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Navigating Global Turbulence: Reimagining Partnerships and Reform in the Global South

The global economic system is witnessing a rapid transition that is gradually challenging the prevalent systems and existing norms that have shaped our economic and political reality. While previously economics and commerce played a major role in deciding outcomes for households and firms, in contemporary times they are additionally influenced by elements of geopolitics, [Read more →](#)



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Outreach



DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, in collaboration with the NEST Division (New, Emerging & Strategic Technologies Division), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organised a webinar in hybrid mode on “Digital Public Infrastructure: Assessing the Challenges and Priorities of Global South” on 24 September 2026.

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Key Developments in the Global South



Hon'ble Indian Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Calls for Greater Strategic Cooperation among Global South Nations to Address Emerging Security and Developmental Challenges

Hon'ble Indian Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan called for sustained international dialogue, mutual learning and strategic cooperation to address the rapidly

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India's Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble President of the UAE Discuss West Asia, Strategic Partnership During Phone Call

India's Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received a telephone call from Hon'ble President of the United Arab Emirates H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the two leaders exchanged views on developments in

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'India's Chips Will Go Out to the World': India's Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Sets Global Ambition as Semicon 2.0 targets 200 Chip-Design Firms

India is setting a substantially bigger target for the next phase of its semiconductor programme, with Semicon 2.0 aiming to support at least 200 chip-design startups and companies and

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India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar Meets UN Secretary General H.E. Mr António Guterres in New York

India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar met United Nations Secretary-General H.E. Mr António Guterres at the United Nations headquarters, with the two leaders discussing ongoing conflicts,

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India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar Calls for Global South Cooperation Amid Conflicts, Trade Pressures and Climate Challenges

India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar called for greater cooperation among Global South countries to address rising geopolitical tensions, economic challenges,

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India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers Meet in New York to Discuss Deeper Cooperation

The India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) was held on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, with discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between India and the Caribbean

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India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar Chairs Second FIPIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York

India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar chaired a meeting of the Hon'ble Foreign Ministers of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation, FIPIC, on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly in New York.

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India Sees CELAC as an Important Partner in Shaping a More Representative Global Order: India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar

India and the regional bloc of Latin American and Caribbean countries have a shared interest in ensuring that the Global South has a "stronger voice" in determining the

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India and GCC Review Cooperation, Welcome Launch of FTA Negotiations at New York Meeting

India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) reviewed the implementation of their Joint Action Plan and discussed the regional and international issues, including the situation in

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India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar Concludes Bhutan Visit

India's Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar concluded his three-day official visit to Bhutan, during which he reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation with the country's top leadership and held discussions on regional and

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India and MERCOSUR Begin Talks to Widen Trade Pact, Deepen Economic Ties

India and MERCOSUR have launched negotiations to expand their existing Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), in a move aimed at deepening economic relations and creating

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Government Launches Initiative to Build Digital Public Infrastructure for Tourism Sector

The Centre launched a project to build a national digital public infrastructure for the tourism sector, which will enable users to access a wide range of products and services on a shared

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Team Up Against Unilateral Action: Says Shri Shaktikanta Das, to Global South

Developing countries, including India, should focus on diversification in their trade and energy mix and use their collective voice to guard against energy shocks and protect their interests against unilateral action by large global powers,

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India Calls for Greater Global South Voice, UNSC Reform at G77 Foreign Ministers' Meeting

India called for greater voice and representation for developing countries and stressed the need for urgent UN Security Council reform as India's Foreign Secretary

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India Reaffirms Global Commitment to Pandemic Preparedness at UN

India has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening global pandemic preparedness and response systems during a United Nations (UN) high-level meeting in New York on 25 September 2026. Representing the country,

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India Reaffirms Steadfast Partnership with Least Developed Countries

India has reaffirmed its steadfast partnership with the Least Developed Countries. Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Sudhakar Dalela, participated in the Annual Ministerial Meeting of Least Developed

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India and Sri Lanka Discuss Bilateral Matters, Maritime Issues

India and Sri Lanka held discussions on maritime issues, bilateral matters and cooperation in multilateral fora.

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India Participates in 14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting and 23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation

The Indian delegation led by Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, participated in the 14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers'

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India and Uganda Reaffirm Mutual Appreciation for Bilateral Partnership

India's High Commissioner to Uganda, Shri Upendra Singh Rawat, met with Hon'ble Ugandan President H.E. Yoweri Museveni in Kampala, during which both sides reaffirmed mutual appreciation for their enduring bilateral partnership, according to the High Commission of India in Uganda.

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India Ready to Lead, Set Example in South-South Cooperation through BRICS: Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner to India Shri Chandradath Singh

Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner to India H.E. Shri Chandradath Singh has praised India's 2026 BRICS chairship, saying the scale of the summit and the participation

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India And Afghanistan Seek Stronger Health Cooperation

Afghanistan's Public Health Minister Mawlawi H.E. Hon'ble Noor Jalal Jalali met with Shri Yatin Patel, India's chargé d'affaires in Kabul, and the two sides discussed strengthening health services and expanding cooperation between the two countries. According to a statement from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), H.E. Hon'ble Noor Jalal Jalali thanked

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India Gifts 12 Agricultural Drones to Fiji to Support Sugarcane Production

India's High Commissioner to Fiji, Shri Sunet Mehta, presented 12 agricultural drones to Fiji's Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry, H.E.

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India Sends 3 Tonnes of Anti-TB Medicines to Sri Lanka

India sent around three tonnes of anti-tuberculosis medicines to Sri Lanka, with Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar reaffirming India's support for the island

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Seychelles Reaches Out to India for Support in Developing Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors

The Seychelles has strengthened its connections with India to help it increase revenues from landed tuna catch and strengthen post-harvest management procedures as the

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India-Argentina Economic Ties Deepen as Edible Oils Drive Trade Growth

India and Argentina are positioned for a further expansion of economic ties, driven by strong complementarities in agriculture, edible oils and agribusiness, Argentine Ambassador to India H.E. Mariano Caucino said.

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Singapore Chamber to Strengthen Engagement with Indian Government, Policymakers, Industry

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) plans to strengthen its engagement with the Indian government, policymakers and industry as part of its strategic

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Central Asian Countries Strengthen Agricultural Export Quality Systems to Unlock Higher-Value Markets

Government and private-sector representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan gathered in Bishkek to strengthen agricultural export inspection

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Việt Nam and Malaysia See Potential for Smart Agriculture Cooperation

Malaysia is accelerating the transformation of its agricultural sector from traditional, labour-intensive farming towards high-tech agriculture under its National Agrofood Policy 2.0 (NAP 2.0), creating new opportunities for strategic cooperation with

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Arab Agricultural Export Conference Calls for Regional Integration, Expanded Markets

Participants at the Arab East Conference for Agricultural Exports called for greater regional integration, expanded markets, and stronger agricultural supply chains to boost

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Jordan and Lebanon Seek Greater Agricultural Cooperation

President of the Jordan Chamber of Commerce and Amman Chamber of Commerce, H.E. Khalil Haj Tawfiq, called for closer agricultural integration among Jordan, Lebanon, and

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Egypt and Sudan Discuss Joint Agricultural Projects

Egypt and Sudan discussed developing joint agricultural projects on Sudanese land and cooperating on the production and supply of strategic crops as the two countries seek to

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Seychelles and Mauritius Move to Implement Agreements on Fisheries, Agriculture and Other Sectors

Seychelles and Mauritius have agreed to strengthen the implementation of bilateral agreements and institutional coordination as the two Indian Ocean neighbours seek more

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Egypt and Uzbekistan Discuss Expanding Food Security Cooperation

Egypt's Hon'ble Agriculture and Land Reclamation Minister H.E. Alaa Farouk said Egypt and Uzbekistan have strong historic ties and that political leadership has exerted efforts to expand economic and agricultural cooperation and promote

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Syria and Saudi Arabia Work on Agricultural Strategy, Explore Project Financing

Syria and Saudi Arabia are working on a joint agricultural strategy and exploring Saudi financing for agricultural projects as the two countries seek to expand cooperation on food

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Caribbean Agriculture Ministers Call for Deeper Regional Integration, New Financing Model

The call came during a plenary session on September 28 at Caribbean Week of Agriculture, held at the Ocean Coral Spring Resort in Trelawny, Jamaica, where Ministers warned

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African Development Bank and Brazil Target Strengthening Agriculture, Private Sector in Mali

The African Development Bank and the Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Mali met in Bamako to agree on closer cooperation on tackling key shared priorities for the

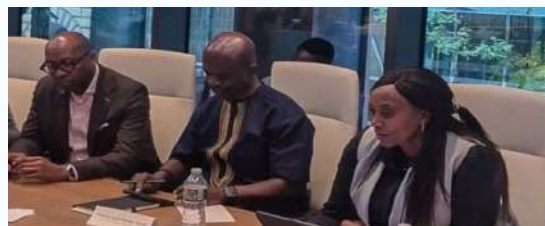
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Africa Sets New Accountability Rules to Cut Maternal and Child Deaths as Ghana Backs UNGA 81 Deal

African governments have agreed to subject their progress on maternal and child survival to annual continental scrutiny under a new health accountability framework endorsed

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AGN Chair Calls for Financing to Turn Africa's Climate and Health Plans into Action

African countries need increased financing to turn their climate and health priorities into funded programmes that protect communities and strengthen primary health care,

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African Health Leaders Urge Nations to Leverage AI for Epidemic Early Warning

African leaders, health ministers, regional institutions and international partners have clamoured for stronger cross-border collaboration and the responsible use of artificial

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CARICOM Partners Move to Advance Regional Digital Health Strategy

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is moving to advance a regional digital health strategy with support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Inter-American

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Egypt Healthcare Authority Plans Initiatives to Expand Health Cooperation across Africa

The Chairperson of the Egypt Healthcare Authority, H.E. Dr Ahmed El-Sobky, met with H.E. Mohamed Sherif, Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs, to discuss strengthening health and investment partnerships with African nations,

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Saudi Envoy Discusses Health Cooperation and Flood Support with Nepal's Hon'ble Health and Food Hygiene Minister

Saudi Ambassador to Nepal H.E. Fahd Mohammad A. Mnikhr paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble Health and Food Hygiene Minister H.E. Nisha Mehta, with discussions focusing on

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Vietnam and Laos Strengthen Healthcare Cooperation through Interventional Radiology

The event brought together Vietnamese Ambassador to Laos H.E. Nguyen Minh Tam, Associate Professor and Dr Nguyen Lan Hieu, Director of Hanoi Medical University Hospital,

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UNAIDS Convenes African Leaders to Build Health Sovereignty and Regional Production of Essential Medicines

The Joint United Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the African Union Development Agency (NEPAD) and partners have convened African ministers, government leaders,

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Solomon Islands and Indonesia Agree to Expand Cooperation in Education, Health

Solomon Islands and Indonesia have agreed to expand cooperation in education, health and trade. This followed bilateral discussions between the two countries on the

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Ghana and Cuba Assess Longstanding Health Cooperation

Ghana's Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa has had an engagement with his counterpart in Cuba, Comrade Bruno Eduardo Rodríguez Parrilla. H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa described the

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IGAD Convenes Regional Coordination Workshop to Accelerate Digital Integration Across Eastern Africa

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), together with the East African Community (EAC), the World Bank Group and the Government of Kenya,

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C5+1 SI Conference Highlights AI Cooperation and Digital Growth in Central Asia

Officials and experts discussed the opportunities and challenges of building that ecosystem at the C5+1 SI Conference: Digital Innovation for Economic Growth, which

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Uzbekistan Highlights Digital Geological Mapping at CIS Session

Uzbekistan took part in the 29th session of the Interstate Council on Exploration, Use and Protection of Mineral Resources of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), held in Minsk on Sept. 24–25.

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Lesotho Becomes First to Pilot UN Blueprint for National AI and Data Strategies

Led by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in support of the Government of Lesotho, the Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) coordinated a workshop in Maseru

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Mozambique Plans Unified Digital Public Services Platform by 2029

Mozambique aims to provide more integrated and accessible online public services by 2029. The government is preparing a three-year operational plan that will define the actions,

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Nepal's Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information, H.E. Dr Vikram Timilsina Emphasises Digital Transformation for Crisis Response and Public Service

Nepal's Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information, H.E. Dr Vikram Timilsina, has emphasised that Nepal should utilise digital transformation not only for technological

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Cambodia Studies Kazakhstan's Digital Public Service Model

Cambodia is looking to Kazakhstan's experience in digitalising public services as it advances its own modernisation agenda. A delegation from Cambodia's Ministry of Internal Affairs visited Kazakhstan's State Corporation to take a closer look at how Kazakhstan has built and scaled its service delivery system. The Central Asian

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Global South Must Have Greater Say in AI Governance, Says H.E. Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Malaysia's Hon'ble Foreign Minister

The Global South must have a meaningful role in shaping decisions on artificial intelligence (AI) rather than merely becoming a destination for data centres,

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Sierra Leone Pushes Safeguards-Based Digital Public Infrastructure at UNGA81

Sierra Leone has reaffirmed its commitment to building digital public infrastructure (DPI) with safeguards incorporated into systems from the outset, as countries and development partners discussed stronger approaches to digital transformation at the 81st United Nations General Assembly

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Digital Connectivity Key to Nigeria's Trade Competitiveness: H.E. Dr Jumoke Oluwole, Nigeria's Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment

The Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, H.E. Dr Jumoke Oluwole, says digital connectivity and infrastructure are critical to improving Nigeria's investment

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IBSA Ministers Reaffirm South-South Cooperation Amid Push for Fairer Global Order

India, Brazil and South Africa have reaffirmed the role of the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Dialogue Forum as a vehicle for strengthening South-South cooperation and advancing a more representative multilateral system amid growing global

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African Development Bank and United Nations Deepen Cooperation on Peace and Resilience in Africa

The African Development Bank and the United Nations (UN) signed a Letter of Intent on Strategic Cooperation on Peace and Resilience to deepen cooperation and accelerate joint action on peace,

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African Development Bank and Germany Partner on Railway Development to Boost Africa's Regional Connectivity and Integration

The African Development Bank Group has signed a letter of intent (LOI) with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to cooperate on

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ADB's \$6 Billion Ocean Plan Puts Southeast Asia's Food, Jobs and Coasts at its Heart

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced plans to mobilise up to \$6 billion through 2030 to protect Southeast Asia's seas and strengthen the industries and communities that depend on them.

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Pacific Islands Forum and CARICOM Strengthen Partnership through New MOU

The Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) have formalised their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed on 23 September 2026 on the margins of the 81st session of the

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Tanzania Benefits from SSTC Investment Training

Tanzania's Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Macocha Moshe Tembele, participated in the opening ceremony of a training programme on trade and investment promotion for African

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ABOUT DAKSHIN

The word “DAKSHIN” (दक्षिण) is of Sanskrit origin, meaning “South.” The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence in November 2023. The initiative was inspired by the deliberations of Global South leaders during the Voice of the Global South Summits. DAKSHIN stands for Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative. Hosted at the RIS, DAKSHIN has established linkages with leading think tanks and universities across the Global South and is building a dynamic network of scholars working on Global South issues.

DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence, emerging from the vision articulated by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, at the 1st Voice of Global South Summit in January 2023, seeks to advance human-centric and inclusive development across the Global South. Standing for Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative, DAKSHIN works to facilitate the identification, exchange and implementation of scalable, sustainable and locally relevant solutions to shared development challenges. As an accelerator and multiplier for the Global South towards the realisation of Agenda 2030 and the localisation of the SDGs, DAKSHIN promotes cross-continental knowledge exchange, evidence-based policymaking, peer learning, global public goods and transformative development partnerships.

Inaugurated by the Hon’ble Prime Minister during the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit in November 2023, DAKSHIN, hosted by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, brings together governments, institutions, think tanks and knowledge partners to foster dialogue, mutual learning and capacity building. Through its growing network of partners across the Global South, DAKSHIN facilitates collaborative research, policy dialogue and joint initiatives, supporting stakeholders in developing context-specific pathways towards sustainable development and strengthening globally inclusive partnerships.

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