

NeST Technical Workshop

Updating the M&E Framework for SSC

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In March of 2015 the first technical workshop of the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) brought together prominent academics and development co-operation experts from the global South in Midrand, South Africa to discuss a common analytical framework to measure the quantity, quality and impact of South-South Co-operation (SSC). Following the meeting a number of NeST working groups were established to explore in more detail a) indicators to measure the quality of SSC; b) definitions, accounting and reporting of SSC; c) South-South trade, investments and public-private partnerships; and d) concessionality of SSC lending instruments.

The first NeST technical working group meeting was held in Johannesburg in September 2015 to develop a set of indicators to assess the quality and effectiveness of South-South partnerships, based on principles agreed at historical conferences of the global South (Bandung, 1955, Buenos Aires, 1976, Nairobi, 2009, Bogota, 2010, Delhi, 2013). Another technical working group meeting was organised in December 2015 in collaboration with UNCTAD to discuss definitions, measures and reporting of SSC, and the development and improvement of national and global statistical systems on SSC.

The results of the various NeST technical discussions held in 2015, were captured in a working document called '[Developing a conceptual framework for South-South cooperation](#)', which offered methodological approaches and a detailed set of indicators to measure the quality of SSC. The NeST evaluation framework has also been translated in Mandarin and Spanish, and has received further inputs from broader development stakeholders at national and regional discussions in Johannesburg, Xiamen, Manila, Delhi, Addis Ababa, Nairobi, New York and Mexico City.

During the course of 2016 a number of Southern researchers have tested the NeST methodological framework in various case studies on the development cooperation of South Africa, Brazil, India, Turkey, Mexico and China. Based on the experience gathered from the field application of the NeST framework in these pilot SSC case studies, the M&E framework will be now revised and updated for final publication and presentation at the

2nd High Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) in Nairobi later this year.

The Mexico workshop will gather ‘the developers’ and ‘the testers’ of the framework, along with other SSC experts, academics and policy-makers to review the qualitative indicators proposed in the NeST analytical framework, as well as to address gaps in the methodology and to strengthen the link to the broader monitoring and evaluation processes around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The workshop will also provide the space for the Network of Southern Think Tanks to discuss and prepare its engagement in the upcoming HLM2 in Nairobi.

To ensure a productive and efficient meeting, all participants are requested to review ahead of time the working draft of the NeST framework (also attached as a word document), and to send their comments and edits in track changes to Ms. Carmel Rawhani (Carmel.Rawhani@wits.ac.za) by the 23rd of September. Participants are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the different SSC country case studies that utilised the NeST framework, accessible in the Dropbox folder (link will be sent to workshop participants in a separate e-mail). The workshop will be informal, focused, technical and hands-on and participants are encouraged to come prepared with concrete and practical suggestions on gaps to be addressed and improvements to be made to the methodological framework for measuring quantity, quality and impact of SSC.

The organisers of the workshop (NeST Africa, Oxfam, and Instituto Mora) look forward to welcoming the colleagues from the Network of Southern Think Tanks to Mexico, as well as other key global development partners operating in the SSC space. We look forward to engaging in rich and stimulating debates and together producing the important outcome of a robust guiding document that can be shared with other academics, policy-makers and development stakeholders engaged in the monitoring and evaluation of South-South Cooperation and its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals.

NeST Technical Workshop to update M&E framework for SSC

Programme Agenda

(Last update: 21 September 2016)

Tuesday 27th September

(open to broader partners)

08:30 - 9:00 Arrivals and registrations

9:00 - 10:30 **Welcome by the hosts**

- Jaime Atienza, Campaigns & Policy Director, Oxfam International
- Simone Lucatello, REMECID Coordinator, Instituto Mora

Background, introduction to NeST and recent SSC meetings & processes

- Neissan Besharati, representative of NeST executive group

Keynote opening remarks

- Inyang Ebong-Harstrup, Deputy-Director, UNOSCC
- Noel González Segura, Coordinator Multilateral Cooperation, AMEXCID

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 **Overview of case studies on SSC that utilised NeST methodology**

(brief introduction to studies, focusing more on process rather than findings)

Moderator: Marianne Buenaventura Goldman, SSC project lead, Oxfam ZA

- Turkey-Somalia: Gizem Sucuoglu, CIC
- South Africa - D.R. Congo: Carmel Rawhani, SAIIA
- Brazil – Angola + India - Africa: Karin Costa Vazquez, CEBRI
- Mexican case studies: Ornela Garelli Rios / Jorge Pérez Pineda
- P.R. China – D.R. Congo (in planning): Zhang Chuanhong, RCID

12:00 – 12:30 **Objectives and working modalities for the workshop**

- Neissan Besharati, NeST Africa focal point

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

(internal NeST technical discussions)

13:30 – 15:30 **Review of indicators to measure quality of SSC**

Researchers are expected to have read in advance the draft NeST framework, and come to the discussion with concrete suggestions for revisions, improvements and amendments on the working document. Guiding questions may include:

- Are the indicators SMART and sub-dimension appropriate?
- Are the guiding questions clear and useful?
- Is it easy to gather data from sources? What are the challenges?
- Does the methodology lead to robust results and reliable conclusions?
- Are there any gaps and dimensions missing from the framework?
- What works and what doesn't when applying the NeST indicators?
- What experiences and insights have been gathered from field testing?

A strict 30-minute discussion time will be allocated for each dimension in the framework, facilitated by a different NeST expert. Consensus and conclusions of each discussion will be captured by the note takers (Carmel Rawhani & Ornela Garelli Rios), who will integrate the suggestions and consolidate the revisions into the final draft of the NeST framework document. Participants are requested to come prepared to the discussion with their edited framework document in front of them.

Dimension 1: National ownership and respect for sovereignty

Facilitator: Gizem Sucuoglu, Centre for International Cooperation, NYU

Dimension 2: Horizontality, mutuality and solidarity

Facilitator: Milindo Chakrabarti, Research and Information Systems, India

Dimension 3: Capacity-building, empowerment and knowledge-transfer

Facilitator: Anne McLennan, Wits School of Governance, South Africa

Dimension 4: Transparency, accountability and information management

Facilitator: Zhang Chuanhong, Research Center for International Development

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Review of indicators to measure quality of SSC (continued)

Dimension 5: Inclusive partnerships and multi-stakeholder participation

Facilitator: Carolina Maldonado Pacheco, Oxfam Mexico

Dimension 6: Coordination, efficiency and development effectiveness

Facilitator: Mehmet Arda, EDAM, Turkey

Dimension 7: Multilateralism and SSC in the global arena

Facilitator: Melissa Pomeroy, Articulação Sul, Brazil

17:30 – 18:00 Closure of the day and wrap up

Note takers and facilitators meet to ensure all inputs have been properly captured, and revisions to the framework are integrated in the updated document/table of indicators to be presented to the rest of the workshop participants the following morning.

18:00 – 22:00 Dinner and cultural activities

organised by the Mexican hosts (Oxfam Mexico and Instituto Mora)

Wednesday 28th September

(internal NeST technical discussions)

08:30 - 9:00 Arrivals and registrations

9:00 – 10:30 Gaps in the NeST framework, development results and link to SDGs

Moderator: Karin Costa Vazquez, CEBRI, Brazil

Recap of conclusions/consensus of previous day on qualitative indicators

- Carmel Rawhani, SAIIA

Recap of Midrand discussions on methods for evaluating SSC impact/results

- Jorge Pérez Pineda, Instituto Mora

Issues and questions for group discussion:

- Approval of final set of NeST qualitative indicators
- What is still missing in the NeST M&E framework?
- Link to SDGs, national and regional monitoring and evaluation processes?
- How to evaluate impact and development results produced by SSC?
- Measuring whose benefit? Poorest recipient or both partner countries?
- Are methods for evaluating results of SSC projects different from methods used in NSC?
- Is SSC objectively more effective than NSC in achieving development outcomes? Why?

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **Quantifying and accounting SSC and its contribution to SDGs**

Moderator: Gerardo Bracho Carpizo, CGCR, Mexico

Recap of Midrand/Geneva consensus on defining, measuring & reporting SSC

- Pranay Sinha, University of Birmingham/India

Overview and latest updates on proposed TOSSD measure

- Raundi Halverson Quevedo, Development Finance Architecture, OECD

Issues and questions for group discussion:

- Can reporting SSC statistics be done consistently among SSC providers?
- Is there consensus on elements to be included in the accounting of SSC?
- What are the areas of divergence on a common definition for SSC? Why?
- What are the issues which require more scrutiny, research and discussion?
- Is TOSSD an appropriate and solid measure for international development cooperation?
- Does TOSSD effectively integrate and capture both NSC as well as SSC?
- What are the views, concerns and recommendations from developing countries on TOSSD?

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

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13:30 – 15:00 NeST and the GPEDC

Moderator: Talita Yamashiro Fordelone, GPEDC joint support team

Preparatory meetings to the HLM2

GPEDC Annual Forum in Korea, October 2016

- Artemy Izmetiev, UNDP Seoul Policy Centre (tbc)

Beijing Conference of SSC providers, November 2016

- Zhang Chuanhong, CAU, & Zhao Yating, UNDP China

NeST contributions to Nairobi HLM2

Main plenary 3 on South-South and Trilateral Cooperation

- Tadeo Berjón Molinares, AMEXCID

NeST Africa and Civil Society Forum

- Vitalice Meja, RoA, Kenya

Amphitheater session on emerging donors and Africa

- Vitalice Meja, RoA, Kenya

NeST side events during HLM2

- Neissan Besharati, NeST Africa

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Closing Session

Updates and upcoming plans from NeST National chapters:

- NeST India / FIDC: Milindo Chakrabarti, RIS
- NeST China / CIDRN: Zang Chuanhong, RCID
- NeST South Africa: Neissan Besharati, SAIIA
- NeST Brazil: Melissa Pomeroy, Articulação Sul

Closing remarks from governmental partners

- Noel González Segura, Coordinator Multilateral Cooperation, AMEXCID

- Xiaojun Grace Wang, SSC Policy Advisor, UNDP (tbc)

Final words by co-hosts

- Marianne Buenaventura Goldman, SSC project lead, Oxfam ZA
- Jorge Pérez Pineda, Instituto Mora

19:00 – 21:00

Working Dinner of NeST academic network

Special meeting to discuss academic exchanges and SSC training programmes.

Invitees:

Mora, NYU, CAU, PUC, Puebla, Wits, Sharda, Jindal, Koc Universities

Facilitators:

- Prof. Anne McLennan
- Prof. Karin Costa Vazquez