Enhancing data coverage

Measuring South-South Cooperation for SDG indicator 17.3.1

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Laying the foundations

- **South-South cooperation data** is part of the first SDG indicator: 17.3.1
- **Voluntary UN Framework** to measure South-South cooperation was welcomed by UNSC in 2022

Lacking systematic data

- Support for sustainable development was not measured
- Hampers strategic management and allocation of flows

SDG indicator 17.3.1

- Co-custodianship:
- UNCTAD: foreign direct investment and South-South data
- OECD/TOSSD: other flows

Engaging with countries to develop tools

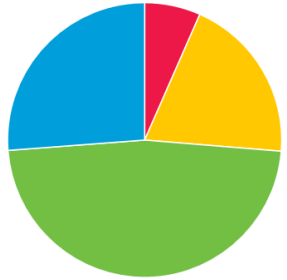
- UNCTAD supports development of **methods**, practical **guidelines,** data reporting **tools**, organizes **peer learning**, and ensures **interoperability**
- **Steering group** with countries and partners

Country-led process

- Fully defined by countries of the South
- Pioneering countries leading engagement

Growing interest

60 countries want to report soon but need support!



- Longer term (after 5 years) (6.6%)
- Medium term (3-5 years) (19.7%)
- Near future (1-2 years) (47.5%)
- Now, as soon as possible (26.2%)

Concepts & methods

- Conceptual Framework 2022
- Manual for South-South Data 2024
- Data reporting tools 2025

Setting mechanisms for cooperation

- **Practical project work** with countries and partners
- **UN Framework tested** with first data in 2024
- Pilot data confirm the **role of non-financial** flows

Consultations

- With pioneering and other countries
- Experts of partner organizations

Events

- Awareness raising
- Expert meetings
- Training workshops
- 66 countries in Doha!

Pilot testing

- Ongoing project: 7 countries + pioneers
- Currently setting up with additional countries

Pilot studies ongoing:

- Argentina
- Chile
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Jordan
- Qatar
- Peru
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Uruguay

Where to next?

- **Technical support**, training, data tools needed
- **Platform** for country lead and collaboration
- **Partnerships** in the UN system and beyond
- **Eyes on data:** First South-South data for SDGs in 2025!

Platform

- Regular knowledge exchange
- Community of practice

IT systems

- Support national data collection, analysis, reporting
- Ensure interoperability of systems and data

Partnerships

- UN Regional Commissions, UNOSSC, SEGIB, IsDB, UNSD, OECD/TOSSD
- Country lead

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