



SUMMARY

Pursuing Research on South-South Cooperation and Exploring Future Strategies for the Southern Voice Network

Proposed by the Centre for Policy Dialogues (CPD) and Southern Voice

INTRODUCTION

The Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals network was established two years ago and in that time, the network has created a unique space for itself for embedding research from the global South in the global discourse on post-2015 international development agenda. As the post-2015 development goals (Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs) are finalized, it is evident that there will be an enduring demand for the voices of the South during its implementation phase from 2015 - 2030. However, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs must decide upon its future strategy for the Southern Voice network, its role in this space, and how the network can develop the required capacities among its members to ensure that Southern Voice continues to inform the debate. While Southern Voice continues to contribute to research linked to southern perspectives on sustainable development, the network must develop its strategic direction and future sustainability strategy for ensuring that the network continues to play an instrumental role in the future.

WHAT THEY WILL DO IT

Building on the momentum and interest in leveraging South-South Cooperation (SSC) as an implementation tool for delivering the post-2015 international development agenda, Southern Voice will undertake research to examine the experiences and outcomes of SSC, and potential opportunities for SSC in the context of implementation of the post-MDGs. Southern Voice will organise two back-to-back workshops to 1) discuss what methodological approach, analytical techniques, and data sources are to be followed in advancing research on SSC and 2) to develop a strategy for sustainability of the network beyond 2015. The meetings will be organized and hosted by Southern Voice's partner- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization (STIPRO) followed by a workshop to discuss the strategic outlook of the Southern Voice network from October 11-14, 2015 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

HOW THEY WILL DO IT

This project serves both short and long-term objectives of the network, by supporting the design of an immediate research project focused on SSC as well as supporting the network to develop their long-term strategic plan.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The project is expected to convene Southern Voice partners to develop a research design including methodology for implementation of the research and analysis, to identify key themes upon which research papers will focus, and to discuss appropriate outreach and engagement activities for sharing research findings and results. The second expected output is the development of a strategic plan including a focus on Southern Voice's work plan, allocation of responsibilities, risks and mitigation, funding, and outreach and communication activities.