

## The conclusions of the Busan Forum, stress the importance of South-South cooperation, innovation and local development

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The conclusions of the 4th High Level Forum on aid effectiveness, held in Busan, Korea, from the 29 of November to the 1st of December 2011 stress the importance of South-South cooperation, innovation and local development that are priorities for the IDEASS Programme.

The point 8 of the conclusions declares: *We welcome the opportunities presented by diverse approaches to development co-operation, such as South-South co-operation, as well as the contribution of civil society organizations and private actors; we will work together to build on and learn from their achievements and innovations, recognizing their unique characteristics and respective merits.*

The following entire paragraph is reserved to the South-South co-operation:

#### *South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development*

30. The inputs to sustainable development extend well beyond financial co-operation to the knowledge and development experience of all actors and countries. South-South and triangular co-operation have the potential to transform developing countries policies and approaches to services delivery by bringing effective, locally owned solutions that are appropriate to country contexts.

31. We recognize that many countries engaged in South-South co-operation both provide and receive diverse resources and expertise at the same time, and that this should enrich co-operation without affecting a country's eligibility to receive assistance from others. We will strengthen the sharing of knowledge and mutual learning by:

- Scaling up - where appropriate - the use of triangular approaches to development co-operation.
- Making fuller use of South-South and triangular co-operation, recognizing the success of these approaches to date and the synergies they offer.
- Encouraging the development of networks for knowledge exchange, peer learning and coordination among South-South



co-operation actors as a means of facilitating access to important knowledge pools by developing countries.

- Supporting efforts to strengthen local and national capacities to engage effectively in South-South and triangular co-operation.”

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