

Concept Note

for

2021 UN Day for South-South Cooperation

Agri-food Systems Transformation and Voices from the Global South

17 September 2021 (14:00-15:30 hours)

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For the fifth consecutive year, the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs)¹ are jointly organizing the celebration of the **UN Day for South-South Cooperation** (UN Day for SSC) – an annual event marked on 12 September every year. This year, the UN Day for SSC also coincides with the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit to be convened by the United Nations Secretary General in September 2021.

RBAs brokered South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) has proven to date to have a catalytic and complementary role in coalescing **synergies², solutions³ and skills⁴**. Promoting SSTC, which enables the sharing of knowledge, experiences, technologies, resources among countries in the Global South, has an important role to play in sharing and bringing effective approaches for more sustainable and inclusive agri-food systems.

2021 UN Day for SSC: Mobilizing Synergies, Solutions and Skills for Agri-food Systems Transformation in the Global South.

This year's RBAs Celebration of the UN Day for SSC will focus on making voices from the Global South heard on their challenges, approaches and plans for agri-food systems transformation.

The RBAs celebrations will attract the participation of Government counterparts and non-state actors and will provide the opportunity to highlight a number of game-changing solutions that are particularly impactful for the Global South. The event will also provide a space for Member Nations to discuss how they can better leverage SSTC to mainstream key game-changing solutions, building on previous successful SSTC experiences. The findings of the event will help to shape the joint agenda for RBAs on SSTC for the coming years, to ensure that RBAs-facilitated SSTC remains relevant to support country-led progress on food security and nutrition.

Agenda

The 2021 celebration of the UN Day for SSC will have an interactive format and will last up to 1.5 hours. The event will be interpreted in six UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and

¹ The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the World Food Programme (WFP) offer a vast range of knowledge, financial and technical expertise, and internationally recognized fora for discussing policy issues related to food security, agriculture, and nutrition.

² Promoting dialogue, cooperation and joint action for regional and inter-regional SSTC on agri-food systems transformation.

³ Identifying and sharing replicable and adaptable agri-food innovations and solutions from around the world, especially from developing countries.

⁴ Mobilizing Southern knowledge and expertise through leveraging existing technical institutions, networks, communities of practitioners, centers of excellence and universities as key partners for technical assistance and cooperation.

Spanish). In the moderated panel discussion, keynote speakers from Member Nations will highlight the support Member Nations will need from RBAs to further leverage SSTC to support agri-food systems transformation. A preliminary agenda is included below:

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Yasmina Bouziane (Deputy Director, FAO Office of Communication)

Agenda Item	Title	Speakers	Time
Opening ceremony		Qu Dongyu (FAO Director-General), video message	3-5 minutes
Introductory remarks		Anping Ye (Director, Division for South-South and Triangular Cooperation, FAO) Ron Hartman (Director, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, IFAD) David Kaatrud (Director of the Programme [Humanitarian and Development] Division, WFP) Adel Abdellatif (Director, Ad Interim, UNOSSC)	15 minutes
Setting the Scene	Food Systems Transformation in the Global South	Jamie Morrison (Director, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO)	5 minutes
Voices from the Global South	Leveraging joint opportunities for RBAs-brokered SSTC	Panel Moderator: Carlos Correa (Executive Director, the South Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda - His Excellency Frank Tumwebaze Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda (MAAIF) • Kenya – Mr Kurui Chepkwony, Deputy Governor, Baringo County • India - Her Excellency Dr Neena Malhotra, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of India for FAO • CELAC - Ms Camila Zepeda Lizama, General Director of Global Issues Secretariat for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs Secretary, Mexico 	25 minutes
Open interactive dialogue		Moderator: Carlos Correa (Executive Director, the South Centre)	30 minutes
Closing remarks		David Kaatrud (Director of the Programme [Humanitarian and Development] Division, World Food Programme (WFP)) Ron Hartman (Director, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division, IFAD) Anping Ye (Director, Division for South South and Triangular Cooperation, FAO)	10 minutes