Universal Social Protection to achieve the SDG through South-South and Triangular cooperation

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The Decent Work Agenda

Employment
creating jobs

Social Protection
promoting human welfare and social consensus

Social Dialogue
bringing together government, employers and workers

International Labour Standards
fundamental principles and rights at work
Decent Work and the SDGs

Goal # 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

Target 1.3: “Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable reducing inequalities”
SSTC: a growing reality

- 1963: Creation of CINTERFOR by the ILO in Montevideo
- 1981: Caracas Conference on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries
- 1995: UN Fund for South-South Cooperation
- 2005: Doha Plan for Development and Humanitarian Assistance
- 2009: Nairobi Conference and outcome
- 2012: ILO SSTC strategy
- 2015: SDG 17 includes a reference to SSTC
- 2016: 1st SSTC academy in Turin
- 1978: Buenos Aires Conference and Plan of Action
- 1986: Cairo Meeting on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries
- 2004: HL Committee on South-South Cooperation
- 2008: 1st Global Expo on South-South Development
- 2010: Geneva High Level Event on SSTC
South-South cooperation is…

“a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals”

(2009 Nairobi outcome document)
Principles of South-South (and Triangular) cooperation

- National ownership
- Equality
- Non-conditionality
- Respect for national sovereignty
- Non-interference with domestic affairs
- Mutual benefit
Multilateral organizations as «orchestrators»

South-South cooperation

Triangular cooperation
The ILO and SSTC

• Capacity development
• High-Level meetings, seminars and fora
• SSTC projects and framework agreements
• research
• Networks and partnerships
• online community of experts and practitioners
“There is a lot of room for scaling up South-South cooperation and for strengthening interregional cooperation in the global South. Workers and employers and their organizations along with governments all have a role to play in encouraging this expansion.”

Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General
Social protection and SSTC

• There is no single perfect model for social protection, schemes need to be adapted to national circumstances.

• National ownership, normative reform, capacity development and coordination mechanisms are required for sustainability.

SSTC is an ideal form of cooperation in this field as it is based on:
• Recipient country-defined needs and approaches
• Peer learning and knowledge exchange
• Transfer of technical expertise
• Capacity development of local constituents