

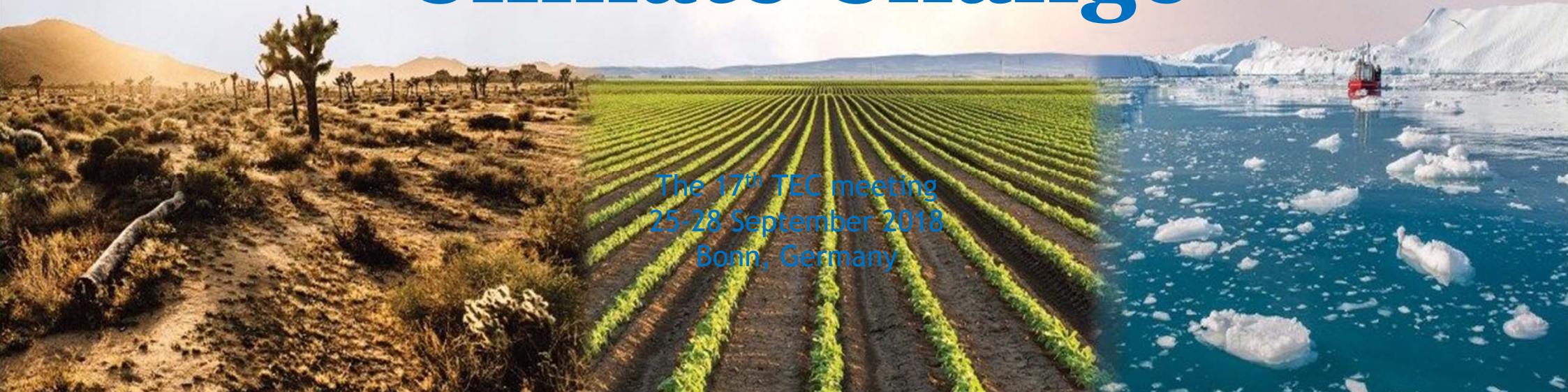
CLIMATE

CHANGE

UN's Efforts to Advance
South-South Cooperation on
Climate Change

FROM CHALLENGES TO OPPORTUNITIES

The 17th TEC meeting
25-28 September 2018
Bonn, Germany



OUTLINES

- Introduction of the UN OSSC
- UN Action Plan on SSCCC
- Cooperation with the TEC
- Reflections in SSCCC
- The Way Forward

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

1974

•The General Assembly, in its resolution A/3251 (XXIX), endorses “the establishment of a special unit within the United Nations Development Programme to promote technical cooperation among developing countries...with the objective of integrating this activity of technical co-operation among developing countries fully within the Programme”.

1978

•A conference of the Global South on TCDC is held in Buenos Aires, resulting in the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing TCDC. It identifies 15 focal areas for TCDC and stipulates that special attention be paid to the least developed countries, the landlocked developing countries, and the small island developing States.

2004

•The Special Unit for TCDC has a new name: the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU/SSC).

2013

•The General Assembly in its resolution 67/227 endorses the decision of the 17th session of the High-level Committee, which reaffirms the mandate of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, hosted by UNDP, as a separate entity and coordinator for promoting and facilitating South-South and triangular cooperation on a global and United Nations system-wide basis, and decides to rename the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation the “United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation”.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Policy and Intergovernmental Support

- High Level Committee
- UN Interagency Coordination

Knowledge and Advisory Services

- Global SS EXPO
- SSC in Action
- Good Practices of SSTRC for SDG
- SSC Global Thinker Initiative
- SSC on Peace and Development

Functions

SS Trust Fund Management

- The India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation
- The United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation
- The Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation
- The India-UN Development Partnership Fund

Partnership Building and Regional Service

- Three regional offices in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, and Istanbul
- **Maritime-Continental Silk Road Cities Alliance**
- **Korean Facility for Poverty Reduction through South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Education, Science and Technology**
- Southern Climate Partnership Incubator

SOUTH SOUTH COOPERATION GAINING MOMENTUM



Strong Southern Political Unity - Bandung Conference , Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 created by developing countries guided by protesting colonialism, promoting partnerships, economic collaboration, and technical collaboration to promote trade

Regional Collaboration - creation of regional development banks, organizations, and funds

Technical Collaboration - Buenos Aires Program of Action (BAPA) and High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation (meets every 2 years)

Increase in ODA - Southern countries as increasing donors

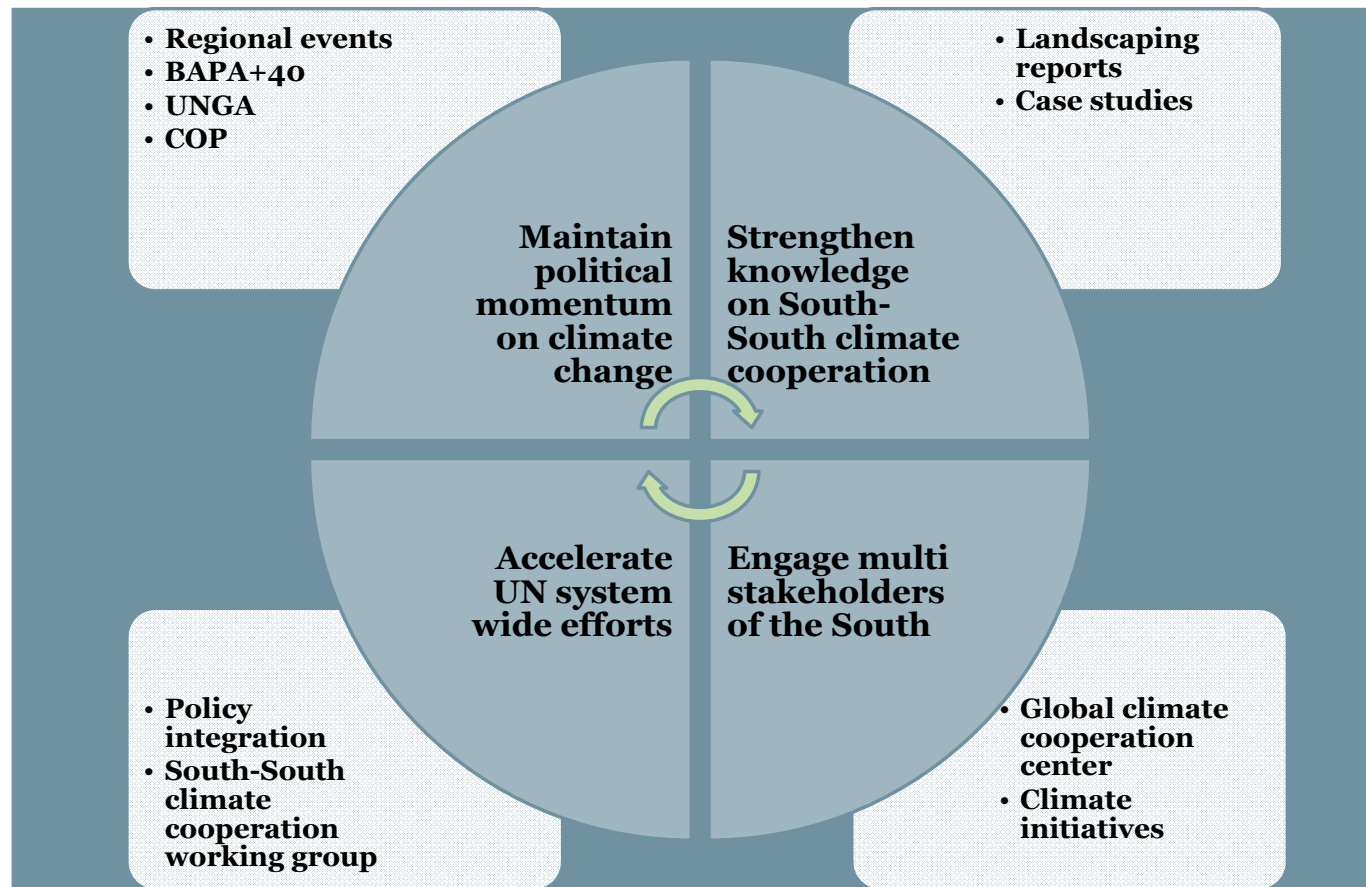
More strategy - Accra Agenda for Action in 2008, High-Level United Nations Conference on SSC in Nairobi

SOUTHERN CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP INCUBATOR

- ▶ The United Nations launched the Southern Climate Partnership Incubator (SCPI) - also known as Climate Partnerships for the Global South - to initiate, facilitate, and support partnerships that will help developing countries to address climate change, in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030.
- ▶ The Initiative was launched on April 21, 2016 in New York, in conjunction with the signature ceremony of the historic Paris Agreement.
- ▶ SCPI Initiative is both an online and offline multi-stakeholder platform, and it will be jointly implemented by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) and the United Nations Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).



UN ACTION PLAN ON SOUTH-SOUTH CLIMATE COOPERATION



HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS ON SOUTH-SOUTH CLIMATE COOPERATION





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COP: High-Level Forum on SSC on Climate Change



Report: Catalyzing the implementation of NDCs



Report: Climate Partnerships for a Sustainable Future



High-Level Plenary, Global South-South Development Expo



UNGA: South-South Cooperation for Climate Action



Engage multi-stakeholders: Boosting SSC through Philanthropy



SOUTHERN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS SERIES



Renewable Energy



Agriculture



Finance



Transportation



Urban settlements



Water

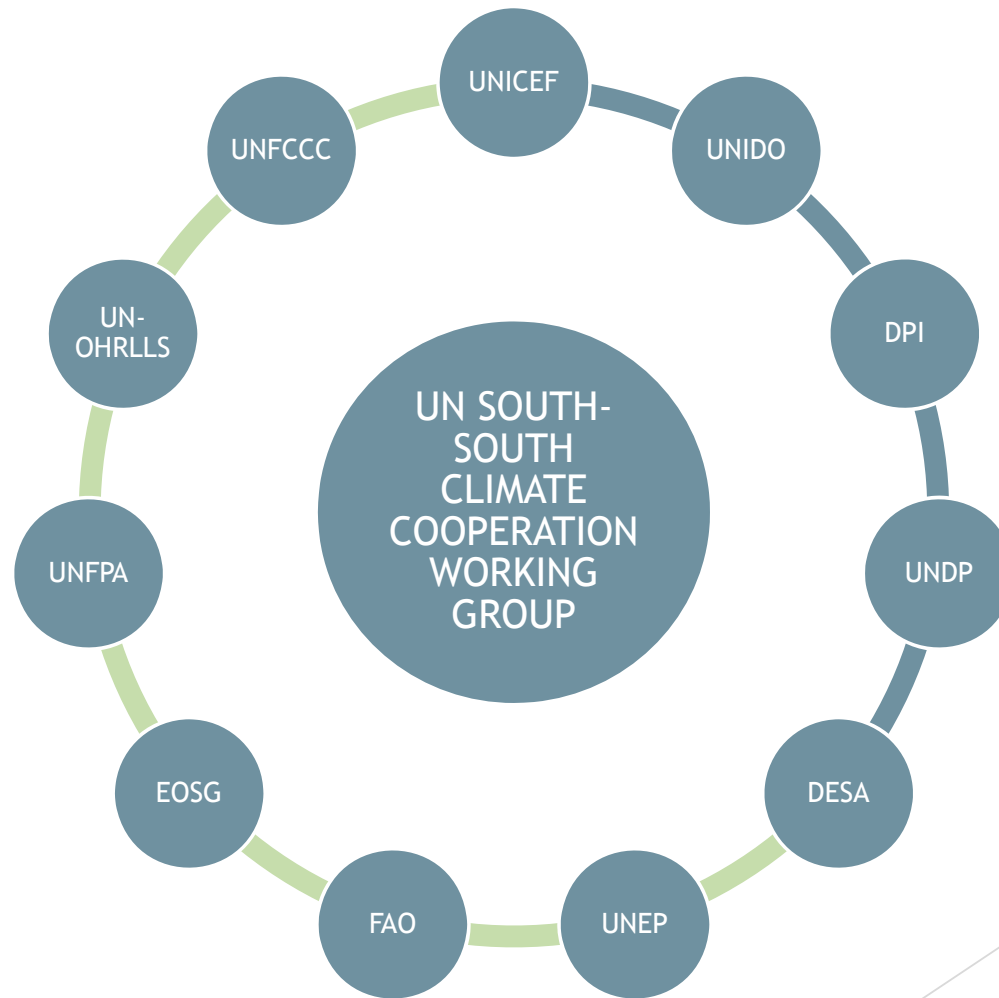


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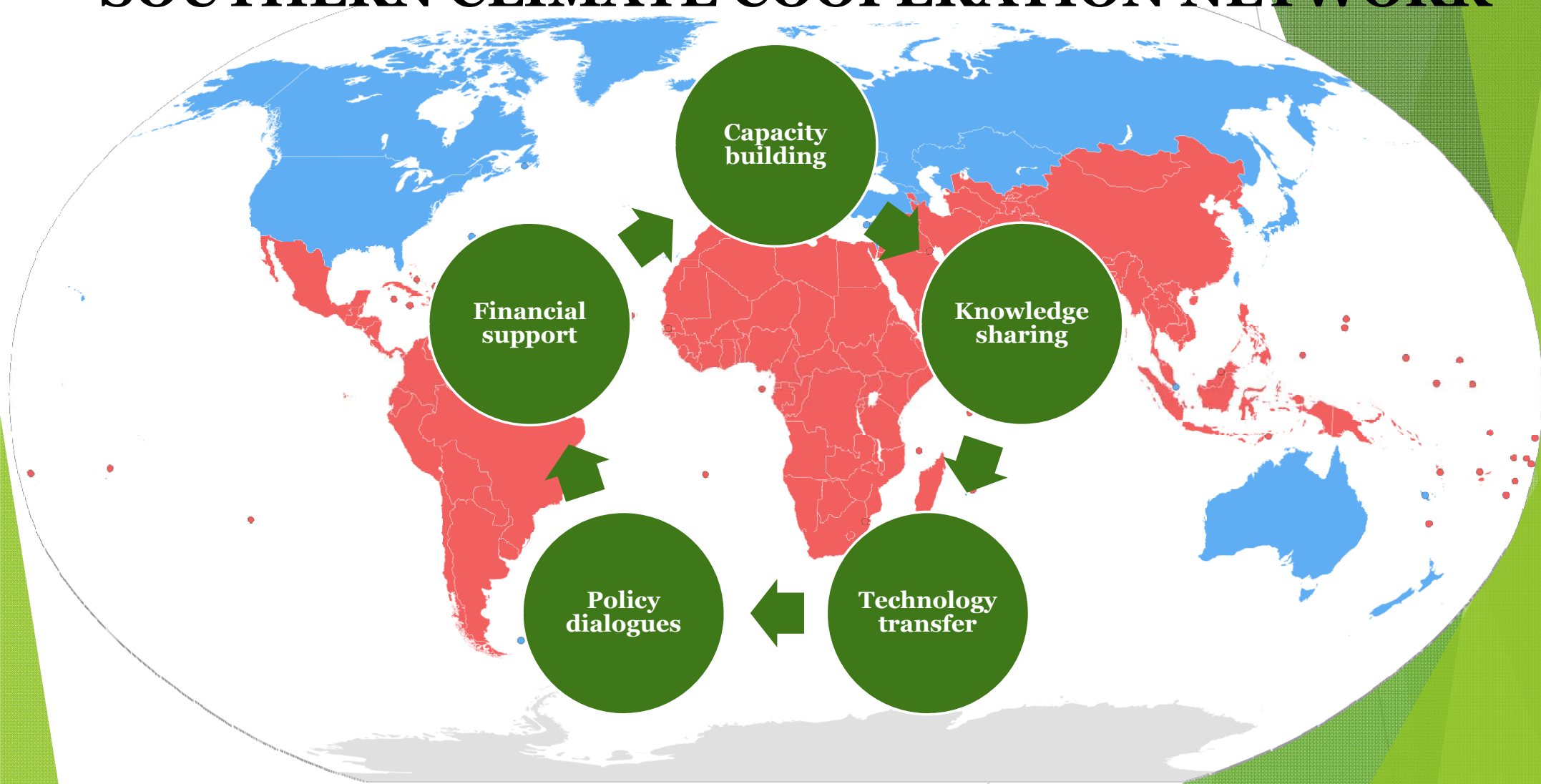


Oceans

UN SYSTEM-WIDE STRATEGY



SOUTHERN CLIMATE COOPERATION NETWORK



COOPERATION WITH THE TEC

Two regional events during AP and LAC climate weeks

Joint report on potential of SSC on implementation of NDC and NAP

Side event during SB session in May

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION IN FACILITATING NDC IMPLEMENTATION

- SSC as a complementary means could help facilitate technology development and transfer among developing countries to realize the NDCs and NAPs;
- Needs for more practical approach to advance SS climate cooperation including facilitating exchange of expertise; establishment of South-South cooperation institutions at the domestic level; resource mobilization at domestic, international, and regional level; and strategic Southern thinking.
- SSC should be implementation orientated; simple arrangements; and effectiveness in delivering the desired results of South-South cooperation.

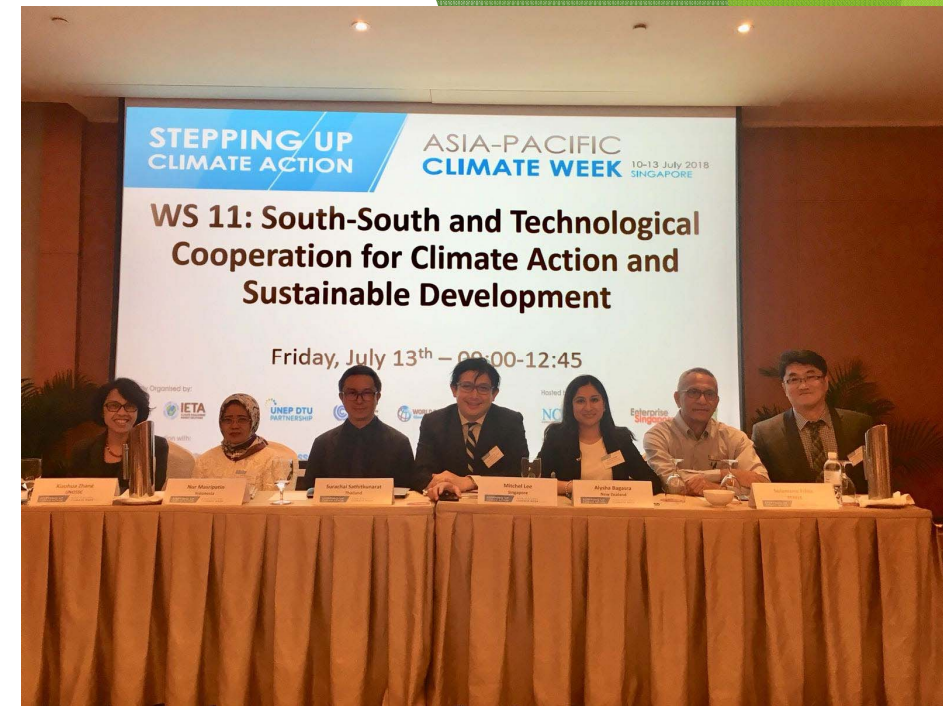


Asia Pacific Climate Week

South-South Cooperation Workshop

13 July, Singapore

- The region has the increased means, capacity and willingness to combat the climate impacts. Many countries have their advantages in different areas that can share with other.
- SSC can have take places in different ways. Triangular cooperation model could be an effective mechanism to support the Pacific Island countries in addressing climate change
- Public-private partnership for climate action has worked but more institutional orientation, financial support and political willingness is required.
- The cross cutting nature of sustainable development and climate actions are extraordinarily evident in the region.
- Need of a strong southern network in the region to promote climate partnerships.



Latin American and Caribbean Climate Week

South-South Cooperation Workshop, 20 August, Montevideo, Uruguay

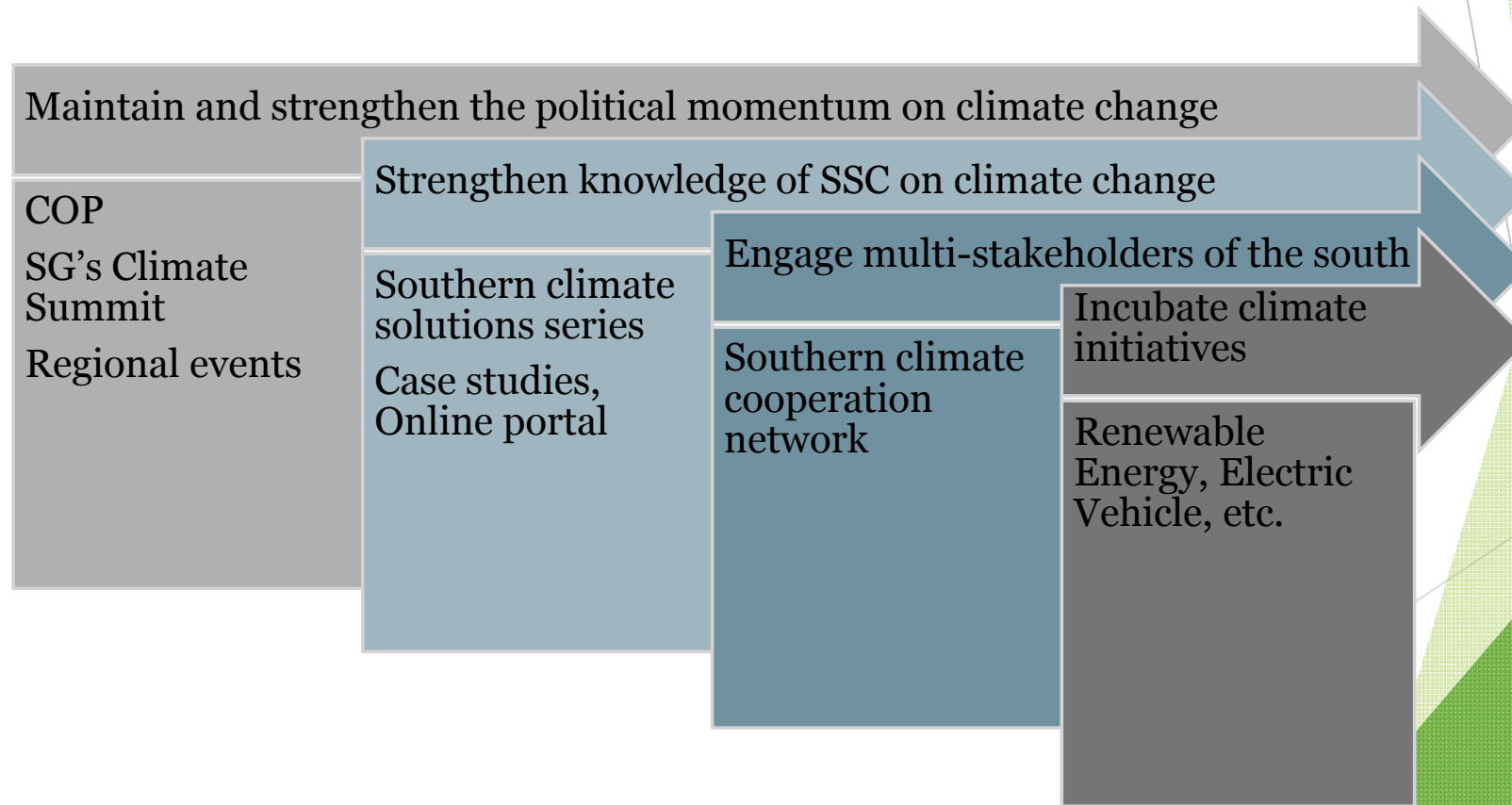
- SSC provides a mutually beneficial approach and opportunities for the use of these resources to meet the challenges posed by climate and other global changes.
- The region has an increased interest and growing capacities in SSC on climate in relation to implementation of PA and NDCs, particularly at the subnational/cities level.
- Ongoing and future SSC efforts to be built upon these existing foundations while continue to strengthen capacities in developing countries.
- SSC provides an opportunity to bring multi-stakeholders together in the LAC region in developing sustainable projects.



REFLECTIONS ON SS CLIMATE COOPERATION

- SSCC is voluntary based and has various forms
- There are huge potentials to be tapped
- Lacking strategic consideration on SSCC in the process
- Institutional Arrangement, financial support
- Intergovernmental organizations can play an important role in nurturing SSCC
- Practitioners from the South are the key for SSCC

UN ACTION PLAN ROADMAP (2017-2021)





THANK YOU

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