

VII Regional Conference on Trilateral Cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean 2024: “Overcoming obstacles, building bridges”

Welcome event: Wednesday, May 22nd 2024

17.00 Informal reception hosted by German Cooperation, Novotel Rio Vermelho

Thursday, May 23rd 2024

09.00-09.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09.30-10.30 **Session 1. Official opening (open to the public, plenary)**

- Ruy Pereira, Ambassador and Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)
- Volker Oel, Deputy Director-General, Latin America and the Caribbean, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ; virtually)
- Ana Paula Matos, Deputy Mayor of Salvador, Responsible for International Relations of the City of Salvador

10.30-11.45 **Session 2. Climate protection, mitigation, and adaptation strategies: How to boost just transition in the region? (open to public, plenary)**

Expert Panel Discussion

This panel will address the urgent need to promote a just transition in the region to address the challenges of climate change. Innovative adaptation and mitigation strategies will be explored. This session will provide information on the latest recommendations about how the trilateral modality can be a tool to drive a just and sustainable transformation that is equitable and beneficial to all sectors of society.

11.45-12.45 **Session 3. Accelerating the Achievement of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean (open to the public, plenary)**

Expert Panel Discussion

Latin America and the Caribbean face significant challenges in terms of gender equality and social inclusion, which is not only a matter of justice and human rights, but also imperative for advancing sustainable economic and social progress. Important gaps persist in the advancement of both agendas. Therefore, this session aims to address the shared challenges of the gender and social inclusion agendas from a regional perspective, and to explore how alternative cooperation modalities, such as trilateral cooperation, can be harnessed to accelerate equitable and inclusive development.

12.45 Official photo

12.45-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.15 **Workshops**

Interactive workshops with prior registration, face-to-face and virtual, in parallel.

	<p>a. Achieving a Just Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean through Trilateral Cooperation</p> <p>The transition to a more sustainable and just energy model is a crucial objective for Latin America and the Caribbean. This workshop provides a platform to share and analyse good practices from three trilateral projects in the energy sector in South and Central America. From identifying lessons learned, to common challenges and opportunities, the discussion will focus on how trilateral cooperation can be an engine of change towards a more just and sustainable future for all.</p>
	<p>b. Concrete strategies to strengthen gender equality and social inclusion as a main and/or cross-cutting objective of Trilateral Cooperation</p> <p>Gender equality and social inclusion are essential components for promoting equitable and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. However, effectively integrating these perspectives into trilateral cooperation requires concrete strategies and practical experiences that can guide future initiatives. Based on two examples, this workshop will share good practices and specific strategies to strengthen gender equality and social inclusion as main and/or cross-cutting objectives in TrC projects.</p>
<p>15.15- 15.45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>15.45- 16.15</p>	<p>Spotlight: Capacity Sharing in TrC</p> <p>Capacity sharing plays a fundamental role in Trilateral Cooperation by strengthening the skills and knowledge needed to implement effective and sustainable projects. In this short "spotlight", we will highlight the importance of capacity sharing through a video presenting the experiences of participants in training programmes, followed by an interactive discussion with representatives of organisations in this field.</p>
<p>16.15- 17.00</p>	<p>Closing: Reporting back and summary of results</p>

Friday, May 24th 2024

<p>09:00- 09:30</p>	<p>Warm up and welcome to Day 2</p>
<p>09.30- 11.00</p>	<p>Session 4. Strengthening Interregional Trilateral Cooperation (open to the public, plenary)</p> <p><i>Expert Panel Discussion</i></p> <p>The main objective of this panel is to identify strategies to effectively promote interregional trilateral cooperation analysing the current context of TrC with Asia, Africa and the Middle East and North Africa. It will also seek to identify current shared challenges that demand interregional partnerships, assessing both the obstacles and the potential of this cooperation modality.</p>
<p>11.00- 12.30</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p><i>Interactive workshop with prior registration, face-to-face and virtual.</i></p> <p>c. Strategies for efficient and sustainable interregional Trilateral Cooperation</p> <p>Based on examples of TrC projects between Latin America, Africa and Europe, the workshop aims to identify practical strategies to promote collaboration between different regions of the world, analysing success factors, common challenges and scaling-up opportunities.</p>
<p>12.30- 13.45</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

13.45-14.05	<p>Session 5. The added value of social participation for the construction of comprehensive development policies: “The Voices of the Amazonian Dialogue”</p> <p><i>Keynote speech</i></p>
14.05-15.15	<p>Session 6. Localisation of Trilateral Cooperation and inclusion of local actors (open to the public, plenary)</p> <p><i>Expert Panel Discussion</i></p> <p>A persistent challenge TrC actors face is the need to strengthen participation at the local level to effectively address global and local challenges, ensuring the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders in decision-making and implementation of sustainable development initiatives. This panel will focus on exploring strategies to promote genuine multi-stakeholder participation and partnerships between public agencies, non-governmental or local organisations, the private sector and local communities.</p>
15.15-16.30	<p>Workshops</p> <p><i>Interactive workshops with prior registration, face-to-face and virtual, in parallel.</i></p> <p>d. Multi-level Trilateral Cooperation: Strengthening links with sub-national actors</p> <p>Based on the previous panel discussion, this workshop provides a space for exchanging experiences, highlighting best practices and lessons learned in promoting trilateral cooperation at the local level, involving local communities from the initial design phase through to project implementation. The purpose is to provide food for thought on how to promote equity, sustainability, and respect for the rights of local communities, as well as to ensure the relevance of initiatives in the medium and long term.</p> <p>e. Promoting successful multi-stakeholder partnerships through Trilateral Cooperation</p> <p>Participants of this workshop will explore effective strategies for establishing and strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships in TrC projects. By showcasing good practices from two successful examples involving the private sector, civil society, and academia, insights will be shared on creating and integrating alliances to leverage and scale up cooperation impacts.</p>
16.30-17.00	<p>Coffee break</p>
17.00-17.20	<p>Reporting back and summary of results</p>
17.20-18.00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruy Pereira, Ambassador and Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) • Moira Feil, Head of division G7/G20, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)

Side event: Saturday, May 25th 2024 (optional, prior registration)

08.00-16.00

Field visit: development projects and cultural programme
ABC and City of Salvador - Bahia