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Online, 16 February 2021, 2:00 pm (Delhi, IST) / 9:30 am (Bonn, CET)

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## CONCEPT NOTE

Since 2013, the Conference of Southern Providers (Delhi Process) has been attracting international attention on issues and emerging challenges for South-South Cooperation (SSC). As a series of annual meetings to discuss frontier debates around SSC, it has established itself as a unique space for experts, practitioners, academia, think tanks, and international organisations to share their experience and knowledge.

In preparation for the Delhi VI Conference that will take place in 2021, the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) is organising a series of webinars alongside partners in Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa. The purpose is to liaise and connect with regional actors, nourish interests and address concerns regarding SSC efforts to support countries to better recover from the current COVID-19 crisis.

Against this backdrop, the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) are co-hosting a webinar on *The UN@75 and South-South cooperation: evolving roles and responsibilities*. The session will take place on 16 February 2021 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm (Delhi time).

As the largest and most inclusive multilateral organisation, the United Nations (UN) has been a trusted partner for many developing countries. With their substantive thematic scope, broad geographic reach and strong normative mandates, UN entities have provided valuable support to member states in dealing with challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic to the implementation of the

Sustainable Development Goals. UN support for SSC has been an integral part of these efforts, with Southern partners visibly expanding their clout across UN processes and fora.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN provides a landmark to examine how the relationship between the UN and the South – i.e. the majority of its member states – has evolved. In this webinar, panellists present research and reflections on the South, South-South cooperation and the UN, and discuss what evolving patterns of engagement mean for the future of multilateralism.

## AGENDA

2:00 to 2:30pm (IST)	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	<p><b>Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, DG, RIS</p> <p><b>Dr. Sven Grimm</b>, Head of Research Programme on Inter- and Transnational Cooperation, Training, DIE</p> <p><b><u>Kick-off Remarks:</u></b></p> <p><b>H.E. Ban Ki Moon</b>, Deputy Chair of the Elders, Former UN Secretary-General and former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea</p> <p><i>Chair: Ambassador Vijay Nambiar</i>, Former Indian diplomat and Special Advisor to UN Secretary General</p>
2:30 to 3:30 pm (IST)	<b>Panel 1: The South and the UN: Evolving Multilateralism (60 minutes)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor C. S. R. Murthy</b>, Former Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)</li> <li>• <b>Professor Elizabeth Sidiropoulos</b>, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rashmi Banga</b>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ECIDC-GDS, UNCTAD, Geneva</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Carlos M. Correa</b>, Executive Director, South Centre, Geneva</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Nikhil Seth</i>, UN Assistant Secretary General, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva</p>

3:30 to 4:20 pm (IST)	<b>Panel 2: South-South Cooperation and the UN development system (50 minutes)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sebastian Haug</b>, DIE</li> <li>• <b>Professor Paulo Esteves</b>, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discussants</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Anita Amorim</b>, Head, Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit, International Labour Organisation (ILO)</li> <li>• <b>Professor Milindo Chakrabarti</b>, Editor, Development Cooperation Review</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Dr Silke Weinlich</b>, Senior Researcher, DIE</p>
4:20-4:30 pm (IST)	<b>Weaving the threads together: Key insights (10 minutes)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, DG, RIS</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Silke Weinlich</b>, Senior Researcher,</li> </ul> <p><i>Concluding Remarks:</i> <b>Ambassador Vijay Nambiar</b>, Former Indian diplomat and Special Advisor to UN Secretary General</p>