



**United Nations Day for South – South Cooperation 2021**  
***“South-South cooperation: solidarity in support of a more  
inclusive, resilient and sustainable future”***

**Talking points**

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- I thank Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director a.i. of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and his team for organizing this important high-level event.
- As we commemorate the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the 1978 adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, we stand once again in solidarity, recognizing our achievements and challenges, reiterating our commitment with South-South Cooperation.
- As a South-South Cooperation offeror, Colombia is promoting economic reactivation initiatives with its partners, working tirelessly towards a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery of our region and beyond from the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Colombia believes on the national ownership to design cooperation projects and programs tailored to the needs and capacities of each country, as an essential value of South-South Cooperation.
- In this sense, innovative cooperation must be flexible to adapt to the particularities of each context.



- Likewise, a key priority is to deep in new modalities of partnerships with multiple actors such as Triangular Cooperation, which allows expanding exchanges of good practices thanks to the technical and financial contributions of a third partner.
- The Government of Colombia recognizes the contributions and invaluable support provided by the Cooperation Agencies to States efforts to respond to the many challenges presented by the economic and social crises, due to the pandemic and the strongest effects of climate change, among others-
- Similarly, we applaud United Nation's efforts to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation through its different platforms and events, such as the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the High-Level Committee held last June and ECLAC's extraordinary meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation held last month.
- To conclude: South-South Cooperation is a priority for Colombia.
- In this regard, we highlight the impact of these events which praise the importance of South-South Cooperation as an outstanding instrument and the right path to achieve lasting and sustainable development worldwide.
- Furthermore, you can always count on our commitment with the adoption of best practices and contributions, always driven by the demand, experiences and capabilities, to fully achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs, leaving no one behind.

Muchas gracias.