**UNESCO’s South-South Cooperation Programme / Fund for Education**

UNESCO promotes South-South cooperation as a means to encourage progress towards Education for All (EFA). Within such co-operation, countries of the South share experiences and good practice with others that have similar contexts and challenges.

A good example of South-South cooperation in education is the E-9 network which groups nine high-population countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Mexico and Nigeria). Together, these countries address vital EFA issues such as literacy and teacher education.

UNESCO established the South-South Cooperation Programme/Fund for Education (SSC Fund) in 2007, along with a steering committee to guide and orient its activities. The objective of the SSC Fund is to support developing countries in their efforts to meet the EFA and Millennium Development Goals through active capacity-building and the creation and sharing of knowledge.

Seed money mobilized under this Fund allowed for the implementation of four regional pilot projects launched in May 2009. These projects cover mother tongue-based multilingual education (Africa region), ICT in education teacher training (Asia-Pacific region), adult education and literacy/non-formal education (Arab States region), and disaster preparedness in schools (Latin America and the Caribbean region).