EGM on HLPF

Spurring implementation of policy decisions - what have we learned from CSD

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2010: UN Global Award for South-South Cooperation

Partners in South-South Cooperation
Together for Sustainable Development
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.

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**Participation of all societal stakeholders**
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Equitable relations: horizontal partnerships for Development Cooperation.

Two way process: Both partners improve abilities by cooperation.

Empathy, expert knowledge, personal compromise, ownership.
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Cost-Effective

US$ 13.2 million

140 org. involved

5 years

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Some lessons from a successful 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 successful 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 partnership. 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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