

# India partners with Germany to deliver development projects in Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi & Peru

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## Synopsis

Periasamy Kumaran, the Secretary In-charge of development partnership administration in India's Ministry of External Affairs, praised the success of triangular cooperation initiatives between India and Germany in countries like Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, and Peru during the 1st Asian Conference on Triangular Cooperation (TrC) in New Delhi. Kumaran highlighted their joint efforts in sustainable development and climate goals, with more initiatives on the horizon.



Periasamy Kumaran, Secretary In-charge of development partnership administration in the [Ministry of External Affairs](#) of India, in his address at the inaugural session of the 1st Asian Conference on Triangular Cooperation (TrC) held in New Delhi on Thursday lauded the recent triangular cooperation initiatives undertaken by

India and Germany in Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi and Peru catalysed by the Indo-German cooperation mechanism as successful examples of jointly designed and implemented projects to achieve [sustainable development](#) and climate goals in partner countries.

He indicated that more initiatives as per interest shown by other developing countries are in the pipeline, including a millets-based project in Africa.

Germany is a trusted friend in this Indian endeavour aimed at the Global South, he said, and appreciated that Germany understands the Indian philosophy on development cooperation based on the comfort and desire of respective partner developing countries. Triangular cooperation is an important vector in India's development cooperation, he added.

Germany's Ambassador to India Philipp Ackermann traced his commitment to triangular cooperation to his days in Afghanistan when in 2006-07 he was part of efforts undertaken with India to deliver [development projects](#) in Afghanistan. He highlighted two key positives in engaging India as a pivotal partner in such cooperation in third countries.

First, India's strong development history accompanied by its more recent role as a powerful emerging market inspires trust in its development initiatives with its success in several fields. Second, even with geopolitics getting more and more difficult, India's masterly negotiations towards a successful outcome during its G 20 Presidency makes India ideally suited for Germany to take its

triangular cooperation operations forward.

The Conference, the first of its kind, discussed this growing development cooperation modality where a developed country and a developing country join hands with their respective expertise to implement developmental projects in third developing countries. All the three partners in this modality contribute equally with their respective needs, experiences, funds and technical assistance capacities. Triangular cooperation circumvents the North-South barriers of traditional development cooperation and learning from the increasing South-South cooperation among developing countries, provides a new form of international collaboration aimed at capturing the best of the existing modalities.

The Conference aims to explore technical feasibility and technical expertise from all sides and the way in which they contribute to the achievement of SDGs – and beyond. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Research and Information System for Developing Countries ([RIS](#)) collaborated with the Global Partnership Initiative on Effective Triangular Cooperation (GPI) to bring together more than a hundred decision makers, experts, practitioners, and academia involved in triangular cooperation from across the world.