



United Nations Day for South – South Cooperation 2020
***Pathways toward the SDGs through South – South solidarity
beyond COVID-19***

Talking points
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- I thank Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the Secretary General and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and his team for organizing this important high-level event.
- Today we commemorate a significant milestone: the 42nd Anniversary of the 1978 adoption of the **Buenos Aires Plan of Action**.
- The current global crisis makes it difficult to have a normal commemoration.
- Nevertheless, it gives us once again an opportunity to stand up in solidarity, recognize our achievements, and reiterate our commitment with South-South Cooperation.
- Also, it gives countries the chance to not lose sight of the commitments made to achieve the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.



- In this context, earlier this morning in Bogotá, the **Colombian Presidential International Cooperation Agency (APC-Colombia)** joined by UNOSSC Director, multilateral cooperation agencies from Africa, Asia, Latin America and other partners, inaugurated a two day virtual event entitled ***“Expanding South-South Cooperation in an Interdependent World”***.
- Furthermore, we are very proud to share that Colombia had contributed to the publication ***“Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development”***.
- In this compilation, we had shared good practices that aim to promote early childhood protection, facilitate urban mobility, and improve the wellbeing of people with disabilities, all with the goal of reducing poverty and preventing social exclusion.
- **Colombia** will continue to share its good practices to facilitate knowledge exchanges and partnerships through UN Global digital platforms.
- In the last year through APC-Colombia, we have developed more than **100 projects** on South-South Cooperation within countries in **Latin America** and the **Caribbean, Asia** and **Africa**.
- These actions reaffirm our leadership in our region as a **reliable partner**.
- Colombia would like to express today its commitment with the adoption of better practices, always driven by the demand, experiences, capabilities, and diversified cultures, at the request and with the ownership exercised by countries.
- To conclude, I want to convey on behalf of the Government of Colombia our deepest gratitude and sympathy to Mr. Jorge Chediek, for his



extraordinary hard work and leadership as Envoy of the Secretary General and Director at the United Nations Office of South – South Cooperation.

- Jorge is leaving an important legacy at the United Nations that we admire and will never be forgotten.
- We wish you all success !!!

Thank you.

Muchas gracias.