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**ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM (DCF):
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRENDS AND PROGRESS IN TRIANGULAR AND
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

(UNCC, UN building, Bangkok, 21-22 October 2008)

Tentative Programme

21 October 2008

Opening Session

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:45 Opening remarks

Mr Shigeru Mochida, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP

Message from Mr Nikhil Seth, Director, Office For ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA, delivered by Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Chief, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA

Message from Yiping Zhou, Director, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, delivered by Mr Denis Nkala, Chief, South-South Unit (Asia & Pacific), UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok

9:45 – 10:00 Coffee break

A: A. Triangular development cooperation: sharing experiences within the region and between regions

This session enables a sharing of some of the experiences of south-south and triangular development cooperation by development actors in the region and discusses opportunities and

challenges in pursuing such cooperation. It also reviews the implications and relevance of Accra High Level Forum in triangular and south-south cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

10:00 – 10:30

[Session A-1]

Moderator: Mr Shigeru Mochida

Keynote

Prof. Nagesh Kumar: *“Triangular and South-south cooperation in the ESCAP region: a paradigm shift of development cooperation?”*

Discussion

10:30 – 12:30

Round table

Moderator: Ms. Noumea Simi, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Aid Coordination Debt Management Division, Ministry of Finance, Samoa (TBC)

“Lessons learned from South-South and triangular development cooperation”

Panellists:

- Mr. Jiro Usui, Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Embassy of Japan on *“Lessons learned from the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) 4 “*
- Mr A.M. Badrudduja, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of People’s Republic of Bangladesh
- Mr. James Tomecko, Director of Business and Financial Services, Thai-German Programme for Enterprise Competitiveness, GTZ

Discussion

“Accra high-Level Forum: relevance to triangular and South-South development cooperation”

Panellists:

- Mr. Stephen Groff, Deputy-Director of the Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD/DAC:
- (discussant) Mr. M. Ruhimat Soerakoesoemah, Assistant Director, Bureau for Economic Integration and Finance, The ASEAN Secretariat

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

B. Monitoring and evaluation of triangular and South-South development cooperation in the region

This session enables a sharing of experiences and views of various development actors on monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of development assistance and discusses effective mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of development assistance in particular those relating to south-south and triangular development cooperation. It also discusses civil society participation in monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

13:30 – 15:00 (Session B)

Round table

Moderator: Ms. Lorna P. Victoria, Vice President, Center for Disaster Preparedness Center

Panellists:

- Mr. Ab. Hamid Hj. Taib, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Section, Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department, Government of Malaysia
- Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, General Manager, Office of the Chairman, Board of Directors, Rural Support Programmes Network, Pakistan
- Ms. Jirat Wachirasereechai, Chief, International Cooperation Division, National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Government of Thailand and Ms. Mariko Kinoshita, Representative, JICA Thailand Office
- Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Souly Quach Angkham, Founder/Board Director / Bio-Medicine Practitioner, Seda Laos

Discussion

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

C. Data collection and analysis including data on *South-South and triangular development cooperation*

This session discusses data collection and reporting as well as information gaps in financial flows of development assistance, which hinders effective evaluation of development assistance.

15:15-16:30 (Session C)

Round table

Moderator: Mr Nagesh Kumar

Panellists:

- Ms. Mira Go, Deputy Director, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Mr Aidan Cox, Regional Advisor, Aid Coordination and Management, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok

16:30-17:30: Drafting Committee Meeting [drafting the Bangkok Joint Statement]

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D. South-South and triangular development cooperation in Asia-Pacific: *How can the United Nations help?*

This session discusses how the UN system could contribute in strengthening south-south and triangular cooperation, in particular through existing supporting mechanisms.

8:30 – 10:00 [Session D]

Rountable

Moderator: Mr Aynul Hasan, Chief, Development Policy Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP

Panellists:

- Mr Denis Nkala, Chief, South-South Unit (Asia & Pacific), UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok
- Ms Kirida Bhaopichitr, Country Economist, The World Bank - Bangkok Office
- Dr. Neeraj N. Joshi, Head, Research and publication, LDC Watch international secretariat, Nepal
- Ms Noumea Simi, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Aid Coordination debt Management Division, Ministry of Finance, Samoa

10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
[10:00 – 10:45	Drafting Committee]
10:30 – 12:00	General discussions and adoption of the joint statement (Bangkok joint statement) By Drafting Bureau
12:00 – 12:30	Closing session Mr Shigeru Mochida (ESCAP)

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