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## SOUTH CENTRE

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## BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The South Centre is an intergovernmental organisation of developing countries, currently with 54 members. Any country that is a member of the Group of 77 (G-77) can become a member by acceding to the intergovernmental agreement that governs the South Centre. Its main mission is to facilitate and improve South–South cooperation, provide intellectual and policy support to countries of the South, and contribute to better cooperation between North and South.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- development
- trade and trade negotiations
- intellectual property
- technology transfer
- global governance, including political, economic and environmental aspects
- climate change
- access to knowledge, health, trade agreements and food security

## HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The South Centre has a Social Development Programme with a health component and an Innovation & Development Programme including access to medicines project. It involves not only empirical and theoretical research, but also technical and policy support for the implementation of policy decisions to the national and regional level.

## GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The executive director of the South Centre is Martin Khor. The secretariat of 27 staff members is located in Geneva and is responsible for the work and output of the South Centre. South Centre is governed by a council which includes representatives

from all member countries and which also appoints the members to the South Centre Board. The nine board members are elected for three-year terms and the current Chairperson is Benjamin William Mkapa.

## **FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

Member states contribute to the operating costs of the centre based on a voluntary scale of contributions adopted by the council of representatives. The centre also finances its programmes and activities with the support of funds from donors other than member states.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

See South Centre's policy briefs at:

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