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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	Brazilian Cooperation Agency
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NeST	Network of Southern Think Tanks
OECD/DAC	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's / Development Assistance Committee
R&D	Research & Development
RBM	Results-Based Management
SSC	South-South Cooperation
SSDC	South-South Development Cooperation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TrC	Triangular Development Cooperation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper provides an overview of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practices from different institutions engaged in South-South development cooperation (SSDC) and triangular development cooperation (TrC) in Brazil, based on a literature and document review and semi-structured interviews with 13 Brazilian and international institutions.

The findings corroborate the initial hypothesis that there is no unified M&E system for Brazilian development cooperation but heterogeneous M&E practices. These practices are mainly focused on outputs and shaped by the Brazilian Cooperation Agency's parameters as well as those of the executing institutions.

The challenges and pitfalls identified by domestic and international institutions involved in Brazil's SSDC/TrC showed the growing awareness of the need to prioritize M&E. However, heterogeneous concepts of evaluation and diversified institutional contexts suggest that a broad and cross-sectorial debate could enhance construction of a unified framework for Brazilian development cooperation, working hand in hand with general discussions on South-South cooperation and international development governance.

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