



**India-UN Development Partnership Fund Second Anniversary Event  
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**Remarks by  
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to join you at the second anniversary of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

I commend the Government of the Republic of India and the UN Office for South-South Cooperation for this innovative partnership. I welcome your support to Southern-owned and led, demand-driven, and transformational sustainable development projects across the developing world, and your focus on least developed countries and small island developing states.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—as a universal intergovernmental agenda with the broadest support in the history of United Nations—has profoundly changed the way partners engage in development efforts. By partnering and pooling their resources, different actors can bring together their comparative advantages to achieve more: more impact, greater efficiency, more sustainability and increased value to all.

Four years into implementing the 2030 Agenda, a range of different partnerships is taking shape that all contribute to SDG achievement - public, public-private, multi-stakeholder, with civil society, academia, and local governments.

This year, we are at a critical time for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We will have two High-level political forums on sustainable development (HLPF), one next month under the auspices of ECOSOC and one in September at summit level, under the auspices of the General Assembly.

At the July HLPF, we will review SDG 4 (education), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 10 (reducing inequalities), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions) and SDG 17 (means of implementation and partnerships for the Goals).

And in September, the HLPF Summit will discuss ways to accelerate implementation of the 17 Goals and the 2030 Agenda as a whole. It will be crucial to give momentum and increase action and commitments on implementation of the Goals.

Excellencies,

The BAPA+40 Conference reaffirmed the principles of South-South Cooperation, reinforcing its strategic focus and capturing the dynamism and innovation of South-South Cooperation.

As South-South and triangular cooperation continue to show steady expansion, diversification and resilience, their contribution to unlocking the promise of the 2030 Agenda are undeniable.

Everyone active in the South-South space has a story of how collective ingenuity and solidarity can overcome the seemingly insurmountable.

Still, much more can be done to fully leverage South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development:

- The visibility of South-South and triangular cooperation must be further increased. Analyzing their added value and sustainable development impact will only advance the global effort to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
- Countries and actors of the global South must be bolder in sharing their experiences and evidence on development cooperation, and the global North bolder in learning from and integrating the experience of the global South into their practices.
- Regional and national experiences in South-South and triangular cooperation should be mainstreamed into national development plans to promote more transparent, accountable and impactful cooperation.
- Multi-stakeholder approaches to South-South and triangular cooperation should be boosted to include all stakeholders.

The 2019 Financing for Development Forum welcomed the outcome of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation. It also has a clear message on South-South Cooperation that against the backdrop of rising risks and uncertainties, cooperation among developing countries in financing the SDGs should be further strengthened.

Excellencies,

At the recent ECOSOC Partnership Forum, it was noted how in order to deliver results on SDG implementation and drive impact, it is important that partnerships create local solutions to empower local communities, while taking into consideration the needs of the most vulnerable populations who are furthest left behind. I call on your constituencies to step up their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and to make concrete commitments to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs that could be announced in the lead up to the 2019 HLPF in July and September.

I count on your engagement in the work of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum to mobilize action toward creating a momentum for the SDGs.

Let us not forget that Member States at the highest level pledged with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda that no one would be left behind and they committed to “endeavour to reach the furthest behind first”. We should be guided by this principle in our pursuit for the world we want.

Thank you.

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