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Since October 2015, Mr. Jorge Chediek has been the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, leading United Nations system-wide promotion and coordination of South-South cooperation for development. In March 2016, Mr. Chediek was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Envoy on South-South Cooperation. Prior to this, Mr. Chediek served as the UN Resident Coordinator/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Brazil (2010-2015). In that capacity, he was also the Director of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth, UNDP's global forum for policy dialogue and South-South learning on social development innovations. He served as Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Peru (2005-2010); United Nations Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative in Nicaragua (2001-2005); Preceding his United Nations career, Mr. Chediek worked at the Department of Legislative Analysis of the Argentinean Congress and as an independent consultant assisting in the design of financial investment systems in Argentina.



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Dr. Hu Hongtao has been working as the Acting Executive Director of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) since December 2017 on request of the PPD Governing Board. Before taking over the charges of PPD Acting Executive Director, Dr. Hu Hongtao had been serving as the Advisor to the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the Government of China on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development. Dr. Hu Hongtao had been a veteran public servant having more than 30 years' experience in promoting international cooperation in the field of population and development. He retired from the government service as the Commissioner of the Department of International Cooperation, National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Government of the People's Republic of China. Being a civil servant, Dr. Hongtao has not only made outstanding contribution in promoting international cooperation in health and population, he has always been a great proponent of South-South Cooperation in Population, Reproductive Health and Development.



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Dr. Thabchumpon's expertise lies in comparative democracies, politics of human rights and development and the role of civil society organizations in Thailand and Greater Mekong Sub-region countries. She has published numerous books and journals in comparative politics, civil society politics and participatory democracy. She also has extensive research portfolios in the area of social movement studies and sustainable development. Dr. Thabchumpon received her Master's and PhD degrees in Politics and International Studies from University of Leeds, United Kingdom.



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