o
cultural con el curso virtual
gratuito

‘Colombia Crea Valor’

Empieza ahora en
[https://colombiacreavalor.eco
nomianaranja.gov.co/](https://colombiacreavalor.eco
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Seven thematic modules co-developed with 60+ Colombian and international experts — building capacity in the cultural and creative sector

Sustainable Tourism Development in Mexican World Heritage Cities

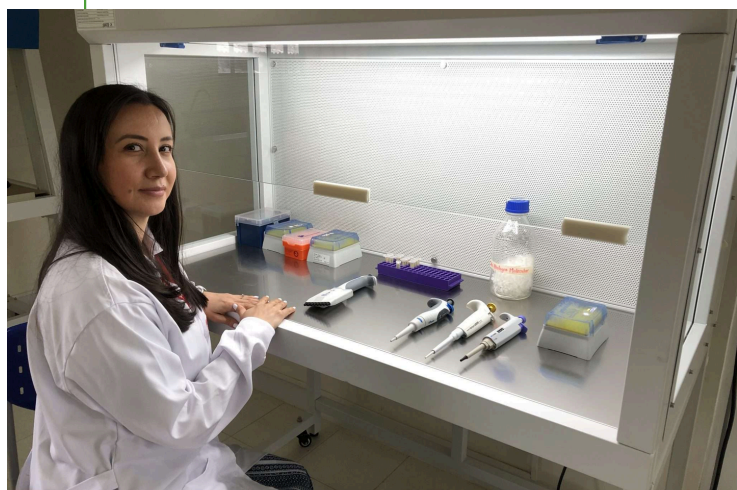


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Pilot project connecting **11 heritage cities in Mexico** — building local capacities in heritage preservation

YOUTH & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

EMPOWER Fellowship



Fellowships provided to early career women scientists to advance their research in **biotech and genetic engineering** in India and South Africa

Women's Economic Empowerment, Resilience, and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy



Pilot Project in **Ghana** on agribusiness — improving women smallholder farmers & entrepreneurs' **access to diversified, high-value markets & supply chains**

YOUTH & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Youth4South 2022 Entrepreneurship Competition



Competition with **230 applications** from **45 countries** — top projects received seed funding and mentorship

Digital Innovation Challenge in Response to COVID-19



Competition with **250+** applications from **52 countries** — **12 winners** provided with specialized support and seed funding to expand to other Global South countries

YOUTH & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Greening Higher Education among South-South University Cooperation Network (SUCN)



Network linking **80 universities** across all four Global South regions — **225 students** from 10 universities trained, producing **22 youth-led prototypes** for sustainable technologies



Global South-South Development Expo



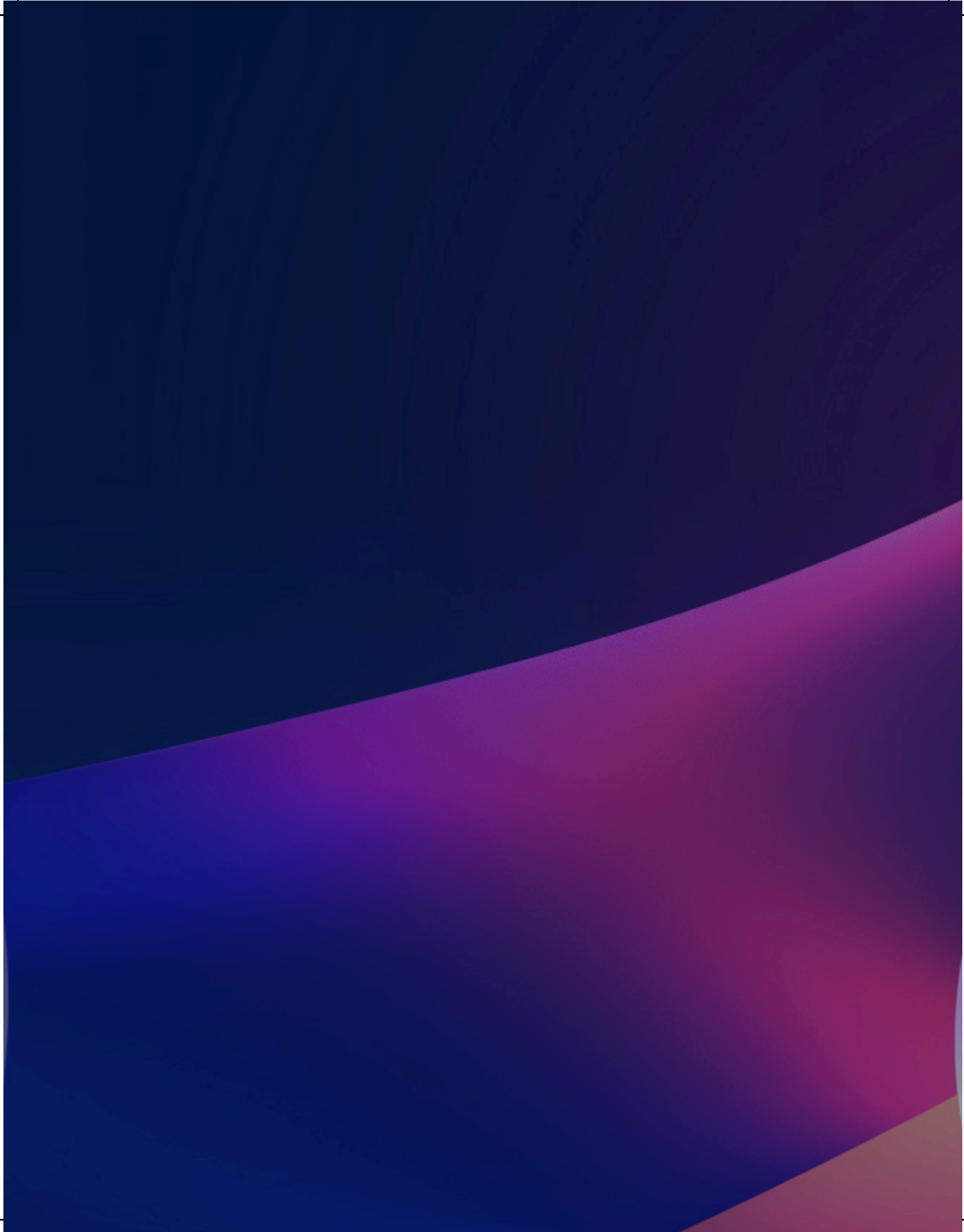
5000+ joined from 30+ UN entities, 150 governments, IGOs & CSOs — virtual-reality platform utilized to showcase Southern-grown development solutions

Sustainable Tourism Recovery & Heritage Preservation Webinar Series — Organized under the South-South Cities Project Framework



Technology Cooperation Documentary Series — Produced under the Global South-South Development Center Project







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