

Press Release

RIS to Host Global Conference on Triangular Cooperation for the Global South

New Delhi, June 1 — The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a policy research institute under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, will host a major international conference on **“Global South and Triangular Cooperation: Emerging Facets”** on 3–4 June 2025 at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi. The conference will convene diplomats, senior government officials, heads of institutions, scholars, development practitioners, think tanks and civil society from the Global North and Global South to explore emerging priorities, models, and partnerships in South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation with Northern countries as a credible way forward in times geopolitical contestations. This would help in building capacities and not dependencies in trade, finance or technology.

A key highlight of the conference will be the **Presidential Address by H.E. Mr. Santiago Peña Palacios, President of the Republic of Paraguay**, underscoring the shared commitment among Global South nations to advance inclusive development and reframe global cooperation agendas. The conference revisits the legacy of Bandung and the Non-Aligned Movement as foundational and reflect on contemporary global development challenges.

The conference is designed as a high-level platform for dialogue on critical themes including, norms and modalities for triangular cooperation, LiFE and sustainable development partnerships, sustainable agriculture, digital solutions, climate finance, and brings in regional voices from India's North-East. The sessions will also examine how triangular cooperation can support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in areas like SMEs, health, entrepreneurship, biodiversity conservation and disaster management. The conference shall also lay the ground for strengthening Global South led International Organisations like the International Solar Alliance and DAKSHIN.

As part of the event, RIS will formalise new institutional partnerships under its **University Connect Hub programme**, strengthening research collaboration with Universities across India on India's G20 outcomes and emerging dimensions of India's external sector connect. Another significant feature will be the signing of an MoU between **DAKSHIN at RIS** and **ICRISAT**, alongside the launch of the ICRISAT Centre of Excellence for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (ISSCA), which aims to promote collaborative innovation in sustainable agricultural development in the Global South.

The two-day event will conclude with a valedictory session outlining key takeaways and future directions for triangular cooperation frameworks that are demand-driven, context-specific, and rooted in mutual learning. The conference reflects RIS continued commitment to amplifying the voices and leadership of the Global South in shaping the global development discourse and rebalancing global order. (ENDS)