

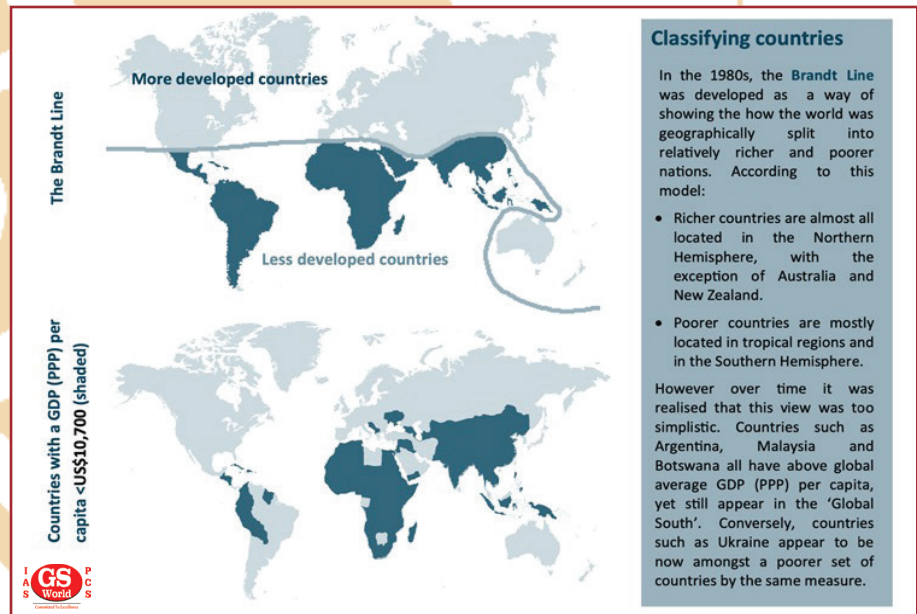
The Global South could've had its own Economic Club

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Paper - II
 (International Relation)

❖ If the South had forged economic solidarity and bargaining power, it should not have needed these new clubs.

It is necessary that at this specific time when there may be a lot of dialogue and hope surrounding the truth that India has stepped into presidency of the G-20—comprising a mixture of ‘rich’ Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Korea, China and not-so-rich Mexico, India, Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia—that we recall an earlier try that was made in 1987 to convey collectively a few of the economies of the South right into a ‘club’.



The South Commission

This was the South Commission that was arranged in 1987 and labored from 1987 to 1990, and revealed a report with concepts, prescriptions for uniting and strengthening the nations now referred to as the Global South. The chair was former president of Tanzania Julius Nyerere, and its member secretary, and in addition lead author, was India’s former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The others had been largely former finance ministers or bankers from their nations. Some six may very well be referred to as economists: Gamini Correa from Sri Lanka, Solita Collas-Monsod from the Philippines, Celso Furtado from Brazil, Michael Manley from Jamaica and Eduardo Navarrete from Mexico.

South Commission visited nations of the south and met their leaders and other people to get a pulse of find out how to escape the mesh of colonization, study from native experiences, achieve energy from our concepts and provide a united entrance. At the tip of three years, the fee introduced its report with suggestions on how we may slough off colonization and create our own economic philosophy and methods to beat poverty and different disabilities.

Commission's effort to make 'Club'

The thought of a devoted fee that will convey collectively economies of the south to type a 'club' or 'union' to barter collectively with the remainder of the world was impressed by an initiative taken by Willy Brandt, former chancellor of Germany. The work of the Brandt Commission had led to the publication of a report that led to the event of the European Union. This 'club' was helped alongside by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), whose analysis wing was like a lighthouse that guided the EU on coverage and developed responses to exterior economic impulses that will defend its pursuits.

In some ways, the South Commission hoped to create the same framework, with an institutional set-up for former colonies to strengthen south-south commerce and take a collective bargaining method in world affairs.

South Commission

- ↳ In its report *The Challenge to the South*, the Commission stressed the need for the countries of the South to work together at the global level, noting the need to strengthen South-South cooperation in international affairs.

South-South Cooperation

- ↳ South-South cooperation is a broad framework for cooperation in the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental, and technological fields between countries in the southern part of the world.
- ↳ Basically it refers to "technical cooperation" among developing countries in the Global South.
- ↳ Technical cooperation among countries of the Global South began as a pioneering effort to strengthen diplomatic and international negotiating power among nations with the help of political dialogue.
- ↳ South-South cooperation helps developing countries to share knowledge, expertise, skills, and resources to meet their development goals through concerted efforts. International Day for South-South Cooperation is celebrated by the United Nations on 12 September every year.

UNOSSC

- ↳ The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) was established to promote, coordinate and support South-South and triangular cooperation globally and within the United Nations system. was.
- ↳ UNOSSC is being organized by the United Nations General Assembly since 1974.
- ↳ UNOSSC presents its Strategic Framework to the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund –UNFPA), and UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services -UNOPS) Executive Boards for approval and funding.
- ↳ UNOSSC is provided with policy direction and guidance by the United Nations General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies through the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation.

The commission had varied experiences within the countries it visited. For example, in Mozambique (which was a Portuguese colony) when they freed themselves from "occupation" after a long time, there was only one educated person in the whole country, a station master in Maputo. Another example of a similar devastation was the situation in Benin, which was once a French colony.

Trying to Bring The South Together

Thus, there was a lot studying on find out how to construct solidarity amongst former colonies. The report was revealed as a ebook, Challenge to the South, by Oxford University Press in 1990. On mutual commerce, an illustration that Nyerere would use was associated to vehicles. He would argue that even when a truck from Germany was cheaper than one from Mahindra in India, African nations can buy Mahindra automobiles, as former colonies had to encourage one another's efforts.

Alas, though good concepts for self-strengthening and mutual assist had been designed, this effort led by a few of the most devoted and politically alert people of the south, heads of state in addition to economists and bankers, couldn't ship what it was purported to. If we within the South had, in actual fact, cast the form of economic solidarity and bargaining energy that the report spelt out a formulation for, drawing from our own strengths, we must always not have wanted these new golf equipment—with a mixture of wealthy and poor nations—that are actually being launched.

While the view of the world as we speak and the heart beat of economies inside it have little time for the spirit of the anti-colonial premises of the South Commission, recalling the political perspective and fervour of earlier 'clubs' would possibly provide us a phrase of warning as we glamourize the forthcoming gathering of the G-20. In any case, the political-economy philosophy of this new club of 20 could be very completely different. It is a mixture of superior economies and others, and it appears to me, with out the strum of liberation as a holding theme, it could don't have any ideological course.

South Commission and G-20

For all the trouble that India will put in to make this club's agenda a hit, it could be helpful to remind ourselves of our earlier effort to convey collectively economies of the southern hemisphere (excluding these of wealthy Australia and New Zealand) into an economic club. Mutual hand-holding , even when it doesn't go by the foundations of a free market, may start our emancipation.

Expected Question

Que. Consider the following statements-

1. UNOSSC (United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation) has approved and funded its Strategic Framework through UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund –UNFPA), and UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services -UNOPS).
2. International Day for South-South Cooperation is celebrated by the United Nations on 12 September every year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Neither 1 nor 2 (d) Both 1 and 2

Answer : D

Mains Expected Question & Format

Que.: Why was the South Commission (1987-90) set up? Highlight the importance of South-South cooperation for developing countries.

Answer Format :

- ❖ Explain why the South Commission (1987-90) was established.
- ❖ State the importance of South-South cooperation for developing countries.
- ❖ Give a balanced conclusion.

Note: - The question of the main examination given for practice is designed keeping in mind the upcoming UPSC mains examination. Therefore, to get an answer to this question, you can take the help of this source as well as other sources related to this topic.