



South-South

and Triangular Cooperation

Academy

11 – 15 July 2016



The 2030 Development Agenda is a once-in-a-generation chance to improve the lives of billions and to respond to the universal demand for decent jobs. We must embrace the opportunity and encourage the solidarity – including the solidarity of South-South cooperation – that will help to make this goal a reality.

Guy Ryder, ILO DG, South-South Day, September 2015

A new role for South-South and triangular cooperation!

South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) can be defined as the collaboration between two or more developing countries, often supported by traditional partners, guided by the principles of solidarity and non-conditionality, aiming at implementing inclusive and distributive development models that are driven by demand. SSTC is a complement to North-South cooperation in a concerted effort to promote development opportunities. As reflected in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, South-South and triangular cooperation have become a key modality of international development cooperation and an essential tool for the United Nations Development System.

South-South and triangular cooperation Academy: An opportunity to engage!

The South-South and Triangular Cooperation Academy is an interregional learning and networking event which will gather policymakers, promoters, practitioners and researchers from all around the world. It will also be a forum for the orchestration of high-level strategic initiatives and political advocacy related to SSTC in support to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and decent work in

particular. The South-South and Triangular Cooperation Academy is a joint initiative of the ILO and its International Training Centre, supported by UN agencies and partners. The global trend of engaging more with the Global South and sharing good practices through South-South and triangular cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for development is reflected in the ILO Development Cooperation Strategy 2015-17 and the ILO's Strategy for "South-South and triangular cooperation: The way forward" (GB, 2012). Globally, the United Nations system has been engaging actively in this modality through the South-South Development Expos, in which the ILO has taken an active part since its inception.

The Academy, in partnership with the United Nations system, will focus on SSTC theory and practice, concepts, principles, modes and policies. At the core of the Academy programme will be: sharing of practical experiences and lessons learned in an international context with the aim of creating and strategizing notable and high-impact collaborative opportunities. Its flexible and interactive dynamics will allow for an enriching experience both for well-established experts and newcomers.

Objectives

The main objective of the SSTC Academy is to support participants to learn, network, strategize and collaborate in SSTC. At the end of the Academy, the participants will have:

- Advanced SSTC as a partnership modality in support to the 2030 Agenda, and to decent work in particular;
- Become acquainted with tools and methodologies enabling the launch, implementation and evaluation of SSTC initiatives and projects;
- Strengthened and built their networks, community of practice and partnerships based on good practices and lessons learned, with permanent access to the "virtual meeting point for SSTC";
- Engaged in SSTC modalities with the ILO based on specific good practices and lessons learned presented through peer-to-peer approaches during the Academy.



Who Should Attend?

The SSTC Academy is designed for:

- Representatives and specialists from development cooperation agencies, foreign affairs ministries, UN agencies, diplomatic missions, national ministries (labour, social security, etc) and local governments;
- ILO Constituents, including representatives from workers' and employers' organizations;
- Policymakers, promoters and practitioners interested in advancing SSTC as a means of contributing to the achievement of the SDGs;
- Researchers interested in getting practical insights as to the application of SSTC in different regions and in networking with key people in the field;
- ILO staff (directors, chief technical advisors, programme officers and specialists from headquarters and field offices);

How-to engage?

The methodological approach that will be used in the SSTC Academy consists of three phases:

Phase 1 - Pre-learning: this interactive phase will be done through the Internet during the four weeks before the beginning of the SSTC Academy and will introduce basic principles and key questions related to the topics which will be tackled during the face-to-face sections. During this phase, participants will also have the opportunity to get to know each other and interact before meeting in Turin.

Phase 2 - Face-to-Face Period: this phase will take place in Turin from the 11th to the 15th July 2016 and will include:

- Plenary Sessions: interactive sessions on selected topics will create a common level of knowledge and understanding among all participants;
- High-level Panels: participants will discuss and engage in the design of high-level strategic initiatives and political advocacy related to SSTC and the achievement of SDGs;
- Elective Tracks: participants will be able to choose among elective tracks offering opportunities to share knowledge, discuss concrete applications and draw up lessons for future projects, policy-making and research;
- Networking Activities: a number of social and casual activities will be introduced over the week in order to maximise networking opportunities and knowledge sharing among participants.

Phase 3 - Post-learning: this phase will start after the face-to-face period and will support participants to keep interacting, exchanging experiences, deepening knowledge and collaborating through the Internet by means of the virtual "Meeting Point for South-South Cooperation on Decent Work".

Languages

The SSTC Academy is offered in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. While all plenaries will have simultaneous interpretation

in all four languages, specific electives may be offered in selected languages only.

Some key topics and good practices to be tackled

- Sustainable Development Goals and South-South cooperation
- Triangular cooperation: good practices
- The road to Buenos Aires+40
- Good SSTC practices in the elimination child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking
- SSTC in job creation and vocational training
- Job creation, climate change and just transitions: a focus on South-South Cooperation
- Extending social protection floors: a South-South perspective
- City-to-City cooperation and local economic development (LED)
- Fragile-to-Fragile cooperation
- SSTC and labour migration
- Social Dialogue: the role of social partners in promoting and supporting SSTC
- Public-Private Partnerships and South-South Cooperation

Virtual Learning and Networking

An Internet virtual environment will be available to enhance the participants' learning experience and to further their capabilities of networking and collaborating in the future. This environment will be initially used by participants during the four weeks before the SSTC Academy as a pre-learning platform. It will introduce basic principles and key questions related to the contents of the academy and will allow participants start knowing each other and express their views, concerns and needs even before they meet in person in Turin. After the academy, the environment will remain available for participants as a virtual "Meeting Point for South-South Cooperation on Decent Work", by which they can get updated, keep engaged and permanently exchange and cooperate through the Internet.

Participation costs, fellowships and registration

Participation costs of the SSTC Academy are **€ 2150**, including tuition, insurance, full board and lodging in Turin (from Sunday 10 July to Saturday 16 July).

Selected southern participants and south-south practitioners from the global south may receive a full scholarship upon receipt of an article on "south-south cooperation" linked to one of the issues mentioned in the flyer (child labour, forced labour, climate change, job creation, skills development, labour migration, city-to-city cooperation, social and solidarity economy, social dialogue, fragile-to-fragile cooperation, social protection, among others) Only those candidates who apply within the registration deadline (30th April for registration, 15th May to deliver the article), will be considered.

Travel costs to and from Turin, as well as visa costs and airport transfers, will have to be borne by participants.

Interested participants please register at:



English: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A909374/en>

French: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A909374/fr>

Spanish: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A909374/es>

Portuguese: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A909374/pt>

Registration deadline: 30 April 2016

For logistical inquiries and any other issues related to the application process, please contact the Turin Team at southsouth@itcilo.org.

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