BAPA +40: The Future of Work,

Youth Employment and South-South Cooperation

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I) Background

A milestone event in the history of South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) in the UN was the first UN Conference on Technical Cooperation between Developing Countries (TCDC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1978. This conference gathered 138 Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Global South to adopt the **Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA)**, the first SSTC framework. The Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South cooperation (BAPA+40), is an opportunity to assess progress in South-South Cooperation in the UN system. In preparation for BAPA+40, on the 1 November 2018, the ILO, in collaboration with the South Centre and UNCTAD, co-hosted a consultation meeting among twenty Geneva- and Rome-based agencies to agree on key topics for the discussion in BAPA+40, including youth employment.

During BAPA+40, the ILO and the South Centre are organising a side event entitled *"The Future of Work, Youth Employment and South-South Cooperation"*. As a contribution to the BAPA+40 and in harmonisation with ILO's Centenary celebration, this event will revolve around two strategic themes of Youth Employment and the Future of Work. Young people are considered as the world's driver of change and a key stakeholder in the realisation of the Agenda 2030. On Monday 24th September 2018, the UN Secretary-General officially launched the Youth2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy at the UN Headquarters in New York. The strategy guides the UN system in stepping up support for the empowerment of young people, while ensuring that the Organization's work fully benefits from their insights and ideas.

At the 316th Session of the ILO Governing Body in November 2012, a seven-year Follow-up Plan was endorsed giving effect to the provisions of the aforementioned Resolution. The Plan emphasised the need to explore **"opportunities to extend South–South and triangular collaboration to include youth employment"** as called for by the resolution.[1] In 2016, the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth was launched to scale up action and impact on youth employment in support of the 2030 Agenda.

Against this backdrop, this panel discussion will look into the challenges of young men and women in the changing context of the Future of Work. The Global Commission on the Future of Work launched on the 22nd of January 2019 its report, and one of the axis of its "**Human-Centred Agenda**" is "increase investment in peoples' capabilities, and describes it is critical to: "Step up investments in the institutions, policies and strategies that will support people through future of work transitions, **building pathways for youth into labour markets** (…)". This reaffirms the importance of a youth-centred development cooperation. The panel will also take into account the elements of the Financing for Development agenda, present in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), which focus on youth and South-South cooperation.

II. Objectives of the Panel:

The main objective of the discussion will be to **link the future of work reflection with the South-South and triangular cooperation and new paths for youth employment policies post BAPA + 40**. The ILO has organised its Future of Work dialogues around four Centenary Conversations, which include, ***"work and society***", "***decent jobs for all***" in a sustainable economy; "***the organization of work and production***"; "***the Governance of Work***", which highlights the values of tripartism and

[1] http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_191163.pdf

social dialogue, with the critical question of youth employment. The panel will focus on the Global South perspectives contained in the second dialogue of "decent jobs for all", with a concentration on youth employment. Specifically, the three following topics will be discussed by the panellists, with one specific question to be addressed and one common focus (recommendations for BAPA +40 participants):

1. **Future of Work, Youth employment policies and skills development:** the panel will take into consideration youth employment and skills development policies to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of SSTC. The discussion will aim to answer the following questions: (1) *Considering the report on the Future of Work produced by the Global Commission, what are the most relevant issues regarding youth employment in the Global South and what can be the contribution of SSTC?*

2. **Green jobs for youth through SSTC:** the panel will identify bottlenecks that prevent countries to fully tap market, trade and employment opportunities in transitioning to a greener economy. The panel will also take on board current socio-economic SSTC policies to promote good practices to foster economic growth, through the creation of decent green jobs. The following question will be addressed by the panellist: *what is your point of view about the linkages between green jobs for youth and South-South and triangular cooperation?*

3. **Youth employment, Future of Work and social dialogue:** With the presents of employers' and worker's representatives, the panel will discuss social dialogue and its key role in ensuring full participation of social partners in the future world of work, including the many millions of youth workers who are currently excluded. It will reflect the views of panellists on the impacts of tripartite governance and SSTC in supporting decent youth employment in the future. A key question will be*: What is the role of social partners from the global south to promote SSTC and youth employment?*

All panellists will provide recommendations for the BAPA + 40 participants on integration of Youth Employment into South-South and triangular cooperation policies.

PANEL- *Moderator: South Centre, ILO*

- **Future of Work, Youth employment policies and skills development:** *Member of the Global Commission on the Future of Work*

  The panellist will provide an analysis of policy tools regarding the Future of Work and youth employment and the role of SSTC as a useful new approach to development in the framework of BAPA +40 in the light of the ILO Centenary.

- **Green jobs for youth through South-South cooperation:** *Youth Representative SY@W*

  The panellist will discuss the prospects of youth employment and sustainable development, reflecting on the importance of SSTC exchanges in the "Future of Work". Specific examples from the SY@W project will be highlighted.

- **Future of Work, youth employment and Social Dialogue in the Global South:** *Workers' and Employers' perspectives, Employers' and Workers' from the Americas*

  The panellists will discuss the roles of workers' and employers' organisations, social dialogue, and tripartite governance in promoting decent work and inclusion of youth in the future world of work.

Discussants: ILO, Young Leader SDG

ILO Focal Point: Anita Amorim, Head, Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit, ILO

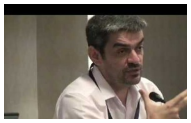
ANNEX I) - PANEL DETAILS:

Moderator	*Biography*
Carlos Correa **Executive Director, South Centre**	**The South Centre has co-led the "Geneva-Rome based consultations" to Achieve Key Messages on SSTC for BAPA +40". Mr. Correa, the Executive Director will moderate the panel on Future of Work and SSTC.** Mr. Correa is the Executive Director of the South Centre and has also been associated as a Professor with the University of Buenos Aires. Mr. Correa is a national of Argentina. He will moderate this session based on the questions below, and also as the co-host of the Geneva/ Rome based consultations on BAPA +40 (November 2018).
I. Future of Work, Youth employment policies and skills development	
The panel will take into consideration youth employment and skills development policies to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of SSTC. Specifically, the panellist will provide an analysis of policy tools regarding the Future of Work and youth employment and the role of SSTC as a useful new approach to development in the framework of BAPA +40 in the light of the ILO Centenary. The guiding questions are as follows: *Considering the report on the Future of Work produced by the Global Commission, what are the most relevant issues regarding youth employment in the Global South?*	
Panellist	*Biography*
Ms Rebeca Grynspan **Secretary-General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat**	Ms Grynspan is one of the "Commissioners" for the "Future of Work Commission" that released its report on the 22 January 2019. She is the Secretary-General of the organisation of Ibero-American States, an international multilateral institution which brings together Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of Latin America plus Spain, Andorra and Portugal. As a recognised leader in promoting human development, she has greatly helped to focus the attention of the world and Latin America on critical issues such as the reduction of inequality and poverty, gender equity, South-South cooperation as tools for development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms Grynspan will be presenting the results of the Future of Work report from an SSTC perspective, bearing in mind the challenges for youth.
II. Green jobs for youth through SSTC	
The ILO SafeYouth@Work project aims to promote the occupational safety and health (OSH) of young workers, operating at national systems level. It helps to promote the development and sharing of resources and materials to raise awareness and spur public demand for young worker vulnerability and the need for special protections for young workers. In this topic of *Green jobs for youth through SSTC*, the panellist will expose the environmental sustainability and safety at work nexus in supporting a greener economy through South-South and triangular cooperation. The panel will also take on board current socio-economic SSTC policies to promote good practices to foster economic growth, through the creation of decent green jobs. The following question will be addressed by the panellist: *from your perspective, what are key issues in the linkages between green jobs for youth and South-South and triangular cooperation?*	
Panellists	*Biography*
Brenda Cardozo, **SY@W Youth**	Brenda Cardozo is a young food technician and an advanced student of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). As a Youth Champion of the SafeYouth@Work Project, Brenda is currently representing Argentinean youth in the drafting of the first OSH National Action Plan targeting young workers. Recently, Brenda spent six weeks in Brazil working for the project "Planet Heroes", which seeks to raise awareness among local communities on environmental sustainability so that they multiply and perpetuate new sustainable practices, in relation to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 on Climate Action. Ms. Cardozo will be presenting elements of the

Representative	SY@W Youth project and focusing on green jobs.

III. Youth employment, Future of Work and social dialogue

With the presents of employers' and worker's representatives, the panel will discuss social dialogue and its key role in ensuring full participation of social partners in the future world of work, including the many millions of youth workers who are currently excluded. It will reflect the views of panellists on the impacts of tripartite governance and SSTC in supporting decent youth employment in the future. As such, the panellists will discuss the roles of workers' and employers' organisations, social dialogue, and tripartite governance in promoting decent work and inclusion of youth in the future world of work. The key question is: *What is the role of social partners from the global south to promote SSTC and youth employment?*

Panellists	*Biography*
Fabio Isaac Masis Fallas **Unión Costarricense de Cámaras y Asociaciones del Sector Empresarial Privado (UCCAEP)**	Mr. Fabio Isaac Masís Fallas has been the Executive Director of the Costa Rican Union of Chambers and Associations of the Private Business Sector (UCCAEP) since 2015, with headquarters in San José, Costa Rica, an entity that represents more than 50 cameras in its country. In addition, UCCAEP is part of the International Organization of Employers (OIE). Previously Mr. Masís was Executive Director of the Chamber of Information and Technology for 5 years and has a legislative experience of 10 years. Mr. Fallas will present the employer's perspective on the future of work challenges linked to youth and SSTC.
Rafael Freire Neto  **Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)**	Rafael Freire Neto is the Secretary for Economic Policies and Sustainable Development of Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA-CSA). He was a leader of the Central Única de Trabajadores (CUT) of Brazil and Secretary-General of the "Coordinacion de Centrales Sindicales del Cono Sur" (CCSCS). The TUCA-CSA is the regional organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) for the Americas. It was formed in March 2008 to succeed the ICFTU Inter American Regional Organisation of Workers (CIOSL/ORIT), after ICFTU merged to ITUC. The organization has 65 affiliated or fraternal organizations, in 29 countries, representing 50 million workers. Mr. Freire will present the results of a study on SSTC results from a worker's perspective, focusing on the Future of Work.

Discussant

The discussant will contribute to the discussion by sharing his/her perspective and expectations, as a young person, on the future of work and youth employment, towards greener economy, and in achieving the Agenda 2030. *She will ask the panellists to provide their recommendations for the BAPA + 40 participants on integration of Youth Employment into South-South and triangular cooperation policies.*

Discussant	*Biography*
Victoria Alonsoperez **SDG Young Leader IEETECH**	Ms. Alonsoperez is an Electronics, Telecommunication, and Electrical Engineer, Entrepreneur, Inventor, and is a United Nations Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2012 she invented Chipsafer, a patented platform that can track cattle remotely and autonomously. Thanks to Chipsafer in 2012 she was the winner of the International Telecommunication Union Young Innovators Competition and in 2013 she won the Best Young Inventor Award from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). In 2017 she was invited to present Chipsafer at the Solutions Summit at United Nations Headquarters in New York during the UN General Assembly. She will be the discussant for the Q & A session and also present some elements from her experience as a young leader.

Q&A: The question and answer session will include the launch of the ILO SSTC Good Practices by

Fabio Bertranou, ILO Decent Work Team Director for the South Cone