

Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative



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The need of the hour is to identify simple, scalable and sustainable solutions that can transform our societies and economies. With such an approach, we shall overcome the difficult challenges- whether it is poverty, universal healthcare or building human capacities.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at Voice of Global South Summit, 12 January 2023



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"I firmly believe that countries of the Global South have a lot to learn from each other's development experiences. I am happy to announce that India will establish a Global-South Centre of Excellence."

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The Global South Centre of Excellence is a **D**evelopment **A**nd **K**nowledge **Sh**aring **In**itiative **(DAKSHIN)**

VISION

Foster knowledge sharing and mutual learning for building capacities and developing sustainable, affordable, and locally relevant solutions by collating resources, experiences and strategies to overcome developmental challenges the Global South faces, and promote globally inclusive partnerships

Mandate

The Centre, in association with its institutional partners, would facilitate dialogue, handholding and support to identified and mutually agreed projects in the Global South under the overall guidance of the Governments and agencies concerned.

The Centre would carry out research, foster sharing of mutually enriching development experiences and success stories from the Global South, document these research and experiences, and connect with governments, businesses, academia, think tanks, and other stakeholders to promote Lifestyle For Environment (LiFE) and other sustainable development initiatives under the overarching ambit of Agenda 2030 and beyond. The Centre would evolve a database of development cooperation for longer-term engagements and policy advice.

Modalities



Knowledge Creation and Sharing

The Centre will promote research, sharing of knowledge, particularly development practices and experiences on sustainable development, based on each partner country's contributions



Capacity Building & Skill Enhancement

The Centre would promote training and capacity building initiatives, facilitate skill development and exchange of human resources, and conduct fellowship programmes, in mutually identified areas, for scholars and professionals from the Global South with the support of concerned Ministries and agencies



Technology Sharing

The Centre would facilitate development and sharing of technology in mutually identified critical areas for resilient and sustainable development with the support of concerned Ministries and agencies

Collectively Evolving a Universal Global Development Agenda

India's development partnerships cover all geographies and diverse sectors of the Global South for evolving and promoting an inclusive and balanced global socio-economic development



Health

- Promoting traditional medicines
- Setting up of regional hubs for healthcare
- Improving mobility of health professionals
- Deploying simple and scalable digital health solutions

Education

- Vocational training
- Digital distance education
- Skilling and employability



Connectivity Infrastructure

- Diversification of global supply chains
- Linking developing countries to value chains



Banking and Finance

- Deployment of digital public goods for increasing financial inclusion
- Electronic-payments
- E-governance



- Innovative climate finance models
- Coalition for development, diffusion and deployment of emerging green technologies
- Promotion of 'Lifestyle For Environment' or LiFE initiative and the use of circular economy

A Global-South Science and Technology Initiative will be launched by the Centre to share India's expertise with other developing nations as announced by the Prime Minister in the Voice of Global South Summit.

Focus Areas



Agriculture

Strengthening systems for sustainable agricultural production, processing and leveraging digital technologies for sustainable agriculture. Promoting innovations and best practices on climate smart agriculture

India's accomplishments

- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)
- e-NAM
- Soil Health Card
- NICRA Climate smart agriculture



Health

Enhancing universal access to quality health services, including digital solutions, promoting traditional medicines, developing regional healthcare hubs and ensuring mobility of health professionals

India's accomplishments

- AYUSHMAN Bharat Yojana (PMJAY)
- Mission Indradhanush
- Tele-medicine (e-Sanjeevani)
- Co-WIN platform and its evolution towards U-WIN vaccination platform
- Integration of traditional medicines within primary healthcare - Health and Wellness Centres (HWC)



Digitalisation

Deployment of digital public goods for accelerated economic development and promoting innovations and best practices in the Global South

India's accomplishments

- JAM (Jandhan-Aadhar-Mobile) Trinity
- Direct benefits transfer (DBT)
- Digital Public Infrastructure

DAKSHIN will be a vertical housed at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous policy research institute with focus, inter alia, on promoting South-South Cooperation.

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