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South to South Cooperation: The Subtle Nuances

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About South to South Cooperation

- Developed by the United Nations in late 1970s to develop cooperation among nations of the south



Premise of South to South Cooperation

- In order to stimulate the development agenda of the Global South, where most of the world's under-developed nations are located, there needs to be a forum for exchange



Three Main Areas for Cooperation

1. Developing dialogue to advance South to South Cooperation
 1. Allows international developmental partners opportunity to place issues on the developmental agenda

Knowledge Exchange

2. Focus on identifying centres of excellence in the south and fostering cooperation among them in order to facilitate the generation of solutions for identified problems



Public-private sector partnerships



3. Seeks to facilitate the generation of public-private partnerships that facilitate trade and technological transfer to drive development processes



Caribbean South-South Partnership

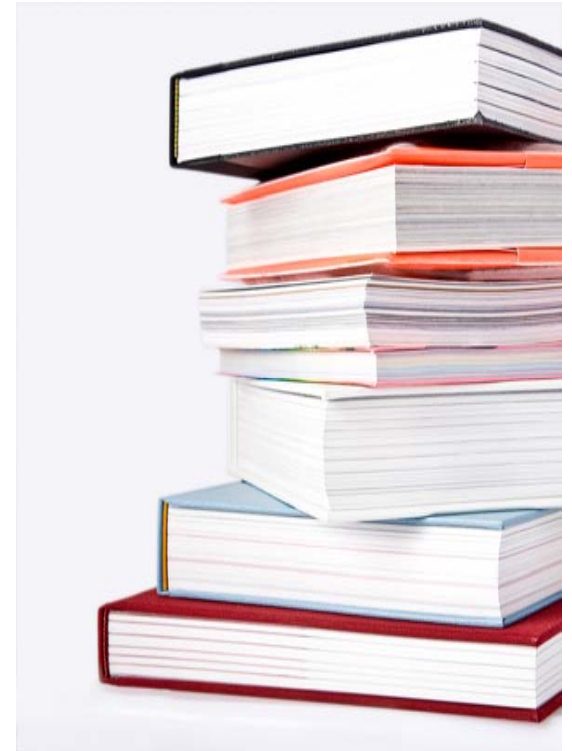
- UNODC crime prevention for developing world initiative
- Purpose: to encourage cooperation and exchange between academic researchers and state officials in the Caribbean and Southern Africa
- Premise: to generate best practices for policy implementation

Structure of the South to South Cooperation

- Engagement of an academic institution in the Caribbean and one in Cape Town
- Engagement with centres of excellence in crime prevention.
- Reviewed best practices and extracted lessons learnt.
- The final leg involved contracting of a consultant

Outcome of the cooperation

- Development of a manual entitled “Handbook on Planning and Action for Crime Prevention in Southern Africa and the Caribbean Region”
- Outlines UN policy and goals for crime prevention
- How these can be achieved in the context of South to South cooperation





Reflection on the Process

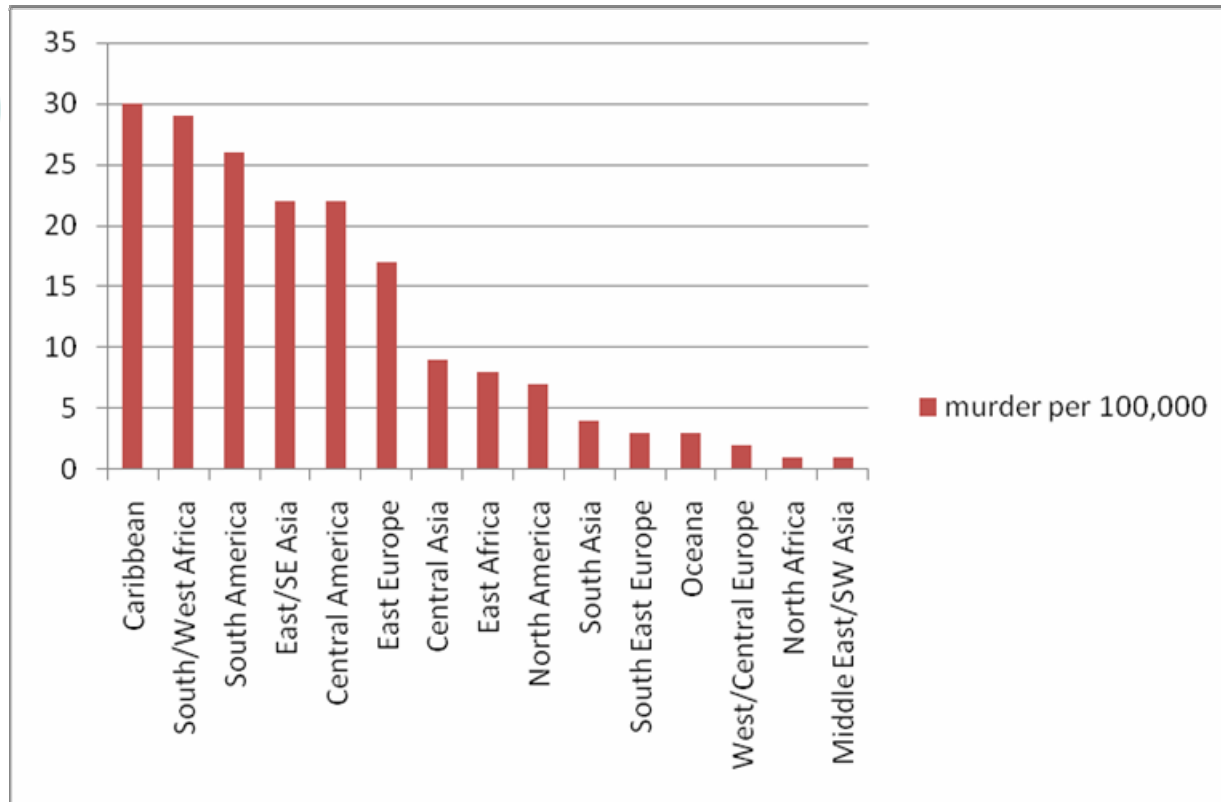
- Contracted a consultant from the North to develop the manual.
- No resources were allocated to facilitate implementation and sustainability of the south to south relationships

To think about.... The practice

- South-South cooperation lead by a consultant from the North
- South to south initiatives to strengthen relationships often undermined.
- The practice to look to the “more developed north” for assistance when exploring solutions draws on modernization theory to postulate:
 - social organizations and institutions of the south have not reached the established standards of its northern developed counterparts



To think about ...the Context



Similarities



The problem

- Similarity of historicity and development of south-south nations, yet, cooperation exists at the level of multi-national where development paradigm and international partner's practices set the priorities
- Disjuncture between donor priorities and recipients needs

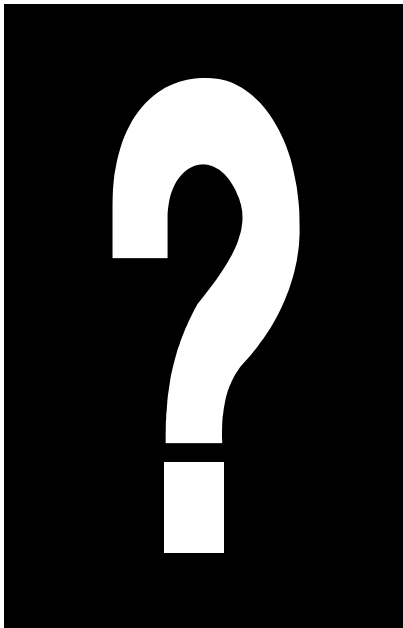
To think about....

- Is it possible to have pure South to South cooperation?
- Will the North feel comfortable in relinquishing the hegemonic power to which it has become accustomed?
- Is South-South cooperation a process that can facilitate development of LDC



Question

- South is resource rich and opportunities for development exponential.
- South-south nations often more similar than south-north nations
- How to develop strong crime prevention policies that take into account existing normative frameworks without the view that they are lower order, primordial and therefore of little significance to the development project?



Discussion



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