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In-Focus Article

From Borders to Collective Resilience: A New Chapter in Africa's Health Emergency Cooperation

Public health emergencies do not respect national borders. A pathogen introduced in one community can spread to neighbouring states through the same trade corridors, transport networks, and social ties that connect populations across the continent. In Africa, where cross-border population mobility is extensive and countries frequently share epidemiological risk, health security is inherently a collective undertaking rather than a purely national one. A recent agreement signed by ten African countries marks a substantive step towards operationalising this
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Outreach



DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS, in partnership with the Policy Cen-tre for the New South (PCNS), Morocco; the CEIDES; and Stat View International, con-vened a workshop on “South-South Cooperation for Agricultural Innovation: From Knowledge Exchange to Scalable Solutions,” bringing together experts from India, Morocco, Guinea and Belarus to explore practical pathways for strengthening agricultural innovation, improving smallholder farmers’ incomes, advancing climate-resilient and sustainable farming, and building meaningful partnerships through knowledge exchange, technology collaboration and stronger agricultural value chains across the Global South. **Read more** →

Key Developments in the Global South



India’s Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Stresses Affordable Tech Access, Last-Mile Connectivity for Global South during GSMA Board Interaction

India’s Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during his interaction with the GSMA Board, stressed the need for technology for the last mile and affordable access for the

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Ghana, India Have Been "Champions of Global South": India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar in Accra

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar highlighted Ghana and India as “historic partners” and “champions of the Global South”, as he called for deeper

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India and Ghana Sign Historic MOU to Advance Agricultural Research, Education, and Technology Transfer

India and Ghana have strengthened cooperation in agricultural research, education and technology transfer with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR),

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India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar Holds Talks with Côte d’Ivoire Leaders to Strengthen Bilateral Ties

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar met Côte d’Ivoire’s Hon’ble Vice Prime Minister and Hon’ble Defence Minister, H.E. Téné Birahima Ouattara, in Abidjan.

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India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar calls on Hon’ble Ethiopian Prime Minister H.E. Abiy Ahmed Ali in Addis Ababa

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar called on Hon’ble Ethiopian Prime Minister H.E. Abiy Ahmed Ali in Addis Ababa and conveyed the personal greetings of India’s Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

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India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar EAM Jaishankar Meets UAE’s Hon’ble Deputy Prime Minister H.H. M Al-Nahyan, Discusses Bilateral and Global Issues

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar held a meeting with UAE’S Hon’ble Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H.H. M Al-Nahyan, during which the two

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India, Africa Share Deep Linkages Built on Global South Solidarity, Strategic Autonomy: India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar chaired a conference of India’s Heads of Mission in Africa in Addis Ababa, saying India and Africa share deep linkages

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India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar Says India’s Multi-Alignment Approach Enables Engagement with Major Global Powers

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said the Global South expects India to articulate the region’s concerns on the global stage. Addressing the 5th Kautilya

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India’s Growing Global Footprint Characterised by Growing Trade, Development, and HADR Partnerships: India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar

India’s Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar stated that India is enhancing its domestic capabilities and forming dependable alliances amid an evolving global

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India’s Hon’ble Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Concludes Successful Visit to Singapore, Focusing On Strengthening Investment and Financial Cooperation

The engagements provided an opportunity to review progress in advancing the outcomes of the 4th India–Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) and explore avenues

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India Highlights Regional Energy Cooperation and Energy Security at 20th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting

India's Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, represented India at the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting held in Manila, Philippines. Addressing the Meeting, he

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India Reiterates Commitment to Inclusive & Consensus-Based Multilateral Cooperation at 7th CICA Summit in Azerbaijan

The 7th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, to deliberate on deepening regional

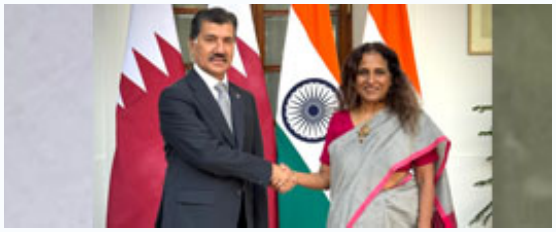
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India Reiterates Call to Reform International Financial Institutions to Ensure Funding for Development

India has reiterated its call for reforming international financial institutions to give the Global South its due representation and ensure developing nations have access to affordable and predictable funds. Speaking at the General Assembly's

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Qatar and India Hold Sixth Round of Political Consultations

The State of Qatar and the Republic of India have held the sixth round of political consultations between their foreign ministries in New Delhi, focusing on bilateral cooperation and ways to strengthen ties. The talks were co-chaired by HE Dr Ahmed bin Hassan Al Hammadi, Secretary-General of the

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India, ASEAN Put FTA Review on Fast-Track, Set Targets

India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to expedite negotiations on the review of pending chapters of their trade agreement, setting time-bound deliverables for negotiating groups as they seek to address outstanding issues and improve the pact's

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Indian Ambassador to Kazakhstan Calls for 'Connectivity in its True Sense', Urges Shift from AI Talks to Joint Projects

India and Kazakhstan should move beyond discussions and translate their growing strategic partnership into concrete cooperation in artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure,

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India, Mali Discuss Cotton Value Chains on World Cotton Day



India and Mali commemorated World Cotton Day at the United Nations in New York, highlighting opportunities to strengthen cotton value chains, support farmers and artisans,

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India and ITU Advance Cooperation on AI Deployment and Capacity Building

India has joined a group of ten pilot countries participating in the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) AI for Good Lab initiative, which aims to help countries translate AI strategies into practical applications. The country's

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Kazakhstan, Mongolia Expand Cooperation in Energy, Agriculture and Mining

First Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan H.E. Nurlan Nalibayev met with Hon'ble Mongolian Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Nyamtaishiryn Nomtoibayar, who arrived in

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Vietnam, Timor-Leste Seek Broader Cooperation in Rice, Coffee and Fisheries

Vietnamese Ambassador to Timor-Leste H.E. Pham Binh Dam met with H.E. Marcos da Cruz, Timor-Leste's Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry, in

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Egypt Trials Smart Irrigation and Artificial Intelligence Technologies to Optimise Water Use in Agriculture

Egypt is trialling smart agricultural solutions based on digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI), with the aim of improving irrigation water management, reducing wastage

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Togo to Use Kyrgyz Satellite Data for Agriculture and Natural Resource Monitoring

Togo will use satellite data from Kyrgyzstan to improve the monitoring of agriculture and natural resources. The two countries signed the space cooperation agreement during the

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Jordan and ASEAN Discuss Agricultural Trade Cooperation, Food Security

Jordan's Hon'ble Agriculture Minister H.E. Saeb Khreisat and Ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions from Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries discussed cooperation in agriculture and food security and

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From Guinea to Nigeria, Indonesia Builds a Broader Palm Oil Partnership Base in Africa

On October 3, Guinea held talks with a delegation from Indonesian conglomerate Bakrie on developing the country's palm oil industry, extending discussions that were already

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Somalia, Algeria Seek Stronger Cooperation on Agriculture and Food Security

Somalia's Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir Maareeye, received Algeria's ambassador to Somalia for talks focused on strengthening

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Syria, Libya Explore Prospects for Expanding Cooperation in Energy and Agriculture

Adviser for Arab Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Mohammad Taha al-Ahmad held talks with Chargé d'Affaires of the Libyan Embassy in Damascus H.E.

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IsDB and IFAD Scale Up Partnership to Mobilise US$750 Million for Food Systems and Rural Transformation

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) are stepping up joint investment in food systems and rural transformation.

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Egypt and Chad Sign Medical Cooperation Agreement

Hon'ble Egyptian Foreign Minister H.E. Badr Abdelatty met with his newly appointed Hon'ble Chadian Foreign Minister H.E. Ahmed Kogri to discuss strengthening bilateral relations

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Oman, Egypt Explore Ways to Enhance Health Cooperation

The Sultanate of Oman and the Arab Republic of Egypt discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of public health and develop areas of expertise and

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Cuban Envoy, SVG Health Minister Discuss Expanding Medical Cooperation

H.E. Daniel Cummings, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Environment and Energy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, received the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to this sister nation, H.E. Carlos Ernesto Rodríguez

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Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan Explore Ways to Elevate Bilateral Healthcare Cooperation

The Hon'ble Minister of Health of Uzbekistan, H.E. Eldor Adilov, held talks with the Hon'ble Minister of Health of Kazakhstan, H.E. Akmaral Alnazarova, in Avaza,

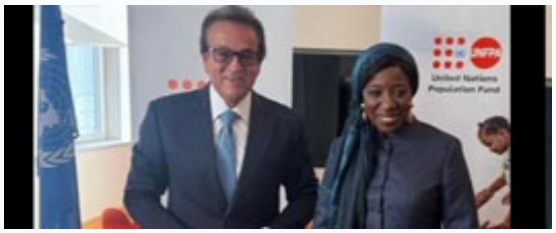
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Ghana, Egypt Deepen Cooperation in Health, Defence and Housing

Hon'ble Ghanaian President H.E. John Dramani Mahama and Hon'ble Egyptian President H.E. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi have reaffirmed the longstanding historic ties between their two

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Egypt, UNFPA Discuss Cooperation in Reproductive Health, Family Planning

Egypt's Hon'ble Health and Population Minister H.E. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar met with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Executive Director Ms Diene Keita on the sidelines

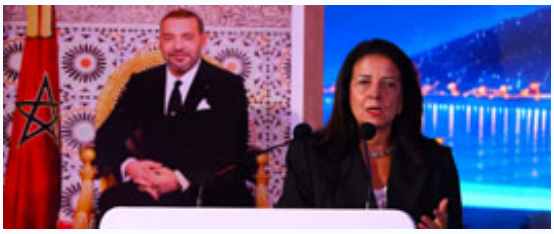
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IGAD and SADC Convene Regional Institutions in Lusaka to Strengthen Health Emergency Preparedness and Response



The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community (SADC), convened a three-day inter-Regional Economic

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Morocco Wants to Build AI, Not Just Use it: Morocco's Hon'ble Digital Transition Minister H.E. Amal El Fallah Seghrouchni

Morocco is seeking to strengthen its digital sovereignty and accelerate its technological development by gaining control over infrastructure, data, computing capacity and technology

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Nigeria Seeks Stronger Digital Infrastructure for Improved Public Service Delivery

The Nigerian Federal Government has called for stronger digital public infrastructure and collaboration among government agencies to improve governance, financial inclusion and service delivery. The Secretary to the

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Singapore Eyes Regional AI Adoption Push Under 2027 ASEAN Chairmanship

Singapore is looking to advance artificial intelligence (AI) adoption across ASEAN when it assumes the bloc's chairmanship in 2027, according to DBS' Intentional AI report.

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Sri Lanka's DPI Buildout Sets Stage for Fintech Expansion

Sri Lanka's emerging digital public infrastructure, including its Unique Digital Identity, National Data Exchange and National Payment Platform, could open new opportunities for fintech

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Kenya Advances Digital Public Infrastructure Roadmap for a Connected Digital State

Kenya is advancing its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) roadmap as part of efforts to move beyond digitising individual government services towards building a more

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Mozambique Unveils 'Internet for All' Strategy to Expand Digital Inclusion

Mozambique is developing a Strategy and Implementation Plan for its "Internet for All" initiative to coordinate ongoing efforts to expand connectivity and digital inclusion across the country. The proposed strategy was presented on

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Rwanda Secures €17 Million to Strengthen Digital Public Services and Cybersecurity

Rwanda has secured €17 million (about $19 million) from the International Development Association (IDA) to strengthen the digital infrastructure behind its public services. Parliament

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Kazakhstan Accelerates Digital Transformation as Trans-Caspian Fiber-Optic Link Nears Launch

Officials discussed implementing Kazakhstan's Digital Qazaqstan Strategy at a government meeting on Oct. 6, outlining plans to expand AI-powered public services, develop

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African Diplomats in Cairo Agree to Develop African Digital Integration Roadmap

Representatives from 11 African diplomatic missions in Cairo have agreed to develop a joint roadmap addressing the continent's biggest digital integration challenges, including investment, digital trade, cybersecurity, data governance,

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Egypt's Hon'ble President H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi Calls for Greater Reliance on Africa's Own Resources, Development of Financing Mechanisms

Egypt's Hon'ble President H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi called on African countries to rely more on their own resources and develop African financing mechanisms to fund the continent's

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African Energy Leaders Call for Action on South-South Oil and Gas Partnerships

African and Caribbean energy leaders called for stronger cross-border investment, technology transfer and enforceable local-content requirements to ensure emerging oil and gas producers

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8th MYCM Bringing Together African Leaders and Representatives to Advance Continent's Shared Priorities Under Agenda 2063

The 8th African Union Coordination Meeting between the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) & Regional Mechanisms (RMs) opened in New Alamein,

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AIIB Invests up to USD100 Million in TPG Rise Climate Global South Initiative Fund to Boost Climate Investment in Emerging Markets

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has committed USD50 million to the TPG Rise Climate Global South Initiative Fund, and up to USD50 million in co-

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Azerbaijan Highlights Importance of South-South Cooperation at UN

Azerbaijan attaches great importance to South-South cooperation as a means of promoting solidarity, mutual benefit and sustainable development, Gamar Safarova, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the UN, said in a statement at the Second Committee

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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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