



[South-South cooperation](#) , as an important element of international cooperation for development, offers viable opportunities for developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their individual and collective pursuit of sustained economic growth and sustainable development.

Developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting and implementing South-South cooperation, not as a substitute for but rather as a complement to North-South cooperation, and in this context reiterating the need for the international community to support the efforts of the developing countries to expand South-South cooperation.

The date for the observance was [changed](#) **from 19 December to 12 September**, to mark the day in 1978 when the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.

Links:

- [South-South cooperation \(UN webpage\)](#)
- [Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries](#)