



## **South-South Cooperation: The Same Old Game or a New Paradigm?**

*A new Poverty in Focus magazine was launched yesterday in Brasilia at the Inaugural Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Trilateral Dialogue Process.*

**Brasilia, 13 April 2010** - The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is pleased to announce a new issue of its Poverty in Focus magazine. It was launched by **Dr. Rathin Roy**, Director of IPC-IG, and **Ambassador Antonio Patriota**, Secretary-General of Brazil's External Relations Ministry at the [IBSA Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue](#), which is being hosted by IPC-IG on 12-13 April.

Two major Summits of Heads of State are being held in Brasilia this week: the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) and Brazil-Russia-India-China (BRIC). **'We are confident that these historical events will have a great impact in the future of South-South Cooperation'**, said Dr. Rathin Roy.

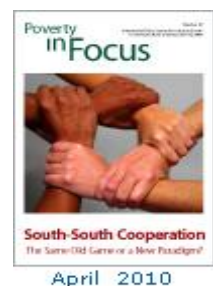
**'Emerging countries have now a say at the world stage'**, said Ambassador Patriota in explaining the potential of the cooperation among India, Brazil and South Africa on development-related issues. Visit the Forum's website at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/ipc/HomeIBSA.do>

Dr. Roy pointed out that Forum hosted by IPC-IG represents a **'huge opportunity to forge a new and more inclusive paradigm** that secures faster and more sustainable human development for all global citizens'.



Inaugural Session of the IBSA Academic Forum  
Brasilia, 12 April 2010 IPC-IG Photo

This latest issue of the Poverty in Focus presents **eleven innovative articles** discussing the current state-of-art of South-South Cooperation, perspectives for the future and their development impact and the growing presence of the emerging countries in the international cooperation scenario. A central issue raised in the magazine is whether South-South cooperation represents a chance for re-shaping the cooperation practice and discourse, putting at the centre the development needs and challenges of the countries in our developing world.



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**‘As developing countries realised that they were better off acting together rather than being allies of either of the superpowers, South-South cooperation emerged as a practice in the international political arena’,** pointed out Michelle de Morais e Silva in her article.

Professor Daniel Flemes highlighted in his article that **‘while the IBSA initiative may thus be seen as an effort to increase its members’ global bargaining power, the cooperation between South Africa, India and Brazil also focuses on concrete areas of collaboration.’**

#### **Featured articles:**

- **How did we get here? The pathways of South-South Cooperation,** by Michelle Morais de Sá e Silva
- **In Between a Rock and Hard Place: LDCs in a G20 World,** by Paul Ladd
- **South-South Cooperation: Potential Benefits for the Least Developed Countries,** by Kamal Malhotra
- **Post-Liberal Regionalism: S-S Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean,** by Antonio Sanahuja’s
- **The Challenges Confronting South-South Trade,** by Aileen Kwa
- **South-South Cooperation: Moving Towards a new Aid Dynamic,** by Penny Davies
- **Beyond Best Practices,** by Francisco Simplicio
- **IBSA: South-South Cooperation or Trilateral Diplomacy in World Affairs?,** by Daniel Flemes
- **South-South Relations: Sino-African Engagement and Cooperation,** by Hayley Herman
- **South-South Cooperation in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone,** by Herbert M’cleod and Fatmata Sesay Kebbay
- **South-South Cooperation: The Same Old Game or a New Paradigm?,** by Melissa Andrade

#### **Related information**

##### **India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue**



**Blog:** A debate on the role of the emerging countries in shaping world politics, and on how an enhanced policy dialogue can contribute to the promotion of inclusive growth in the South was launched in partnership with the Ideas for Development blog. Participate and contribute with your ideas at: <http://www.ideas4development.org/en/home.html>

**Website:** <http://www.ipc-undp.org/ipc/HomeIBSA.do>



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### **About IPC-IG**

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a global centre that facilitates South-South learning with the aim of expanding developing countries' knowledge and capacities to design, implement and evaluate effective policies towards the attainment of high inclusive growth. It is a partnership between UNDP and the Government of Brazil. Located in Brasilia, IPC-IG is a unique institutional arrangement for the Global South and provides the international community with innovative research insights on development, undertakes training for development countries' representatives and is engaged in global debates and fora. Visit our new website at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org>

### **What is inclusive growth about?**

Inclusive Growth is a growth process which yields broad-based benefits and ensures equality of opportunity and access to the benefits of growth. Inclusive growth means growth that is sustainable and generates new productive opportunities. It means that everyone must participate in, contribute to, and benefit from the global growth.



**About IBSA Forum:**



In the aftermath of discussions between the Heads of State and/or Government of the IBSA countries at the G-8 meeting that took place in Evian in 2003, and following ongoing trilateral consultations, the Foreign Ministers of the respective countries met in Brasilia on June 6, 2003. At this meeting between Ministers Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma from South Africa, Celso Amorim from Brazil and Yashwant Sinha from India, the launching of the IBSA Dialogue Forum was formalized through the adoption of the "[Brasilia Declaration](#)". This document gives priority to social inclusion and equity, food security, health, welfare, employment, education, human rights and environmental sustainability, in addition exchanges of experiences in fighting against poverty, hunger and diseases as a major gain for all countries are

highly recommended. Since the inauguration of the IBSA, there has been an increasing interest in academic partnership between the three countries. As a consequence, several joint projects have emerged in various academic areas. The academic forums held in 2006 in Brazil, in 2007 in South Africa and in 2008 in India were important tools for discussing the IBSA process.