

South-South cooperation, global democracy and sustainable development: an analysis of non-state actors in the UN's post-2015 agenda

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In September 2015 the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) discussed and put to the vote its work agenda for the next 15 years, which focused on the Sustainable Development Goals. These have been designed to follow up, complement and strengthen the Millennium Development Goals, given that the new agenda understands Sustainable Development in a wider and more comprehensive sense, adopting an integrated view of its economic, social and environmental dimensions. This research project aims to analyze the role of non-state actors in countries of the South in implementing this agenda, highlighting the participation of women and indigenous populations in the process. The research thus turns to the possibilities and limits of South-South cooperation in the non-governmental sphere, seeking to critically analyze the potential for influence - in the global public sphere - of actors historically crucial in the construction of the sustainable development discourse, particularly the indigenous populations, with an emphasis on gender issues.