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FRAGILE STATES

THE GLOBAL SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FORUM

LIVELIHOODS, EMPLOYMENT AND INCLUSION FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

11-15 OCTOBER 2021

 1 WEEK

Information Note

Recent decades have demonstrated the power of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to advance sustainable development and decent work. Driven by a spirit of solidarity, respect for national sovereignty and equal partnership, South-South and Triangular Cooperation has offered concrete solutions to shared challenges, with many countries becoming sources of support and inspiration for innovative development approaches.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation offers a promising pathway to accelerate progress that leaves no one behind and now more than ever such pathway is needed. The pandemic has devastated the world of work, causing massive human suffering and laying bare the extreme vulnerability of many millions of workers and enterprises. In medical terms, the virus does not discriminate. But in the world of work it has impacted more the disadvantaged and vulnerable, exposing the devastating consequences of inequalities. South-South co-operation can be an effective instrument for tackling structural and intersectional inequalities that contribute to excluding people. However, to leverage that potential, it is necessary to share knowledge and coordinate efforts for scaling up impact.

The Global South-South Cooperation Forum is organised in collaboration with Development Investment (DEVINVEST) and South-South and Triangular Cooperation (PARDEV) aiming to foster the exchange of good practices, knowledge, experiences, and methodologies applied in the Global South to improve the livelihoods and create employment opportunities for vulnerable and marginalized populations, with a special focus on innovative and digital solutions.

WHAT

WHAT TOPICS DOES THIS FORUM COVER?

The first day of the Forum will ‘set the scene’ and allow participants to get to know each other, boosting reflections and discussions on how SSTC and ILO’s DEVINVEST Branch can contribute to enhancing employment vulnerable groups.

During the second and third day, participants will be able to access three different ‘tracks’, running in parallel, based on their interests. Each track focuses on a different approach that could contribute to the inclusion and employment of vulnerable groups, namely:

1. **Track 1: Promoting employment and inclusion of vulnerable groups through public infrastructure investments**

Public infrastructure investments, when carefully designed and implemented, can be an effective policy tool to address key employment challenges, especially in post-conflict, disaster and other emergency situations. More specifically, this track will focus on:

- a) **Inclusive infrastructure:** through peer learning, participants will learn more on how to design and develop infrastructures in the way that is participatory, demand-driven, inclusive for vulnerable people, and thus leaving no one behind.

- b) **Infrastructure developed through a local resource-based approach:** through peer learning, participants will learn more on how to develop infrastructures that optimize the use of local resources, including local labour, as well as locally available materials and suppliers.

2. **Track 2: Promoting employment and inclusion of vulnerable groups through formalization**

It is estimated that the informal sector in a typical developing country employs 75 per cent of the workforce. The situation is aggravated in fragile situations where there is often no other alternative to working in the informal economy. More specifically, this track will focus on the following topics:

- a) **Boosting E-formalization:** participants will explore the evolution of E-formalization policies that support transition to formality and will discover innovation solutions adopted in different regions of the world.
- b) **Formalization through public procurement:** participants will discuss and share experience about effective methods to incentivize formalization through public and private procurement.

3. **Track 3: Promoting employment and inclusion of vulnerable groups by strengthening their resilience**

By 2030, up to two-thirds of the world's extreme poor will live in countries characterized by fragility, conflict and natural disasters, highlighting the importance of strengthening resilience of vulnerable populations, including migrants and refugees. This track will include the following topics:

- a) **Fostering labour market integration and inclusion of migrants and refugees:** through collaboration between peers, participants will learn good practices of economic integration of refugees and migrants.
- b) **Sustainable response to natural disasters and South-South Cooperation:** participants will learn from experiences of countries prone to frequent natural disasters on how to prepare and recover from natural hazards.

The Forum will also include a day on **disruptive technologies** that could provide solutions to digital inclusion issues. Participants will be able to interact with different service providers to explore tools and technologies that could solve the identified challenges.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE FORUM?

At the end of the Forum, participants will be able to:

- Know more about the theoretical framework that promotes South-South collaboration as an instrument for tackling inequalities and exclusion.
- Get exposed to innovative South-South collaborative initiatives to promote decent work and livelihoods in the context of COVID-19
- Share their own South-South and Triangular Cooperation initiatives focusing on the inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized populations
- Build a stronger network of practitioners working in the field of South-South and Triangular Cooperation

WHO?

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS FORUM?

This Forum is addressed to all of those supporting or interested in supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation initiatives, including ILO constituents, representatives of UN and not-for-profit organizations, development practitioners, national and local governments' officials and consultants.

FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY

The Forum will be held online from 11-15 October. Each day participants will have access to two live online sessions of 90 minutes each. The Forum will include plenary sessions as well as elective courses that participants will be able to select based on their specific interests. The Forum will be conducted using a highly participative methodology, through a combination of pre-identified SSTC good practices followed by group discussions where participants will be asked to share solutions and experiences that are already in place. Participants will have access to the ITCILO eCampus where they will be able interact with other participants, access the recordings of the Forum and access an online library with several background documents and reference materials.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us:

4. A completed online registration form: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIF/A9713872/en>
5. If you are financed by your organization (or a donor) an official sponsorship letter is required to finalize your registration. The letter can be uploaded to the application form or sent by email to itcilo_gsscforum@itcilo.org
6. If you pay directly the course fees, please note that the payment is due before enrolment in the course. More details about payment methods can be found [here](#).

Application deadline: **1st October 2021**

PRICE

Tuition: €900 a limited number of scholarships for applicants from developing countries are available on a first come first served basis.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Language: The course will be held in English.

Diploma: An ITCILO Certificate will be awarded at the completion of the course.

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WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price.

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