LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FOR
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From delivering aid to ending need: Advancing the 2030 Agenda in crisis contexts

The compounding effect of many global challenges will continue stretching the capacity of the international humanitarian system to respond to emergencies and pose a main threat to advancing the 2030 Agenda. At a time the people living in countries affected by complex crises has reached levels not seen since WWII, a new approach to managing these crisis is needed. Recognizing the 2030 Agenda’s commitment to leave no one behind as a common framework which connects both short term emergency response and long term development work in the quest to reduce risk and vulnerability, new partnerships by a wide range of actors are needed to translate this vision in reality.

In this context, the first World Humanitarian Summit (İstanbul, May 2016) hosted by Turkey achieved impressive results in terms of strengthening the humanitarian-development nexus while addressing the institutional, financial and political obstacles to humanitarian aid. The role of the non-traditional donors in humanitarian action is expanding and the scope of South-South Cooperation in areas of crisis prevention and response is gaining higher influence. South-South Cooperation in humanitarian crises carries a key responsibility in addressing the most urgent needs in fragile and conflict-affected context in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 16 and SDG 17. Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD) 2017 offers an opportunity for the United Nations, regional organisations, developing countries, development partners, private sector and civil society organisations to convene and optimize SSC solutions in peace, prosperity and partnership.

The Leadership Roundtable will be co-hosted by Dr. Serdar Çam, President, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and Ms. Ursula Mueller, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Other prominent speakers include H.E. Mr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, UN Secretary-General’s Humanitarian Envoy, and high level representatives from Member States, Regional Organisations and Development Banks.

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