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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION GROWING IN IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION LANDSCAPE

CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

UNOSSC GUIDING FRAMEWORKS

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, 2018-2021

**Goal:** to support Member States efforts to achieve the overarching goal of the eradication of poverty in all its forms and to promote gender equality and women's empowerment so as to achieve the 2030 Agenda through enhanced South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation.

*Providing effective secretariat support to intergovernmental bodies, including analytical reporting on trends and opportunities*

*Coordinating coherent United Nations system support to South-South and triangular cooperation, and monitoring and reporting on the mainstreaming of that cooperation*

*Forging strategic South-South and triangular partnerships*

*Mapping Southern development solutions and becoming a robust knowledge hub on South-South and triangular cooperation*

*Undertaking outreach, advocacy and strategic communication on issues of critical importance to the South that call for South-South solutions*

*Mobilizing resources and managing existing funds and others to be established for South-South*

UNOSSC REGIONAL STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR ARAB STATES, EUROPE AND THE CIS

*Support to National-level Coordination Mechanisms on South-South and Triangular Cooperation*

*Facilitation of SSC Online Portal for real time access to South-South-related information*

*Mobilizing Funding Partners for exchange in South-South solutions, technologies and expertise*

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**I. OPERATIONAL CONTEXT**

SSC growing in importance within the international development cooperation landscape:

Countries of the South are intensifying their cooperation with each other to accelerate the attainment of sustainable peace and prosperity. Global growth slowed following the financial crisis of 2008-2009, but the current upward trend is largely attributable to the performance and recovery of emerging economies and the South as a whole. Growing Southern economies are steering South-South exchanges that benefit many countries in the global South. However, external forces could continue to hinder socioeconomic progress across the developing world. This suggests a greater need for nuanced policy responses and actions if the promise of the 2030 Agenda to eradicate poverty in all its forms is to be realized by 2030.

The contribution of developing countries to international development cooperation continues to increase:

After the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement, India and China launched several initiatives that elevated South-South development cooperation to a higher level. In 2016, India announced a \$10 billion concessional credit line to Africa over a period of five years, further to \$600 million in grant assistance, plus an earlier line-of-credit programme that India had extended to Africa. China established a \$2 billion fund to assist developing countries towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, thus launching its South-South cooperation fund.

It is within this overall context that the Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) launched its support activities initially for the Arab States region since its inception in July 2012 (in cooperation and coordination with the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States) and eventually- following the re-structuring - also for the Europe/CIS region in May, 2014 (in close partnership with the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS and its Istanbul Regional Hub). The high demand for the Division's services resulted in intensified cooperation at national and regional level, production of knowledge products and capacity building efforts in coordinating South-South cooperation. Specific focus has been given to advance SSC exchanges in agriculture and food security in a number of the countries in both regions (please refer to the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Annual Reports available at [www.arab-ecis.unsouthsouth.org](http://www.arab-ecis.unsouthsouth.org)).

**II. UNOSSC GUIDING FRAMEWORKS**

In its work, UNOSSC is guided by the **Strategic framework of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, 2018-2021** that was approved by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Office for Project Services at its Annual session 2018 (DP/CF/SSC/6). It aims to achieve the overarching goal of supporting Member States efforts to achieve the eradication of poverty in all its forms and to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda through enhanced South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation.

In line with the overarching goal, UNOSSC pursues six objectives, namely:

- a) providing effective secretariat support to intergovernmental bodies, including analytical reporting on trends and opportunities;
- b) coordinating coherent United Nations system support to South-South and triangular cooperation, and monitoring and reporting on the mainstreaming of that cooperation;
- c) forging strategic South-South and triangular partnerships;
- d) mapping Southern development solutions and becoming a robust knowledge hub on South-South and triangular cooperation;
- e) undertaking outreach, advocacy and strategic communication on issues of critical importance to the South that call for South-South solutions; and
- f) mobilizing resources and managing existing funds and others to be established for South-South cooperation.

In providing its catalytic services at the regional level, the work of the UNOSSC Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS is also informed by the **UNOSSC Regional Strategy towards further advancing South-South, East-East, and Triangular Cooperation for development in the Arab States, Eastern Europe and CIS** that comprises three elements:

**A. Support to National-level Coordination Mechanisms on South-South and Triangular Cooperation**

Experience shows that countries with the existing *policy, coordination mechanism, and resources* - including packaged knowledge and expertise, clearly identified needs, and some funding to support exchange in those with other countries - have proven more successful in South-South Cooperation than countries reverting to South-South Cooperation on an ad hoc basis.

**B. Facilitation of SSC Online Portal for real time access to South-South-related information**

While national-level coordination is critical to ensuring scaled up South-South Cooperation within and beyond the regions, the approach should provide for seamless and non-bureaucratic horizontal linkages, local leadership and ownership, as well as it should be inclusive and systematic in a sense that support activities should benefit as many of existing and potential South-South exchanges involving various government, civil society, and private sector players as possible.

**C. Mobilizing Funding Partners for scaled up exchange in South-South solutions, technologies and expertise**

Building on existing institutional arrangements, capacities developed and other resources available (avoiding duplication of arrangements, capacities and resource facilities) while implementing the recommended approach can help to seriously reduce the set-up costs, and in itself serve as a driver towards a more harmonized and inclusive approach.

### III. DELIVERABLES

In 2019, the main focus of the activities has been divided between the newly established Joint Initiative of UNOSSC and the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), implementation of which has been entrusted on the Division for the Arab State, Europe and the CIS, and the activities on providing tailor- made support services for the UN Country Teams and the Government Focal Points on South-South Cooperation in the two regions on a demand-driven basis aiming to enable respective countries to pursue their national South-South and triangular cooperation agendas in addressing their individual and shared development priorities.

More particularly, the following range of deliverables was produced in the reported period:

#### **Component 1: Systematic Country- and Regional-level Support in Advancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Arab States and Europe/CIS regions**

**1. In part of implementation the Joint UNOSSC/WGEO Initiative on Partnership Mobilization and Global Outreach Support for the World Green Economy Organization,**

1.1 With regards to the Immediate **Objective 1, Sustainable Green Economy approaches further promoted across the Global South through systematic advocacy and outreach support at global, regional, and national levels**, the following deliverables were produced:

- Support to coordination of the WGEO activities related to partnership mobilization and global outreach support;
- The series of events were initiated and organized to present the WGEO, to support in establishing cooperation with the WGEO and the key global, regional and national stakeholders in the field of green economy and to sensitize them on the WGEO membership. The 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy were designed as an extension to WGES aiming to raise regional awareness by showcasing and scaling up the impact of successful evidence-based green economy solutions crafted and tested by countries in the five regions in addressing sustainable development challenges pertinent to the needs and aspirations of the region;
- The global outreach was insured through initiating and implementing the first round of the ambitious high-level events aimed to join decision-makers, policy makers, private sector and academia as well as international players at highest regional level to collaborate to advance green economy. The five Regional Ministerial Conferences and High-Level Forums were organized globally during June and July of 2019:
  - 2019 Asia-Pacific Regional High-Level Forum on Green Economy, Bangkok, Thailand, 10-12 June; Partners: The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), UNFCCC, Asia Foundation, the International Solar Alliance (ISA); 95 participants from over 20 countries;
  - 2019 Africa Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Cairo, Egypt, 17-19 June 2019; Partners: The Ministry of Environment of Egypt and the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, The World Food Programme (WFP), UNFCCC, UNDP, CSR Arabia, ISA; 100 participants from over 20 countries;

- 2019 Americas Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Fortaleza, Brazil, 24-26 June; Partners: The Government of State of Ceará, the Brazil-Africa Institute (IBRAF), UNFCCC, UNDP, ISA; over 80 participants from 11 countries;
- 2019 MENA Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Manama, Bahrain, 2-4 July; Partners: The Supreme Council for the Environment of the Kingdom of Bahrain, The UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Bahrain, The UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Bahrain (UNIDO ITPO), UNFCCC, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), UNDP, ISA; 130 participants from over 20 countries;
- 2019 Europe/CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 8-10 July; Partners: The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Uzbekistan, The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the China Agricultural University (CAU), UNFCCC, UNDP, ISA; over 130 participants from 17 countries;
- The conferences were preceded with the intensive preparatory activities on the side of UNOSSC, including:
  - Priority groups of stakeholders to be addressed with the invitations for participating in the Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy and other events were identified;
  - Over 1000 potential participants were sourced and contacts found and confirmed through studying national systems of governance, sourcing online, analyzing various sources and information (also through translating from Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean and other local languages), and following recommendations of partners in MENA, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States;
  - Information on relevant institutions, main contacts was sourced, identified and consolidated in master lists, including:
    - i. Ministers from G77 and G20 countries of Climate Change or Environment in charge of advancing and coordinating green economy agenda; 20 countries per each region were identified and targeted initially; more countries were added, thus, the number of countries addressed exceeds 30 per region;
    - ii. Ministers of economy in 50 countries;
    - iii. Ministers of education in 50 countries;
    - iv. Members of National Parliaments' engaged in green development issues in 100 countries (for the meeting in 5 regions)
    - v. Editors of National Mass Media News Aggregators and Management of development cooperation agencies (in developed countries) from 80 countries;
    - vi. Senior regional management of the development cooperation agencies in 20 countries;
    - vii. Representatives of Prime Minister offices or President Administrations engaged in policy/decision-making on green economy in 50 countries;
    - viii. 25 senior regional staff of IFIs;
    - ix. 75 regional representatives of UN agencies, including UNDP, IFAD, UNEP, ILO, IRENA, Economic and Social Commissions, UNW, UN-PAGE, UNFCCC, UNIDO, UNOSSC, WFP;
    - x. 50 Representatives of Global/Regional Foundations in the regions;
    - xi. 50 representatives of large companies with strong CSR component;
  - Established and supported communication with Governments and key institutions; indicated relevant institutions and enlisted their interest and support as hosting partners and co-organizing partners, thus, ensuring the regional and national-level ownership for effective organization of the Conferences; UNDP, UNFCCC, the International Solar Alliance, UN regional Economic and Social Commissions, as well as the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) have been engaged as co-organizing partners for all five conferences, while several region-specific institutions joined to the certain conferences;
  - Over 1000 invitations by regions (MENA, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, ECIS) and countries have been produced and sent;
  - Ensured highly relevant content of the Conferences through formulating the Concept Notes and the Agendas, and through composing the panels' structure, effective distribution of the speaking roles, mobilizing high-level speakers, providing consultations on the speaking roles to secure speakers' contributions, and linking moderators and speakers;
  - Mobilized the participants to the five Regional Ministerial Meetings; over 5000 individual messages were sent to the participants to ensure proper substantive support. Intensive follow-up, providing consultations on participation and speaking roles, addressing queries and providing additional information to invitees, UNDP COs, ministries of foreign affairs and Permanent Missions to UN, as well as support in coordinating follow-up activities within the WGEO team, have contributed to mobilization of the international and local participants, including at high-level (ministers, deputy ministers, members of parliament, DGs, top management of private companies, senior management and leadership of the UN agencies at regional and national levels);

- Ensured representation of the key partners' senior officials at the opening of every conference (WGEO, UNOSSC, hosting partners);
- Dedicated web-sites were developed to store, highlight and provide an access to all related information on the Conferences, including on the background, agenda, speakers, executive training courses, and the outcomes of the events:
  - <http://asia-pacific.rmcge.org/>
  - <http://africa.rmcge.org/>
  - <http://americas.rmcge.org/>
  - <http://mena.rmcge.org/>
  - <http://europe-cis.rmcge.org/>
- Joint Statements of the five Regional Ministerial Conferences were drafted and finalized in line with the comments and contributions from the participants of the Conferences. The joint statements reflect key outcomes and the calls for action in the field of advancing a green economy. Finalized versions in the form of Communiqués are available online on the Conferences' web-sites:
  - i. BANGKOK COMMUNIQUÉ (<http://asia-pacific.rmcge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/d-JS1-2019-RMCGE-Asia-Pacific-FINAL.pdf>)
  - ii. CAIRO COMMUNIQUÉ (<http://africa.rmcge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/d-JS2-2019-RMCGE-Africa-FINAL.pdf>)
  - iii. FORTALEZA COMMUNIQUÉ (<http://americas.rmcge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/d-JS3-2019-RMCGE-Americas-FINAL.pdf>)
  - iv. MANAMA COMMUNIQUÉ (<http://mena.rmcge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/d-JS4-2019-RMCGE-MENA-FINAL.pdf>)
  - v. TASHKENT COMMUNIQUÉ (<http://europe-cis.rmcge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/d-JS5-2019-RMCGE-EuropeCIS-FINAL.pdf>)
- Relevant logistical support in preparation for and during the events has been ensured (including travel arrangements, hotel accommodation, venue arrangement, conference facilities, translation services, meals, printing);
- Series of Green Economy events was organized in the framework of the World Green Economy Summit 2019 (WGES) in Dubai, UAE. WGEO is a co-organizer of the World Green Economy Summit (WGES), one of the leading global forums on the green economy, bringing together world-class experts from around the world to directly focus on advancing the global green economy and sustainability agenda. The following events have been supported within the UNOSSC-WGEO Initiative:
  - The 2019 Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Green Economy was organized on 20-21 October 2019 as part of the 2019 World Green Economy Summit and was the culmination of the five Regional Ministerial Conferences and High-Level Forums in five regions around the Globe as a direct response to the requests of participating countries and institutional partners to bring green economy solutions closer to the regional contexts and to deepen the impact of transition to a green economy through scaling up and replication of successful practices at the regional level; The two-day high-level event joined over 130 ministerial-level participants and the seniors of the international organizations and UN agencies, as well as private sector, who benefited from the opportunity to present and discuss the ways of advancing green economy globally;
  - Plenary Session 5 of the World Green Economy Summit 2019 on October 21st, which was held under the theme "WGEO Goes Global" was supported through ensuring high-level representation and speaking inputs. The session was to highlight the key conclusions and calls for action derived from the first round of regional ministerial conferences. The Plenary Session 5 was held in the WGES Plenary Hall and was attended by hundreds of the high-level participants of WGES, including former heads and deputy heads of governments, senior officials of UN agencies, international organizations, and private sector;
  - Events package, including concepts, draft agendas and lists of invitees have been developed, discussed and agreed with all relevant stakeholders;
  - Relevant logistical support in preparation for and during the events has been ensured (including travel arrangements, hotel accommodation, venue arrangement, conference facilities, translation services, meals, printing);
- Ensured WGEO presentation and well-positioning during the UN Climate Change Conference COP25 in Madrid, Spain, including through the support to the organization of the Joint UNFCCC and WGEO High-level Forum on Climate Finance Strategies for NDC implementation on 11 December 2019. The objectives were to highlight regional and national strategies to mobilize and access climate finance to meet the priorities of developing countries, as well as to bring clarity on how to deliver the NDCs and long-term strategies of developing countries. The Ministerial and CEO-level speakers articulated the needs of their countries and regions, shared examples of the sources of climate finance, available instruments and activities

in their regions (e.g. Arab, Africa, Southeast Asia, Melanesia), and informed the broader efforts being undertaken on mobilizing climate finance including, outcomes of the NBF project.

**1.2** With regards to **Immediate Objective 2, Existing homegrown systems and mechanisms for inclusive Green Investment Promotion further scaled up**, as well as new systems put in place and operationalized with a positive track record created in implementing innovative Green Economy initiatives, the following result were achieved:

- The green agro solutions web-page was created to support access to an accumulated knowledge in the field of green agriculture <http://agro.southsouthworld.org/green-economy>;
- The idea of the national green economy reports series has been delivered to the target countries and institutions during the Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy and the Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, follow-up activities with the interested countries was implemented; provided financial and substantial support to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in the development of the draft report on investment promotion to a green economy;
- Contributed to collaboration between WGEO and UN Climate Change through support to the establishment of the UN Climate Change in Dubai (RCC in Dubai) focused on the Middle East, North Africa, and South Africa and hosted by WGEO;
- The list of potential partners among primary educational institutions in 5 regions (150 contacts) has been compiled through studying national systems of education, sourcing online, analyzing various sources and information (also through translating from Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and other local languages) in 50 countries of the MENA, Africa, Americas, Europe and the CIS, and Asia-Pacific regions. The indicated institutions are considered as potential partners of the project on advancing 'green thinking' among youth;
- Drafted Annual Progress Report of the World Green Economy Organization for 2018;
- Supported application of WGEO as an Observer to UNFCCC. Set of required documentation was collected, prepared, and submitted to UNFCCC, as per established rules.

**1.3.** With regards to **Immediate Objective 3, Capacity of global, regional and national institutions in the Global South for promoting effective and sustainable Green Economy approaches is further improved** through scaling up research and knowledge sharing, the following deliverables were produced:

- Series of the WGEO Executive Training Courses on Scaling Up Transition to a Green Economy on a Path Towards Implementing the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda was organized as an integral part of every Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy in 5 regions. Thus, about 300 executives and decision makers representing national government institutions, international organizations, private sector, as well as civil society organizations, including mass media were targeted by the training course. The course aimed to equip the participants with the sound understanding of the key principles, dimensions, and trends in the process of transition to a green economy at national, regional and global levels, as well as provides the tools and methods for proactive green action in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Every participant who attended all six modules was awarded by the certificate;
- The WGEO Executive Training Course on Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development was organized for the delegates of the World Green Economy Summit 2019 in Dubai, UAE. 22 participants, representing the governmental agencies in charge of green economy, private sector and academia representatives from the UAE and other countries were awarded the certificates of completion of the training;
- During UN Climate Change Conference COP25 in Madrid, the WGEO Executive Training Course on Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development was organized and delivered for the delegates and the participants of COP25 from over 30 countries and representing the ministries coordinating green economy agenda, academia, NGOs and media.

**2.** Visibility and the engagement of the Arab States and ECIS countries at global level discussions on development was supported through:

**2.1.** Contributing to the preparation and holding the BAPA+40 event - the "Role of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Institutions for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation among 57 Member Countries" – the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) side-event held on 19 March 2019 at Museo de Arquitectura y Diseño (MARQ), during the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40). The objective of the event was to learn of the activities of the OIC Institutions in the promotion of South-South cooperation;

**2.2** High-level representatives the countries in MENA region and the ECIS region contributed as speakers, moderators and co-organizers of the 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy for MENA countries and for Europe and CIS countries organized as part of the global outreach action by the UNOSSC/WGEO Initiative;

**2.3.** High-level representatives of Algeria, Kyrgyz Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, and Uzbekistan contributed to the 2019 Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Green Economy held during the World Green Economy Summit 2019 as a culmination of the series of the 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy.

**3.** Contributed to the organization of the Special Session on UNOSSC multi-stakeholder partnership approach in supporting South-South cooperation for Agricultural Development and Poverty Eradication held within the 2019 Europe-CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The event was organized by the UNOSSC Maritime-Continental Silk Road Cities for Sustainable Development Project in partnership with the China Agricultural University and IFAD.

**4.** Youth volunteers' engagement, in advancing South-South cooperation for sustainable development and green economy transition was continued. The volunteers have contributed to organization of the 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy held in 5 locations across the Globe.

**5.** At the request of Djibouti, support and advice were provided to implement the stock-taking report' recommendations and the establishment of the South-South Cooperation Coordination Unit. The Islamic Development Bank was contacted and agreed to support the unit, the two parties engaged in effective collaboration.

Tunisia was approached to proceed with the implementation of the stock-taking recommendations; Memorandum of Understanding between the Tunisian Agency for Technical Cooperation (ATCT) and UNOSSC was signed to support the institutional arrangements for the SSC Coordination Unit in Tunisia.

## **Component 2: SSTC Solutions and Mechanisms Portal and other Knowledge Products**

In response of the demand of the Arab States expressed in the First Regional South-South Development Expo in Qatar in 2014 to provide knowledge management support to UN agencies and national stakeholders in both regions through enhancing their capacities in sharing and sourcing successful replicable solutions, the Division designed, developed, and operationalized the Solutions Mapping Portal for the Arab States in 2013-2014, and expanded to Europe and the CIS region in 2015. The work on populating the portal evolved with the partnership support of IsDB. In 2017, at the request from the UNDP Regional Hub in Addis Ababa the SSTC Solutions and Mechanisms Portal was expanded to Africa, enhanced with new features and transformed into the South-South World. The publications on Mapping South-South Cooperation Mechanisms and Solutions in the Arab States (2014, 2017) and in Europe and the CIS (2016) produced in collaboration with the IsDB and UNDP are also available at [www.southsouthworld.org](http://www.southsouthworld.org).

In the course of 2019, the Division continued to encourage development actors from public and private sector as well as civil society institutions to contribute to South-South knowledge exchange by sharing their successful homegrown solutions in various sectors of development, including those to address Climate Action, Health Care, Education, Women's Rights, etc. The new cross-cutting thematic focus was integrated to support the transitioning to a green economy as an acknowledged tool of attaining sustainable development.

Deliverables:

- **The 91 new solutions** were sourced, documented, and made available through the South-South World.
- The **green agro solutions** web-page was created to support access to an accumulated knowledge in the field of green agriculture <http://agro.southsouthworld.org/green-economy>

## **Component 3: Partnership Initiatives on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Food Security (SSTC-ADFS) and on South-South Cooperation in Green Economy for Agricultural Development and Food Security (SSGE-ADFS)**

Launched in 2015, the three-year partnership initiative on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security (SSTC-ADFS) intends to systematically promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation among the participating countries as well as other countries through identification, pilot-testing, and documentation of successful models and solutions ready for replication. The project covers Algeria, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

The SSTC-ADFS partnership initiative has been supported by the IFAD, as the key funding partner, as well as by the IsDB, both jointly assisted in catalyzing the expanded geographic coverage of the initiative alongside the new thematic knowledge exchange corridors. SSTC-ADFS provided systematic support in advancing South-South and triangular cooperation among the participating countries in line with three main components: 1. Practical transfer of innovative solutions and technologies; 2. Policy advice and institutional capacity development for scaling up successful solution; and 3. South-South knowledge exchange.

The promising results of advancing SSC partnership led to the interest of the national partners in new phase of the project, as well as to other countries' interest in joining the initiative. The initiative has been extended until the middle of 2019 to support the countries to integrate and elaborate a new green economy dimension into their South-South cooperation agendas. The Division's activity within this Component was mainly directed to deliver final outcome documents, as well as prepare and maintain the solid background for stepping into the new project – South-South Cooperation in Green Economy for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security. The new project that is started to be implemented by UNOSSC, is supported with the IFAD-China Trust Fund and WGEO.

Deliverables:

- **Annual Progress Report for the 2018 year** was produced and submitted to the funding and implementing partners;
- **Final Report on the Project Implementation for 2015-2019** has been produced and submitted to the implementing and funding partners. Both the substantial and financial parts have been positively accepted;
- **Annual Work plan and Budget for June 2019-2020** for the implementation of the SSGE-ADFS project have been developed and submitted for approval to the funding partners.

#### **Component 4: SSC Advocacy through Innovation and Media**

The innovation and media play an important role in facilitating South-South cooperation efforts both at regional and national levels. In view of this, the Division implements advocacy and media activities that contribute to the better awareness of the public of benefits of South-South and Triangular Cooperation model, practical opportunities to employ those benefits, as well as on the range of services provided by the UNOSSC.

Deliverables:

- 5.1 **Wide coverage of the events and activities aimed at advancing South-South and triangular cooperation through media and social networks** was ensured for all the major events supported by the Division and its partners, including the side-event at BAPA+4, the five 2019 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy, the 2019 Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Plenary Session during the World Green Economy Summit 2019 on the Results of the global outreach of the series of the green economy conferences;
- 5.2 **2 email campaigns** were implemented through circulating the information by the Division to over 1486 contacts in the master list, which includes key relevant stakeholders and potential SSC actors in the two regions;
- 5.3 **E-newsletter (issue 10)** containing news about the key progress and achievements of the UNOSSC and partner institutions were disseminated through the master mailing list of 1486 subscribers, consisting of UN agencies, representatives at national level, international organizations and foreign embassies and institutions;
- 5.1 **111 video interviews** were taken, edited and prepared to be posted online during the 5 Regional Ministerial Conferences on Green Economy and the 2019 Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Green Economy. Decision-makers, development practitioners, experts and private sector representatives from over the world have shared their views and positions on the role of green economy and South-South cooperation on the way to attain sustainable development;
- 5.2 **Video on the results of SSGE-ADFS presented** at the Special Breakout Session in UNOSSC Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Approach in supporting SSC for Agricultural Development and Poverty Eradication during the 2019 Europe-CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

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