



National Seminar on “South-South Cooperation: Towards a Sustainable Future” September 14, 2015

(UN Day on South-South Cooperation)

At the turn of the millennium, the global community devised a strategy for development with clear and measurable targets in the form of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). From the outset, it was recognised that the realization of these ambitious objectives would greatly depend on renewed and deepened partnerships including institutional reforms at national and international levels, and significant increase in the resource allocation for developmental initiatives.

In this regard, South-South cooperation, a fundamental part of international development, can be beneficial to help developing countries by enhancing their capacities through mutual support and cooperation as well as fostering an overall supportive global economic environment. Such realizations call for identifying suitable mechanisms and methodologies to make the cooperative efforts more practicable and coordinated to achieve the desired goals.

Developing countries in the South are increasingly adopting South-South cooperation approaches in their policies and operational programmes. The South is not only growing richer in absolute terms, but its collective economic impact on the global economy is also increasing significantly. These emerging trends of South-South Cooperation, without a doubt, are playing a key role in mobilizing and channeling resources for sustainable development.

Cognizant of the importance of South-South cooperation, and to observe this year's United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (September 12, 2015), the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) is organizing a national seminar entitled “South-South Cooperation: Towards a Sustainable Future”. This event is expected to encourage a quality multi-stakeholder dialogue on the said theme.

Who should attend?

- Academicians, scientists, economists, entrepreneurs, sustainable development policy makers & practitioners, media and civil society;
- Representatives of government, international development agencies, NGOs and education institutions; and
- Individuals interested in learning and sharing experiences pertaining to socio-economic development, and sustainable development.

Expected Outcomes:

- Awareness of the importance of South-South Cooperation; and
- Create recommendations and solutions for challenges to sustainable socio-economic growth of the developing countries

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Venue: COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad

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