

The Statement of Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation in Non-Aligned Movement Coordinating Bureau Ministerial Meeting 2019

Your Excellency Mr. Jorge Arreaza

Minister of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela,

Your Excellencies,

Representatives of the NAM member countries and observers,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the outset to express, on behalf of the delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-the Centre, our gratitude to your Excellency Mr. Jorge Arreaza, for the invitation extended to the Centre to take part in this NAM Coordinating Bureau Ministerial Meeting. Ambassador Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro, Director for the Centre, is unable to attend because of prior commitments abroad, and sends his regrets.

Since this is our initial participation in Ministerial Meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my organisation briefly.

Excellencies,

The Centre is an international organisation whose purpose is to contribute to the acceleration and enhancement of development by strengthening and expanding South-South technical cooperation in the context of international development cooperation. In the exercise of this mission, 108 programme activities had been held under sustainable development, economic, political and socio-cultural themes. Each programme implementation is reported to Coordinating Bureau and the Centre's Governing Council which consists of Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba and South Africa.

Over the last couple of years or so, promotion of South-South Cooperation for peace and development has been on the spotlight. We realise that unemployment is a key cause of conflict. Ensuring full and decent employment is a priority for us all, and the Centre decided to intensify agriculture training programmes that spur job creation. In addition to agriculture, we also take into account fisheries, health, women empowerment and energy as crucial sectors for the development. I would therefore like to encourage the active support and contribution of member countries to these important processes.

In relation to the programme on energy, I am pleased to inform you that International Energy Conference ASTEchnova 2019 will be held from 30th October to 1st November, 2019 at the Eastparc Hotel, Yogyakarta (Indonesia). The conference will discuss affordable and clean energy, as captured in Sustainable Development Goal-SDG 7. It is my honour on behalf of the implementing agencies-the Centre and Universitas Gadjah Mada-to invite your government to send delegation to attend the conference.

As for the purpose of details, your Excellencies may consult the website at: astechnova.ugm.ac.id for consideration.

Excellencies,

The Centre and Universitas Gadjah Mada believe that providing scholarship is playing an important part in the sustainable development of Non-Aligned countries. It is the best guarantee for a better future with less poverty and dignified life for all. Bearing this in mind, Universitas Gadjah Mada is offering scholarships to promising students in Non-Aligned countries who wish to pursue their masters and doctoral studies starting from 2020. Those scholarships will be offered in the field of Engineering.

Your Excellencies,
Honourable representatives,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

To conclude my statement, I am pleased to express the Centre's gratitude for the Government of Indonesia's continuous and unwavering support to the Centre's works. We value our strong collaborative relationship and look forward to its long continuance.

I would also like to pay tribute to the Government of Brunei Darussalam's initiative with the Government of Indonesia to establish the Centre in 1995 in order to promote sharing of development experiences, transfer of technology and economic cooperation among Non-Aligned countries.

Let me also thank the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the significant work accomplishment and achievements made for the NAM under its wise and capable leadership.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate Azerbaijan on its recent appointment as Chair of NAM.

The Centre stands ready to continue to work and cooperate closer with all Non-Aligned countries to ensure the more effective promotion and consolidation of peace.

For more information about the Centre, please visit our website csstc.org, and it would be appreciated if honourable delegates could also follow our Twitter account [at]NAMCentre.

Thank you.