

Triangular cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean: Human Capacity Development (HCD)

Context

International development cooperation is increasingly defined by the initiative and financial and technical participation of emerging economies. In this context, the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean are increasingly engaging in South-South and triangular cooperation. While several countries possess recognized technical expertise and are expanding their institutional and human capacity for international cooperation, their experiences in the practical implementation of South-South and triangular cooperation vary. Many partners in the region still see a need for adjustments in their activities and institutions with regards to quality, efficiency, impact, relevance, significance and sustainability.

Programme

As part of technical cooperation in the area of Human Capacity Development (HCD), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) initiated a regional project entitled 'Triangular cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean', which complements the 'Regional Fund for Triangular Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean'. This project uses integrated capacity building instruments to implement triangular cooperation projects with Latin American partners.

It also supports the cooperation institutions in partner countries and helps foster systematic cooperation between the actors and countries involved. This allows joint development measures to be managed and implemented appropriately. Overall, the project aims to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of cooperation in the region.



Content

The project concentrates on the following action areas:

- Systematization of the learning processes in triangular cooperation.
- Encouraging the sharing of experience as well as the implementation and further development of cooperation arrangements by providing dialog platforms and establishing networks. Instruments include regional conferences, workshops and meetings attended in some cases by senior officials of organisations and government representatives.
- Provision of training to actors from projects of the 'Regional fund for triangular cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean' covering topics such as principles of international and development cooperation, leadership and management skills, monitoring, evaluation, knowledge management and systematization of best practice experience.
- Developing the specialist and human capacity of selected regional training institutions and networking these institutions to this end, establishing their expertise at local level in the long term.



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