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Background and justification

1. In this era of globalization, the search for, and development of, partnerships become an essential prerequisite for economic growth and development for industrialized as well as developing countries. South-South and Triangular Cooperation has thus become a new international cooperation modality in the face of the debt crisis and the inadequacy of the Official Development Assistance (ODA). It offers developing and transition countries huge possibilities in their individual and collective search for sustained economic growth and sustainable development. It can also exert a positive influence on national, regional and international policies. In this respect, regional integration initiatives among developing countries constitute an important and useful form of South-South Cooperation for better integration of the regions concerned in the world economy.

2. In order to sustain and strengthen this dynamics, the creation of a Coalition on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for the African Continent is, needless to say, quite timely. This Coalition will allow for the expansion and diversification of the sources of financing open to Africa as a supplement to the traditional development aid. The proposed creation of this Coalition is among several initiatives discussed within the context of Africa's post 2015 Development Agenda. Upon the recommendation of the Republic of Guinea, this project backed by the United Nations Development Programme was also approved by the Fifth Meeting of the Joint Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance of the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), held in Addis Ababa in March 2012 and by the Tenth Session of the High Level Committee on South-South Cooperation.

3. The creation of the said Coalition was also favourably welcomed by the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly, the LDCs and the Group of 77 Ministerial Meetings, the High Level Panel on the Post 2015 Development Agenda and the 7th Economic Conference in Kigali. In this regard, several partnership initiatives and activities were undertaken at bilateral and multilateral levels as well as at regional level. However, coherence, coordination, and monitoring of the implementation of the activities are in the main weak and poorly organized. This observation is more pronounced in the Southern countries and has become more visible in the relations between the Northern countries, emerging countries as well as LDCs countries of the South.

4. Consequently, the redefinition and reactivation of donor aid policies decided at the United Nations Summit on MDGs in September 2010 and the emergence of the private sector, the civil society, the South-South and Triangular Cooperation as new foundation stones for development aid, constitute new development opportunities. Such imperative and opportunities open new prospects for international cooperation for Africa from 2012, which should be developed to enhance the latter's growth and development

potential. To sustain and strengthen this process, the creation of a Coalition on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for the African Continent, is a *sine qua non*.

Objectives:

5. The Coalition's major objective is to serve as a multi-players platform in a bid to strengthen South-South cooperation for the benefit of Africa and more specifically to ensure the expansion and diversification of innovative sources of financing for Africa's development.

6. The specific objectives are:

- i) Establishment and development of partnerships with emerging countries of the South(Latin America, Arabian Peninsula, South East Asia and Oceania);
- ii) Elaboration of a strategic vision for the mobilization and management of resources deriving from the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Africa;
- iii) Establishment and operationalization of a South-South and Triangular Task Force to prepare a Framework Agreement on the creation of the Triangular and South-South Cooperation for Africa.

7. A Conference of Africa's partners for the financing of projects and programmes of the 2016-2020 South-South and Triangular Cooperation action plan will be organized in December 2015 in Addis Ababa to finalize the project.

Implementation

8. The proposed approach is designed to strengthen the technical, human and institutional capacities of the African continent within the context of a regional project backed by the UNDP and other development partners during the 2013-2015 preparatory and transitory phase in order to serve and strengthen the institutions with a view to their sustainability.

9. In this regard, the project should promote the establishment and operationalization of a South-South and Triangular Task Force for the accomplishment of the under-listed actions during the 2013-2015 period:

- i) Take stock of progress made in 2012 through the elaboration of an official report on South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- ii) Prepare a Framework Agreement establishing the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Africa;
- iii) Prepare a 2015-2020 action plan of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Africa;

- iv) Prepare bilateral and multilateral thematic draft agreements and protocols of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- v) Elaborate a manual on aid policies within the framework of South-South Cooperation;
- vi) Map out an African Strategy for the South-South and Triangular Cooperation and management of the resources deriving from the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Africa for the period 2016-2020.
- vii) Define an action plan for the implementation of the strategy.

Duration: Three years (2013-2015)

Partner institutions

10. The Ministry for International Cooperation of the Republic of Guinea, UNDP, AU, ECA, ORLLS, UNCTAD, AfDB, IDB, OIF, NEPAD Agency and the World Bank. The Government of Guinea has included in its 2013-2015 investment budget the amount of 1,020,000,000 Guinean Francs (GF) i.e., US\$145,715 for the duration of the project of which 635,000,000 GF i.e. about US\$91,000 is earmarked for 2013. This amount will be increased in 2014 and 2015 in pursuance of its revolving, triennial investment programmes. Moreover, Guinea will host the headquarters of the project and the Coalition.

11. In addition to the contribution from the Government of Guinea and UNCTAD, co-financing will be sought from bilateral partners (emerging countries of the South, particularly the Gulf Monarchies and the Northern countries) and multilateral organizations (AfDB, IDB, EU, WB etc.). Assistance may be in the form of equipment, expertise, training or financial resources.

Main products

- Analytical studies at national and regional levels;
- Strategy and action plan;
- Strategic vision of mobilization and management of resources deriving from the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for a developed Africa.

Major expected results

12. Generally speaking, the creation of the Coalition will promote the acceleration of economic development of African countries through a strengthened South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

- 13.** More specifically, the initiative will among other things lead to:
- i) An increase in resources deriving from the South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Africa;
 - ii) An acceleration of technological transfer;
 - iii) A better sharing of development knowledge and experiences;
 - iv) An accelerated implementation of the Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs, landlocked and Sahel desert countries, the Busan action plan designed to ensure effectiveness of development and the Rio+20 commitments for sustainable development.

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