

# National Seminar on “South-South Cooperation in the Framework of Sustainable Development Goals”

September 22, 2016

in celebration of  
**UN Day for South-South Cooperation**



At the turn of the millennium, the global community devised a strategy for development with clear and measurable targets in the form of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In 2015 a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) replaced the Millennium Development Goals. From the outset, it was recognised that the realization of these ambitious objectives would greatly depend on renewed and deepened partnerships at national and international levels, and significant increase in the resource allocation for developmental initiatives.

In this regard, South-South cooperation, a fundamental part of international development, can be beneficial to help developing countries by enhancing their capacities through mutual support and cooperation as well as fostering an overall supportive global economic environment. Such realizations call for identifying suitable mechanisms and methodologies to make the cooperation efforts more practicable and coordinated to achieve the desired goals.

Developing countries are increasingly adopting South-South cooperation approaches in their policies and operational programmes. The emerging trends of South-South cooperation can play a key role in mobilizing and channeling resources for sustainable development.

Cognizant of the importance of South-South cooperation, and to observe this year's United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (September 12, 2016), the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) is organizing a national Seminar, entitled “South-South Cooperation: Towards a Sustainable Future”.

This event is expected to encourage a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the theme of the seminar. The programme will feature expert talks from the representatives of international organizations. As per the format of the Seminar, a discussion forum will provide an opportunity for participants to share their views and experiences on approaches that can best assist the governments and civil society organizations in achieving the SDGs.

## Who should attend?

- Academicians, scientists, economists, entrepreneurs, sustainable development policy makers & practitioners, media and civil society;
- Representatives of government, international development agencies, NGOs and education institutions; and
- Individuals interested in learning and sharing experiences pertaining to socio-economic development, and sustainable development.

## Date

September 22, 2016 (Thursday)

## Venue

Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS), Islamabad

## Brief Programme (Tentative):

10:00 - 11:00 hrs	Remarks and keynote addresses
11:00 - 12:45 hrs	Technical talks and presentations
12:45 - 13:15 hrs	Discussion session

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