

Key changes in Organisational Strategy

Vision and Mission

Southern Voice envisages a world in which power has been realigned between countries, resulting in fair and equitable engagement on global issues, and advancing a world in which people's rights and needs are met and sustainable development is achieved.

The network aims to contribute to a power realignment in inter-governmental relations on the SDGs. It does so by stimulating, generating, disseminating and promoting high-quality evidence-based analyses on the SDGs, from Think Tanks of the Global South. It embeds Southern research in global discourse on the SDGs, to promote space for deliberative evidence-based policy making and to ensure that governments and the global community are held accountable for effective delivery.

Governance Structure

The new structure includes a Director, and three regional coordinators (RC) for each region, as described below.

- Ms Andrea Ordóñez – to serve as Director of Southern Voice (formerly its research coordinator)
- Ms Karin Fernando from CEPA – to function as Regional Coordinator for Asia.
- Dr Ibrahima Hathie from IPAR – to function as Regional Coordinator for Africa
- Mr Pablo Hurtado of ASIES – to function as Regional Coordinator for Latin America.
- Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya – to serve as Chair of Southern Voice (and more specifically, provide guidance to the work of the Secretariat, focusing on research programmes of the network).

Strategic Outcomes

In the period to 2020, SV will work towards four outcomes:

- **Power realignment.** Global South governments will have more ready access to high-quality evidence-based policy analyses from the Global South, contributing to a reduction in the power differential between countries of the Global South and others in discourse and decisions on the SDGs.
- **Evidence-Based Policy Making.** Some governments of the Global South, and some inter-governmental fora, will review and change policies and approaches related to the SDGs on the basis of deliberative reflection on high-quality evidence.
- **Accountability.** Government agencies and actors such as SDG leads, and the UN system and other inter-governmental bodies, seek, welcome and respond to external inputs for improved participation and accountability for achieving the SDGs.

Established and Engaged Network. Southern Voice will have a firmly established governance structure and Secretariat able to support the full range of planned products and activities; systems that encourage and enable regional, thematic and self-organised groups to form and function effectively; and both core and project resourcing from a diverse range of donors that supports these while mitigating risk.