Defining and Accounting South-South Cooperation

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- Data gaps exist in the recipient countries
  - Deals are largely driven by political leadership
  - Relevant departments involved much later or not at all
  - Data on details of deals not captured by national aid system
  - Most support is project support and AIA
  - There are no accountability mechanisms for the citizen

## Elements for inclusion in the Definition

- Only elements that contribute directly to development at national level should be included
- Global goods such as peace keeping, relief and humanitarian assistance should not be part of Development Assistance
  - They do not lead to development but seek to restore the path to development after fragility

- Private investments should be treated as FDI and be subject to FDI policies and laws
- Investments and trade driven by state owned agencies such EXIM banks should be subjected to SSC cooperation principles

## SSC Co-operation and CSOs

- SSC must be inclusive in its approach to development co-operation
  - CSOs play oversight role over development impact
  - CSOs have a track record in program implementation at the grassroots level
  - CSOs can mobilise for cultural exchanges in the south
  - CSOs mobilise and share resources across boarders
  - CSOs make strong allies in the global platforms in defense of SSC

## Accounting for CSO activities

- CSOs have Istanbul principles which addresses CSO development Effectiveness including
  - Respect and promote human rights and social justice
  - Embody gender equality and equity while promoting women and girl's rights
  - Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation
  - Practice transparency and accountability
  - Promote Environmental Sustainability

## SSC and Development Cooperation

- SSC remains part of development co-operation as this was part of it mandate since its inception
- The instruments of development co-operation are consistent with those of North – South Co-operation with differences in terms and conditions