EGM on HLPF

Spurring implementation of policy decisions what have we learned from CSD

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Thinking globally...



4 continents, **3** developing countries, common problems, a common vision

Priority themes of sustainable development (WSSD, Johannesburg, 2002):

Millennium Development Goals

Biodiversity, Water Energy , Agriculture

Poverty, Education Environmental Sustainability, Gender Global Partnership

...acting locally



Guiding Principles

Equality

Objectives of common interest, jointly committed to cooperate on 36 projects.

Equitable relations: horizontal partnerships for Development Cooperation.

Reciprocity

Partner countries with equal rights & authority in policy formulation and decision making

Participation of all societal stakeholders

Academic, Governmental, Private, NGOs & Local Organizations Two way process: Both partners improve abilities by cooperation.

Empathy, expert knowledge, personal compromise, ownership.







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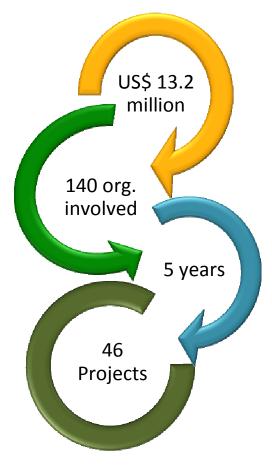
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Some lessons from a succesful partnership

South-South Cooperation can and has produced very impressive results.









Results (last 5 years)

- More than 3000 direct beneficiaries
- 692 new products
- 179 new services
- 2354 people that are working in a productive activity related to the training
- 1100 women involved in decision making
- More than 140 new enterprises
- More than 400 people alphabetized (reading, writing and speaking)
- More than 200 teenagers in social risk trained in technical skills and managerial capacity
- More than 200 community based organizations benefited

Some lessons from a succesful partnership for HLPF

- Partnership has to be based on reciprocity, equality, and participation in order to succeed.
- Greater autonomy and responsibility among the partners leads to a strong sense of ownership and accountability and hence more efficient results.
- Technology and knowledge transfer is most efficient when counterparts identify with each other. Learning from equals is more effective! (Peer advise/support?)
- Language, culture, religion and geography are not barriers to parnership. But lack of tolerance and not understanding those differences are barriers!



Some lessons for HLPF

• **Participatory management** is vital for sustainability.

- Time is a valuable and imperative investment in setting up a successful partnership.
- Systematization is key .
- SSC will not replace North-South Cooperation (nor triangular).
- Adequate **funding** is needed
- Mechanism to promote and nurture partnerships (means of implementation, follow up, accountability)





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