5th ASIA-PACIFIC DIRECTORS GENERAL FORUM FOR SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION
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Presentation of the Forum Programme

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Establishment of the Asia-Pacific DG Forum

- **Regional**
  - June: Establishment of Asia-Pacific DG Forum
  - November: 2nd Asia-Pacific DG Forum

- **Global**
  - BAPA+40 General Assembly Resolution 73/291
  - UN System-wide Strategy on SS&TrC, 2020-2024
  - General Assembly Resolution 76/221
  - South-South Development Expo 2022 in Thailand

- **2018**
  - June: Establishment of Asia-Pacific DG Forum

- **2019**
  - ESCAP Resolution 75/3

- **2020**
  - 3rd Asia-Pacific DG Forum

- **2021**
  - March: Roundtable on Network for SSC in A-P
  - September: 4th Asia-Pacific DG Forum
  - General Assembly Resolution 76/221

- **2022**
  - 5th Asia-Pacific DG Forum
  - GA resolution 77/185
Theme & objectives

Theme: Digital Innovation and South-South Cooperation: Driving Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

Objectives:
The fifth session is designed to facilitate:
• Substantive exchanges on the theme (invited speakers)
• Ideation on concrete cooperation mechanisms (speed thinking session)
• Peer exchanges among leaders of technical cooperation (panel discussion)
• Sharing of good practices (exhibition and field visit)
Programme – Day 1

9.00 - 9.30 Opening

10.00 - 12.00 Session 2 “Bridging the digital divide through South-South Cooperation – challenges and opportunities”
- What are the barriers and effects for marginalized communities in accessing and using digital technologies?
- How can South-South cooperation bridge the digital divide?
- What are the successful case studies? And what were the key success factors?

12.00 – 13.30 Networking lunch

13.30 – 14.00 Launch of the South-South Cooperation Connector

14.00 – 15.00 Speed Thinking Session
- South-South Cooperation Connector/matchmaking of offers and requests
- Support to assistance providers
- Strengthening the DG Forum

15.00 – 17.00 Session 3 “Best practices – Smart solutions to promote sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific”
- How can innovative digital solutions help us meet sustainable development challenges in the region? Any successful cases to share?
- What role can South-South cooperation play to adapt these successful practices in diverse country contexts?
- What strategies can governments, organizations, and communities use to adapt and implement these best practices in their own contexts?

18.00 – 21.00 Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
Programme – Day 2

9.00 – 11.00  Session 4 “Digital innovation for technical assistance providers”

- What are the needs of new technical cooperation agencies in setting up their institutional frameworks and processes?
- What are examples of digital innovation to facilitate the work of technical cooperation agencies?
- How can the Asia-Pacific DG Forum foster learning among technical cooperation agencies of the region for more efficient South-South and triangular cooperation?

11.00 – 11.30  Closing

11.30 – 17.00  Field visit to TICA project site KUBOTA FARM Innovative Farming Experience Centre in Chonburi Province
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