



**A Platform to Share and Scale Development  
Solutions from the Global South**



## BACKGROUND

The word “DAKSHIN” (दक्षिण) is of Sanskrit origin, meaning “South.” The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence in November 2023. The initiative was inspired by the deliberations of Global South leaders during the Voice of the Global South Summits. The acronym DAKSHIN also stands for Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative.

Hosted at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, DAKSHIN aims to identify innovative development solutions emerging from the Global South and scale them up for broader implementation across developing countries. Since its launch, the Centre has established linkages with leading think tanks and universities across the Global South and is building a dynamic network of scholars working on Global South issues.

## VISION

To promote knowledge sharing and mutual learning that strengthen capacities and lead to sustainable, affordable, and locally driven solutions. DAKSHIN seeks to mobilise resources, experiences, and effective strategies to address the development challenges of the Global South and foster inclusive global partnerships.

## MANDATE

DAKSHIN, together with its partners in India and the Global South, facilitates mutually agreed initiatives through dialogue, capacity-building, and coordinated action, under the guidance of respective governments and agencies.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

DAKSHIN will serve as an accelerator and multiplier of social and economic development growth in the Global South, driving the realisation of Agenda 2030 and localisation of SDGs through the following activities:

- Facilitation of cross-continental exchanges of ideas.
- Development of evidence-based policy frameworks.
- Ensuring the availability and accessibility of global public goods.
- Promotion of transformational opportunities for development cooperation.
- Encouragement of peer learning for outcome driven development strategies.



*India Hosts 3rd Voice of Global South Summit on 17 August 2024*

## Collectively Evolving a Global Development Compact

India's development partnerships cover all geographies and diverse sectors of the Global South, aiming to evolve and promote 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



### CLIMATE FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

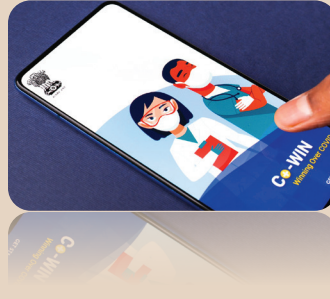
- Innovative climate finance models
- Coalition for development, diffusion and deployment of emerging green technologies
- Promotion of 'Lifestyle for Environment' or LiFE initiative and the use of circular economy

## Initial Focus Areas

### AGRICULTURE



### HEALTH



### DIGITAL SOLUTIONS



## Priority Initiatives for the next three years

Based on discussions with partner think tanks and policymakers from the Global South, DAKSHIN has, in addition to its initial focus areas, initiated policy dialogues, research collaborations, and explored opportunities for capacity building and technology transfer in the following areas:

### EDUCATION



### CONNECTIVITY



### CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES



### WOMEN-LED DEVELOPMENT



“On behalf of India, I would like to propose a comprehensive “Global Development Compact”. The foundation of this Compact will be based on India’s development journey and experiences of development partnership....We will focus on trade for development, capacity building for sustainable growth, technology sharing, project specific concessional finance and Grants.”

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Inaugural Leaders’ Session of the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit, 17 August 2024.**



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