

## India-UN Development Partnership Fund

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### Why in News?

Recently, the Indian Permanent Mission to the UN in New York hosted the Board of Directors meeting of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

- **Established in** - June 2017 by Government of India.
- **Total Commitment** - 150 million USD.
- **Fund Managed by** - United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).
- **Objectives** -
  - Promote *South - South cooperation*.
  - Align with the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.
  - Prioritize *Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States*.

*South-South Cooperation (SSC) is a collaborative framework where developing countries (the Global South) share knowledge, technology, skills, and resources to achieve common development goals*

- **Scope & Coverage** - All **17 SDGs** of the United Nations are covered.
- **Projects** - 36 projects in 37 countries within first 2 years; 21 under implementation.
- **Thematic Areas** - Climate resilience, renewable energy, gender equality, health, education, livelihoods, infrastructure, water & sanitation, agriculture.
- **Commonwealth Window** - Focuses on Commonwealth developing countries, leveraging shared institutional and cultural frameworks.
- **Proposal & Implementation Process - Concept Note** - Submitted by partner country (strategy, features, budget).
- **Submission** - To Permanent Mission of India (UN, New York) or UNOSSC.

- **Review** - By Board of Directors.
- **Project Document** - Prepared by implementing UN agency in consultation with UNOSSC.
- **Approval** - Within 3 months.
- **Implementation** - UN agency + partner government; monitored monthly.
- **Oversight** - Regular review by UNOSSC, Government of India representatives, and partner governments.
- **Significance** - The India-UN Development Partnership Fund strengthens India's role in South-South cooperation, demonstrating India's commitment to SDGs and global governance.

## References

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