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Frequently Asked Questions

General

What is the Global Alliance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation?

The Alliance is a platform that connects governments and partners to advance development through South-South and triangular cooperation. It helps identify needs, share solutions and build partnerships.

What value does the Alliance add to existing South-South cooperation initiatives?

The Alliance complements existing cooperation initiatives by providing a platform that connects partners, highlights cooperation opportunities and facilitates matchmaking. It helps partners identify collaboration opportunities more efficiently and promotes knowledge exchange across regions and institutions.

How is the Alliance different from other partnerships?

The Alliance focuses on facilitating cooperation rather than implementing projects or managing funds. It connects partners and supports collaboration around practical solutions.

How does the Alliance relate to the South-South Galaxy+ platform?

The Alliance complements existing knowledge platforms such as South-South Galaxyplus by providing a partnership and collaboration space where development solutions, expertise and cooperation opportunities can be connected and mobilized.

Participation

Is the Alliance focused only on governments?

While governments play a central role in defining development priorities, the Alliance brings together a broad range of partners, including United Nations entities, international organizations, development banks, private sector actors, academia, civil society organizations and experts.

Who can participate in the Alliance?

All stakeholders in South-South and triangular cooperation, including Governments, United Nations entities, international organizations, development banks, private sector partners, foundations, research institutions, civil society organizations and experts.

Is participation limited to developing countries?

The Alliance prioritizes cooperation among developing countries of the Global South. However, traditional development partners, international organizations, financial institutions and other stakeholders can participate in triangular cooperation arrangements that support country-driven initiatives.

Is the Alliance a new intergovernmental process?

The Alliance is not a new intergovernmental body or negotiating forum.

Is the Alliance a membership organization?

Participation is voluntary and activity-based.

How can I participate?

Submit an application through the Alliance webpage on the South-South Galaxy+.



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What is the application process?

Create a profile by providing your entity's information.

Submit an expression of interest by offering expertise and/or requesting support through the online application form.

The Alliance Secretariat reviews submissions and confirms participation.

Is participation binding?

Participation is voluntary and does not create legal or financial obligations.

Process

How does the matchmaking process work?

The matchmaking process connects cooperation needs with relevant expertise, resources, and solutions. Alliance partners may submit cooperation demand(s) and/or offer(s) across different thematic areas through the Alliance webpage on the South-South GalaxyPlus platform. Based on these inputs, the platform facilitates connections among relevant partners to explore and develop potential collaboration opportunities.

How are cooperation initiatives developed after partners connect?

Once partners identify mutual interest, they may develop cooperation initiatives directly among themselves. These may include technical exchanges, policy dialogue, joint programmes, pilot initiatives or triangular cooperation partnerships. The Alliance Secretariat may facilitate dialogue and provide access to digital platforms but does not manage the implementation of such initiatives.

Does the Alliance provide funding?

The Alliance does not provide funding. It will provide information and linkages to mechanisms and other partnership arrangements that support the implementation and scaling of cooperation initiatives among Alliance partners. Trust Funds managed by United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) complement the Alliance by supporting the identification and scaling of demand-driven South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives.

Does participation require financial contributions?

Participation in the Alliance does not require financial contributions. Partners may choose to contribute expertise, knowledge, technology, training opportunities or catalytic support, depending on their interests and capacities. They may also consider the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation (UNFSSC) as a complementary funding mechanism for voluntary contributions to support demand-driven South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives.

Will the Alliance track results and partnerships?

The Alliance will document cooperation initiatives, partnerships, and knowledge exchanges facilitated through the platform to capture lessons learned and share good practices across the global South.

Governance

Who supports the functioning of the Alliance?

The Alliance is convened by the UNOSSC, which serves as its secretariat. In this capacity, UNOSSC provides secretariat support to the Alliance's Steering Group and serves as its impartial facilitator.

What is the role of the Steering Group in the Alliance?

The multi-stakeholder Steering Group serves as an inclusive advisory platform providing strategic guidance and feedback to ensure the Alliance remains demand-driven and responsive to Global South. It has no decision-making authority and is composed of diverse partners, chaired by Member States on a rotational basis