

# MEDIA ADVISORY

United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation



## 2017 South-South Expo in Antalya, Turkey to Showcase Developing Countries Innovations as Invaluable Drivers of Sustainable Development

**27 to 30 November 2017, Titanic Deluxe Golf Belek Convention Centre, Antalya, Turkey**

**9:00am, Monday, 27 November** – High-level Opening Ceremony to be addressed by, among others:

- **H.E. Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu**, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey
- **H.E. Mr. Adonia Ayebare**, President of the General Assembly High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations
- **Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu**, United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UNOHRLLS)
- **Mr. Getachew Engida**, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- **Mr. Jorge Chediek**, Envoy of the Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation, and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)

The Government of the Republic of Turkey will host the tenth annual Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo), in Antalya, Turkey 27-30 November, 2017, in close coordination with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and in conjunction with more than 20 United Nations agencies and 100 plus partners. The GSSD Expo will strategically engage all development actors, including the private sector and civil society, to scale up concrete Southern-grown initiatives to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Expo is a one-of-a-kind platform for showcasing and scaling up development initiatives while leveraging the complementary strengths of all institutional partners in addressing global and regional challenges.

GSSD Expo 2017, under the theme ***South-South Cooperation in the Era of Economic, Social and Environmental Transformation: Road to the 40th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA+40)*** is a strategic opportunity for countries, businesses, organizations and citizens alike. The GSSD Expo will facilitate the building of substantive inputs in the lead-up to the 2019 BAPA+40 High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation. BAPA+40 “will formalize and link South-South cooperation to the international development architecture,” says Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

**The media are invited and encouraged to attend all Expo events.**

Directors-General of national development cooperation agencies are expected from 40+ countries. Over 50 Southern solutions will be showcased during 30+ plenary sessions and booths on the Expo exhibition floor.

Since its inception in 2008, the GSSD Expo has featured documented best practices from hundreds of partner countries, UN agencies, private-sector enterprises and civil society organizations. To effectively build on this broad global partnership, the thematic areas of GSSD Expo 2017 address South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development with particular focus on: (i) climate change partnerships, (ii) peacebuilding, (iii) private sector engagement, (iv) science, technology and innovation, (v) public service innovation, (vi) big data, (vii) youth employment and skills development, (viii) women’s empowerment, (ix) capacity development, (x) from humanitarian aid to development and resilient societies, and (xi) zero hunger.

**For more information and to register:** <http://www.expo.unsouthsouth.org>

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