

## In-Focus Article

### From Pyramid to Platform: BRICS Agenda for Global South

In his opening address at the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 12th September 2026, Indian Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi did something India's diplomacy has been building towards for three years: he moved the "Voice of the Global South" from a slogan to a work plan. Addressing the leaders, Sri Modi

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## Key Developments in the Global South



### Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at BRICS: Global South Must be 'Rule Shaper, not Follower'

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, at the BRICS summit, passionately called for a transformative shift in global governance, urging the replacement of the existing

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### Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Unveils New BRICS Initiatives to Boost Startups, Supply Chains, Digital Agriculture

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said India has prepared a series of initiatives under its BRICS chairship

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Participates in the 26th SCO Summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO),

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Chinese President H.E. Xi Jinping Seek to Reset India-China Ties on BRICS Sidelines

The leaders of India and China have agreed to work together towards resolving the contested border issue, according to the foreign ministry in New Delhi.

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Russian President H.E. Vladimir Putin Meet as India Hosts BRICS Summit

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with Hon'ble Russian President H.E. Vladimir Putin on the margins of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi. This was their

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Hon'ble President of South Africa on the Sidelines of the BRICS Summit

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met H.E. Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, Hon'ble President of the Republic of South Africa, on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit in

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi meets African Union Chairperson and Hon'ble Burundi President H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye on Sidelines of 18th BRICS Summit

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting today with H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye,

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Philippines President Discuss Ways to Strengthen India-ASEAN Engagement

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Philippines President H.E. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. held a meeting on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Vietnamese Prime Minister H.E. Le Minh Hung Discuss Bilateral Ties, Regional and Global Issues

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Hon'ble Vietnamese Prime Minister

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## Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Prime Minister of Malaysia on the Sidelines of the BRICS Summit in New Delhi

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Malaysia, on the sidelines of the

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### **Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Holds Bilateral Meeting with Hon'ble Ethiopian Prime Minister**

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed Ali at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates became full members of BRICS in

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### **Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Hon'ble President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Sidelines of the BRICS Summit in New Delhi**

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with the Hon'ble President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, on the sidelines of the

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### **Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi on the Sidelines of the BRICS Summit in New Delhi**

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a meeting with His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed on 12 September, 2026 on the sidelines of the

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### **Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Hon'ble Vice President of Uganda on the Sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi**

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a warm and productive bilateral meeting today with H.E.

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### **Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Meets with the Hon'ble Vice President of Nigeria on the Sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi**

Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with the Hon'ble Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Mr. Kashim Shettima Mustapha, GCON,

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### **India Proposes BRICS Capacity-Building Centres, DPI Repository for Digital Transformation**

India has proposed setting up capacity-building centres for BRICS countries to develop a future-ready workforce, along with a digital public infrastructure (DPI) repository to facilitate knowledge sharing and digital transformation among member states.

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# Hon'ble Russian President H.E. Vladimir Putin Calls for

Expanding UN Security Council Representation for Global South

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## China's Hon'ble President H.E. Xi Jinping Calls for Stronger Global South Ties, Puts Forth 5 Initiatives at BRICS Summit

China's Hon'ble President H.E. Xi Jinping called for stronger Global South ties during a session on Day 2 of the BRICS 2026 Summit. He put forth five initiatives,

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## Hon'ble Nigerian President H.E. Tinubu Courts BRICS for AI, Digital Infrastructure and Critical Minerals Investment

Hon'ble Nigerian President H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu warned that developing countries risk surrendering control of their future unless they move from merely consuming

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## BRICS Backs Expert Working Group on Traditional Medicine in New Delhi Declaration

The New Delhi Declaration adopted at the 18th BRICS Summit has given a major push to international cooperation in Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine

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## BRICS New Delhi Declaration Puts Global South, Women-Led Innovation and Digital Connectivity at Centre Stage

The BRICS New Delhi Declaration is expected to translate into stronger economic cooperation, women-led innovation and more resilient digital infrastructure across

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## ASEAN and India Agree to Deepen Cooperation on Climate-Resilient Agriculture, Digital Innovation

ASEAN and India have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in food, agriculture and forestry, with a focus on food security, climate-resilient farming,

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## India Deepens Agricultural Cooperation with Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar

India is strengthening agricultural ties with Southeast Asian partners Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar, with discussions focused on research collaboration,

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## Afghan and Indian Health Officials Discuss Medicines, Food Cooperation

Officials from Afghanistan and India have discussed expanding cooperation in medicines and food products, regulating imports and finalising bilateral cooperation agreements, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) said. The Ministry said an Afghan delegation, led by H.E. Mawlawi Hamdullah Zahid, Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Food and Drugs, held separate meetings with officials from India's

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## Hon'ble Union Minister for Women and Child Development, India, Smt. Annpurna Devi meets H.E. Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, Hon'ble Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, Hon'ble Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria, met the Hon'ble Union Minister for

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## Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh Undertakes his First Official Visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Hon'ble Minister of State (MOS) for External Affairs & Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, undertook his first official visit to the

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## Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, India, Shri Pabitra Margherita Pays an Official Visit to Palau

At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Palau, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita, visited Palau from 31 August to 2 September 2026 to participate in the 55th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders'

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## India and Myanmar Sign MoUs for Five Quick Impact Projects

The Embassy of India in Yangon and the Government of Myanmar signed Memoranda of Understanding for five Government of India-assisted Quick Impact Projects

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## New Delhi Marks UN Day for South-South Cooperation with

A major international push to accelerate agricultural innovation across the Global South took centre stage in New Delhi, as the United Nations Day for South-South

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## India Aims to Take UPI, Digital Public Infrastructure To Global South, Boost Fintech Exports: Commerce Secretary

India should leverage its experience in fintech, including the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and digital public infrastructure (DPI), to expand into global markets,

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## India Ramps Up Nepal Flood Relief with 8th Aid Flight, Specialised Tunnel Team and Forensic Experts

India has intensified its humanitarian assistance to Nepal in the wake of devastating flash floods, delivering over 130 tonnes of relief material and deploying 54 expert personnel

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## Tanzania and South Sudan Seek Closer Agricultural Cooperation to Boost Food Security

Tanzania and South Sudan are seeking to deepen cooperation in agriculture, expand regional trade and strengthen food security as the two countries pursue greater

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## Nigeria's First Lady Commended for South-South Food Bank

Nigeria's First Lady, Oluremi Tinubu, has been commended for launching a National Community Food Bank in the South-South geopolitical region to provide nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers.

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## Kazakhstan, Laos Seek to Expand Trade Through Agriculture and Transport Links

Kazakhstan and Laos are seeking to expand bilateral trade by using Kazakhstan's position as

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## Saudi Arabia Advances Gulf Food Security Cooperation at 38th GCC Committee Meeting in Bahrain

Saudi Arabia participated in the 38th Meeting of the GCC Committee for Agricultural Cooperation and Food Security in Bahrain, with a delegation led by General Food Security

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## Kazakhstan and Malawi Discuss Mining Industry and Agriculture Cooperation

Kazakh Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa H.E. Yerkin Akhinzhanov held a meeting with Mr. Chimango Edward Chirwa, Principal Secretary of the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Malawi.

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## Senegal Plans 60,000 Hectares of Oil Palm Plantations with Indonesian Support

Senegal plans to develop 60,000 hectares of oil palm plantations across Central and Southern regions through cooperation with Indonesia. Senegal's Ministry of Agriculture,

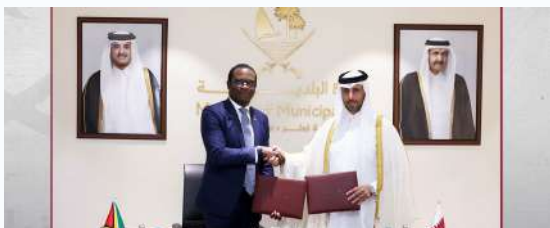
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## APNI, ACIAR Announce Partnership to Boost Agricultural Research and Innovation in Morocco, Ghana

The African Plant Nutrition Institute (APNI) has announced a new international initiative alongside the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

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## Qatar, Guyana Sign MoU to Strengthen Cooperation in Agriculture, Technology

The State of Qatar and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana signed a memorandum of understanding on Wednesday to strengthen cooperation in agriculture and technology.

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## Ten African Countries Sign Agreement to Strengthen Cross-Border Cooperation for Health Emergencies

Ministers of Health from 10 African countries have signed a Cross-Border Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding

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## ASEAN Promotes Strategic Cooperation for Regional Health Security

The 17th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting and Related Meetings (AHMM 17), themed "Healthy ASEAN: Together Towards Equitable, Future-Ready Health Systems",

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## Health Ministers of WHO South-East Asia Region Adopt Dili Declaration to Advance Equity in Specialised Care

Health Ministers of the WHO South-East Asia Region adopted the Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health:

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## Malaysia and Indonesia Explore New Areas for Health Cooperation

Malaysia and Indonesia are exploring new areas of health cooperation, including digital health, traditional and complementary medicine,

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## WHO Confirms Bhutan is First South-East Asian Nation to Achieve Rabies-Free Milestone

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has validated Bhutan for eliminating

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## Egypt, Tanzania Discuss Ways to Boost Healthcare Cooperation

Egypt's Hon'ble Minister of Health and Population Khaled Abdel Ghaffar met on September 3, 2026, with Egyptian Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Rania Abdel Meguid

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## South Sudan and Uganda Sign Agreement on Cross-Border Health Security

The governments of South Sudan and Uganda have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen

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## Vietnam Targets ASEAN's Top Three in Artificial Intelligence by 2030

Vietnam is aiming to become one of the three leading artificial intelligence (AI) economies in ASEAN by 2030, with AI expected to contribute around 6 per cent of gross domestic

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## Philippines Unveils \$34-B Roadmap to Become ASEAN AI Hub

The Philippine government on Tuesday launched the final draft of the Philippines AI+ Infrastructure Masterplan (PAIIM) 2026-2033, a USD34.4 billion roadmap that

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## Papua New Guinea Begins First Large-Scale Digital ID Rollout with Public Servants

Papua New Guinea's government has set a December 31 deadline to provide every public servant with a digital ID. The Pacific island country has been progressing in building

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## Colombia Opens 2026-2030 ICT Plan to Private Sector Input

The Ministry of Information and Communications Technologies (MinTIC) of Colombia invited the private sector to take part in designing the ICT Plan Colombia 2026-2030, as part of a review of connectivity policy following

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# Singapore Tables Digital Infrastructure Bill Following Industry Feedback, Pledges to Streamline Implementation

The Singapore government tabled a Bill to regulate data centres

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## Zambia Launches National Digital Trust Infrastructure

The government of Zambia and Altron Security have launched the country's National Public Key Infrastructure (NPKI), which is intended to provide a sovereign cryptographic foundation for digital identity, electronic signatures and secure online governance.

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## Singapore, Thailand to Develop Multi-Year ASEAN Agenda; Deepen Cooperation On Food Security, AI And Connectivity

ASEAN neighbours Singapore and Thailand are looking to deepen cooperation not just bilaterally, but on initiatives that could benefit the wider region.

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## Action Program to Implement ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan Approved

Under Prime Ministerial Decision 1775/QD-TTg, signed by Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Phan Van Giang on September 14,

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## Egypt's Foreign Minister Launches Cairo Initiative to Strengthen South-South Crisis Cooperation

Egypt's Hon'ble Foreign Minister H.E. Badr Abdelatty announced the launch of the "Cairo Response Dialogue",

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## African Development Bank Group and African Forum of Deposit Funds Enter into New Alliance to Mobilise More Long-Term Financing

The African Development Bank Group and the members of the African Forum of Deposit Funds have agreed to strengthen their cooperation to mobilise more long-term

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## UN to Launch Global Alliance for South-South Cooperation to Drive Sustainable Development

Under the theme "Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development", the United Nations will mark UN Day for South-South Cooperation on Saturday, highlighting the vital role

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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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