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## Concept Note and Agenda

Development cooperation has assumed added significance in view of the ongoing pandemic and its future implications as the world settles into a new normal. Concerns about the maintainability of Agenda 2030 within its pre-decided timeline, given the visible impact of the pandemic on global capacity in resource generation are also getting prominence. The necessity of going beyond humanitarian assistance to strengthen the global capacity to develop in an inclusive manner cannot be over-emphasized. The definitive roles of other non-state actors – civil society and private sector partners – are also required to be factored into the overall design of efforts to take care of the 5Ps – planet, people, prosperity, peace and partnership – of the SDGs and realize a world that leaves no one behind. The spirit of solidarity embedded in South-South Cooperation (SSC) with its foundation laid on time tested strength of plurality has to be invoked more intensively at this juncture without any hesitation.

As a multi-stakeholder platform on India's development cooperation, Forum for India's Development Cooperation (FIDC) brings together civil society, academia and policy makers to deliberate, share and disseminate experiences of India's development cooperation internationally. Having completed 8 years of this partnership, FIDC feels encouraged to create an annual space for wider sharing of such studies, approaches and examples with broader cross-sections of Indian society. Given the global challenges of the corona virus, development cooperation has assumed greater significance, and India's support to other countries has become much stronger.

The First Annual FIDC Symposium being called as ‘Development Cooperation Dialogue’ (DCD) is being organized in a hybrid mode at this juncture to spell out a clear and operational roadmap to this effect. It would facilitate sharing of ideas and experiences among development practitioners, policy makers, academia and document the emerging areas of emphasis for follow up actions. Ph.D and M.Phil students engaged in research across the Indian universities will also find a place for themselves to identify, consolidate and disseminate their research ideas for subsequent applications in fostering development cooperation to its logical end.

**The Objectives of the DCD are to:**

1. Provide a platform for various stakeholder to learn and share about changing nature of India’s development cooperation
2. Provide space for highlighting innovative models/programmes of India’s development cooperation (including Triangular Cooperation) carried out by government, business and civil society
3. Inform young scholars, students and practitioners about modalities, perspectives and trends in India’s development cooperation
4. Facilitate public visibility to FIDC, thereby inviting more inclusive participation of civil society, business, academia and government agencies