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Transport Connectivity in the Global South

Connectivity has enabled the movement of people, goods and ideas across places and has played a very significant role in shaping the global cultural, economic and political order as we know it today. It has been pivotal in fostering commerce by connecting traders as well as consumers to producers. Transport connectivity is important tool for movement of people, facilitating trade, economic integration, technological progress, and cultural exchange. Efficient connectivity reduces the logistics costs and thereby the trade costs.

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DAKSHIN Network and Collaborations



DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence convened a series of regional consultations with its Letter of Association (LoA) partners on 6, 7 and 11 August 2026, bringing together institutions from across the Global South. The consultations respectively engaged partners from East Africa, Central Asia and Europe on 6 August; South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands on 7 August;

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Key Developments in the Global South

India and Uzbekistan Can Expand Rare Earth Ties: Hon'ble Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu



Hon'ble Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu said there is immense potential for cooperation between India and Uzbekistan in the mining sector, particularly in rare earth minerals, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. During a meeting with H.E. Saidov Bakhtiyor Odilovich, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who had called on the Hon'ble Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said that the two nations share deep historical, cultural, and civilisational ties, rooted in ancient trade routes. She said that the shared heritage in architecture, language, cuisine, music, and religious traditions has further strengthened bilateral partnership. She said that the presence of high-level leaders in the visiting Uzbek delegation and the organisation of an India-Uzbekistan Business Forum on the sidelines of the visit reflect the growing confidence of businesses of both sides in each other's markets.

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Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Calls for Harnessing Seven Streams of Strength Under Sapt Dhara for India's Development



Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said since 2014, India has entered into Free Trade Agreements with nearly 40 countries, creating enormous opportunities for Indian businesses and exporters. Addressing the nation on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day, he called upon the country's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSMEs, to make full use of these opportunities and ensure that Indian products reach markets across the world. He added that Indian textiles, machinery and medicines have significant potential in global markets. However, he emphasised that Indian products must meet and surpass international standards and parameters to succeed in global markets. He said, today every Indian is embracing the spirit of Make in India and Vocal for Local. He said India cannot remain dependent on other nations and the country must become self-reliant. In his address, he called upon the nation to harness the seven streams of strength called as Sapt Dhara. He said, in the next five to seven years, the country will achieve all those that could not be achieved in the past five to seven decades.

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India Inaugurates New Airport, Boosting Connectivity with ASEAN



Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently attended the inauguration ceremony of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport in Bhogapuram, Andhra Pradesh. The project, located approximately 40km from the port city of Visakhapatnam (Vizag), was built with a total investment of over 56 billion rupees (approximately \$640 million USD). Spanning approximately 2,200 acres under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, the airport is scheduled to officially begin commercial operations on August 17, 2026. This is one of the key infrastructure projects in India's aviation network

modernisation strategy and is expected to become a new growth engine for the eastern region. The project includes a 154-acre Aerocity model, industrial zones, residential areas, and an aerospace industrial center aimed at attracting businesses, services, and logistics chains to develop around the airport.

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"Reaffirmed India's Commitment Towards Deeper Global South Partnership": Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar Meets Liberian Parliamentary Delegation



Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met a Parliamentary Delegation from Liberia visiting India for an IBSA-funded peer-learning programme and reaffirmed India's commitment towards deeper Global South partnership. In a post on X, he said, "A pleasure to meet a Parliamentary Delegation from Liberia visiting India for the IBSA-funded peer-learning programme." "Exchanged views on development programmes, sharing the experience of Jan-Dhan Yojana, MUDRA Yojana, SVANidhi, Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, and Mission Amrit Sarovar," he said. "Appreciated their interest and reaffirmed our commitment towards deeper Global South partnership," he added. On the same day, Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Annpurna Devi also met the Liberian parliamentary delegation and the Women's Legislative Caucus of Liberia, highlighting Indian experience in women-led development and empowerment.

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Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar Reaffirms Africa as a Strategic Priority, Backs Greater African Role in Global Governance



Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar reaffirmed that Africa remains one of India's foremost foreign policy priorities, underscoring New Delhi's commitment to deepening its strategic partnership with the continent through development cooperation, trade, education, defence collaboration and support for a more inclusive global order. Addressing the Africa Day 2026 celebrations in New Delhi, he described the occasion as one of solidarity and shared history, saying the relationship between India and Africa is rooted in centuries of cultural exchanges, common struggles against colonialism and a shared vision for the future. Recalling the historical links between the two regions, he said India and Africa have been connected for millennia through the Indian Ocean, facilitating not only trade but also the exchange of cultures, ideas, philosophies and traditions. He noted that both regions fought colonial rule together and continue to share a strong bond forged during their struggles for freedom and dignity.

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ASEAN Day: Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar Reaffirms India's Commitment to Deepen Ties With 11-Member Bloc



Hon'ble Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar extended greetings to ASEAN member states on the 59th ASEAN Day, reaffirming India's commitment to strengthening its Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with the regional bloc. In a post on X, he said, "Best wishes to our @ASEAN friends on the 59th ASEAN Day." He added that the ties guided by India's Act East Policy, the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, "continue to deepen" across key areas. He said, "Guided by our #ActEast Policy, our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership continues to deepen through connectivity, trade, digital linkages, resilient supply chains, defence, education and cultural exchanges." "Confident that India-ASEAN ties will continue to grow in substance and ambition, contributing to the peace, stability and prosperity of the wider Indo-Pacific region," he added.

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BRICS Strong Voice of Global South: Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman



Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said BRICS was emerging as a strong and influential voice for the entire Global South and asserted that India would work to take the grouping forward through a collaborative and cooperative approach. Speaking to the media after completing two days of deliberations with BRICS Finance Ministers, Central Bank Governors and other officials in Jaipur, she said the role of BRICS had expanded significantly beyond representing only its member countries. “BRICS is no more a forum for its member nations,” she said, pointing out that the grouping was increasingly raising and addressing issues affecting developing countries, including smaller nations in Africa and the Pacific region. She said India, under its BRICS presidency, wanted to strengthen cooperation with these countries and ensure that their concerns received greater attention on the international platform.

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Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Meets Hon'ble Indonesian Vice Minister of Finance H.E. Juda Agung; Discusses Financial Sector Ties and Local Currency Transactions



Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman met Hon'ble Indonesian Vice Minister of Finance H.E. Juda Agung, discussing key matters related to financial sector development and closer collaboration in

international financial services. The bilateral meeting took place on the sidelines of the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting, the Ministry of Finance said on X. During the discussion, Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the progress in bilateral relations following high-level diplomatic visits between the two countries. The leaders focused on administrative and policy mechanisms to boost economic engagement, touching upon specific operational frameworks in financial services and bilateral commerce.

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Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Reserve Bank of India Hon'ble Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra Discuss Cross-Border Payments at BRICS Finance Meet



Hon'ble Indian Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Reserve Bank of India Hon'ble Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra co-chaired the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting with discussions focusing on financial stability, cross-border payments and cooperation among central banks. The RBI said Hon'ble Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra underlined the importance of central banks in safeguarding price and financial stability. He also stressed that greater coordination among monetary authorities would be important for developing a financial system that is more resilient, efficient and inclusive. During the meeting, the Reserve Bank of India Hon'ble Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra reviewed the progress of various central bank initiatives across key areas. These included information security, fintech, cross-border payment systems, sustainable finance and capacity building.

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Hon'ble Indian Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Invites Indian, Uzbek Businesses to Co-Invest and Co-Manufacture, Calls for Doubling Bilateral Trade



Hon'ble Indian Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal invited businesses from India and Uzbekistan to expand cooperation through co-investment, co-manufacturing and innovation, while calling for efforts to double bilateral trade between the two countries over the next three years. Addressing the India-Uzbekistan Business Forum in New Delhi, he said the strategic partnership between the two countries, built on mutual trust, respect and shared economic goals, offers significant opportunities for expanding trade and investment ties. Highlighting the potential of economic cooperation, he said bilateral trade has crossed around USD 1.5 billion but remains below the capabilities of the two economies. He said India can offer Uzbekistan a large and growing market, a skilled workforce and an innovation-driven ecosystem.

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India and South Africa Customs Union (SACU) Sign Terms of Reference for Preferential Trade Agreement Negotiations



India and the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) have signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for negotiations towards a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), establishing the framework for formal negotiations to strengthen bilateral trade and economic ties. The ToR was signed at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, in the presence of Hon'ble Indian Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Shri Jitin Prasada and senior officials from India and SACU. Hon'ble Indian Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal called for a balanced and equitable agreement that would expand market opportunities for both sides. He said India could support the SACU region through affordable medicines, IT talent development and integration into global supply chains. He said the proposed PTA would provide preferential market access to an existing commercial relationship covering sectors such as engineering goods and machinery, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, textiles, agriculture and agri-processing.

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Indonesia-India Discuss Proposal to Create Preferential Trade Agreement



Hon'ble Indonesian Trade Minister H.E. Budi Santoso met Hon'ble Indian Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal on the sidelines of the BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting in Jaipur on 7 August 2026, where Indonesia welcomed India's positive response to a proposed Indonesia-India Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). The bilateral pact would complement the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) by widening market access, reducing non-tariff barriers and strengthening trade facilitation. The Ministers also reviewed the Indonesia-India Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) and the ongoing AITIGA review, where Indonesia reaffirmed support for concluding negotiations by 2026 and committed to an 80% market access liberalisation target, up from its current 41.9%. Total trade in the first half of 2026 reached US\$11.89 billion, with Indonesia holding a US\$6.68 billion surplus.

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Hon'ble Indian Union Minister Shri J P Nadda Releases Knowledge Paper on 'AI in MedTech: Revolutionising Healthcare Through Artificial Intelligence'



Hon'ble India Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare Shri J. P. Nadda released a knowledge paper on "AI in MedTech: Revolutionizing Healthcare Through Artificial Intelligence" at the 9th Edition of India Medical Device 2026, organised by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with FICCI, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The report highlights the growing role of Artificial

Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector, from creating new opportunities to addressing emerging challenges. Jointly developed by Praxis Global Alliance, in association with FICCI, the knowledge paper examines India's evolving AI-enabled MedTech landscape and outlines the strategic actions needed to accelerate responsible AI adoption across healthcare. It explores AI's role in diagnostics, clinical decision support, operational efficiency and medical device innovation, while identifying the regulatory, policy and ecosystem interventions required to enable large-scale adoption.

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India and Liberia Discuss Women-Led Development and Gender-Responsive Governance



Hon'ble Indian Union Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Annpurna Devi met a parliamentary delegation from Liberia and discussed India's initiatives on women-led development, political representation and gender-responsive governance. The Liberian delegation, comprising members of the Senate, House of Representatives and the Women's Legislative Caucus, was led by H.E. Hon'ble Ellen-Atttoh Wreh. Representatives of UN Women also participated in the meeting held in New Delhi. The delegation visited India from August 10 to 15 as part of a South-South Peer Learning Mission organised with the support of UN Women. The programme is funded by the Governments of India, Brazil and South Africa through the India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Fund and administered by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

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Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh's Côte d'Ivoire Visit Part of India's Broader Engagement with Africa: Ministry of External Affairs, India



Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh undertook an official visit to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 6–8 August 2026, at the invitation of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, to attend the celebrations of the 66th National Day of Côte d'Ivoire as the Guest of Honour. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh attended the National Day celebrations and witnessed the participation of an Indian Armed Forces Marching Contingent in the National Day Parade. He held substantive bilateral discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Côte d'Ivoire and called on H.E. the President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. The discussions covered the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including economic and development partnership, defence and security cooperation and people-to-people ties. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen the multifaceted India–Côte d'Ivoire partnership.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal H.E. Balendra Shah Meets Indian Envoy in First Diplomatic Engagement



Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal H.E. Balendra Shah has initiated a new era of direct diplomacy by holding his first one-on-one meeting with Indian Ambassador Naveen Srivastava, focusing on strengthening crucial bilateral ties and development cooperation between India and Nepal. Hon'ble Indian Ambassador to Nepal Shri Naveen Srivastava called on Nepali Prime Minister Balendra Shah in the first meeting since Shah assumed office in March. The courtesy call opens a series of individual discussions Prime Minister Shah is holding with foreign envoys, marking a clear shift toward direct, one-to-one diplomacy. Both sides discussed various aspects of Nepal-India relations, focusing on bilateral friendship, mutual interests, development partnerships, and ongoing cooperation during the meeting. Over the past seven decades, India-Nepal development cooperation has expanded and diversified.

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Official Visit of Foreign Secretary of India to Bhutan for the Fifth India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks for the 13th Five Year Plan



At the invitation of the Foreign Secretary of Bhutan, Mr. Pema Lektup Dorji, Foreign Secretary of India Shri Vikram Misri paid an official visit to Bhutan from 30-31 July 2026, to co-chair the 5th India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks (Plan Talks) for the 13th Five Year Plan (FYP) of Bhutan. The two sides discussed all aspects of bilateral cooperation, including development partnership, energy, trade and investment, connectivity, people-to-people ties, as well as other regional issues of mutual importance. During the 5th Plan Talks, both sides reviewed the overall progress and implementation of the Government of India (GoI)'s support of INR/Nu. 100 billion (10,000 crore) for Bhutan's 13th FYP period (2024-29). This support covers Project Tied Assistance (PTA) projects, High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP), Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) and the Programme Grant.

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India-Sri Lanka Ties Strengthened as Foreign Secretary of India Shri Vikram Misri Concludes Official Visit



The Foreign Secretary of India, Shri Vikram Misri, concluded his official visit to Sri Lanka after holding high-level discussions with Sri Lankan leaders on strengthening India-Sri Lanka relations, economic cooperation, development projects, and regional security. The Indian High Commission in Colombo said the visit provided an opportunity to review the progress of bilateral cooperation and reaffirm the strong partnership between India and Sri Lanka. This was his first standalone visit to Sri Lanka after being appointed as Foreign Secretary. During his visit, he met Hon'ble Sri Lankan President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayake, Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, and Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism H.E. Vijitha Herath. He also held discussions with Foreign Secretary Smt. Aruni Ranaraja and met Opposition Leader Shri Sajith Premadasa, along with representatives of Sri Lanka's Tamil and Indian Origin Tamil communities.

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India and Lesotho Review Entire Bilateral Spectrum to Enhance South-South Cooperation



India and Lesotho reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation during the recently held Joint Bilateral Commission for Cooperation (JBCC) meeting, including trade and economic and development cooperation. The sixth meeting of JBCC between India and Lesotho was held in New Delhi on 30th of July. The JBCC meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary (East & Southern Africa), Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Janesh Kain and Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations of Lesotho, Shri Thabang Lekhela. The Indian External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that the Lesotho delegation met with Secretary (ER), Shri Sudhakar Dalela, on 31st of July. The Lesotho delegation separately held discussions with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and the Department of Commerce to discuss ways to advance cooperation across diverse sectors of mutual interest.

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India and Rwanda Identify Critical Minerals, Healthcare, Digital Technologies as Priority Areas for Trade Cooperation



India and Rwanda have identified critical minerals, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, digital technologies, and renewable energy as priority sectors for expanding bilateral trade and investment cooperation, following the first session of the India-Rwanda Joint Trade Committee (JTC), according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Held in New Delhi on July 30 and 31, the inaugural JTC established a permanent and structured mechanism to review bilateral trade, identify trade barriers, promote new opportunities

and address logistical and regulatory issues. The Agreed Minutes of the meeting were signed by the two sides, which also agreed to hold annual sessions in Rwanda and India on a mutually convenient date through diplomatic channels. The two sides reviewed existing trade in goods and services and agreed to make concerted efforts to diversify bilateral trade while strengthening business-to-business engagement.

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Indonesia and India Expand Digital Partnership on AI



Indonesia and India are expanding digital cooperation into artificial intelligence research, technology development and innovation, opening a new phase in their partnership, Indonesia's deputy communications minister said. Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Communication and Digital Affairs of Indonesia, H.E. Nezar Patria, said both countries could advance collaboration through joint research, talent development, digital infrastructure and technologies benefiting the public. "India and Indonesia are not competitors chasing the same narrow path in AI. We complement each other," he said. He described India as a natural partner with extensive experience developing digital public infrastructure, while Indonesia offers a large population and strategic resources to support AI adoption. He said Indonesia's AI Roadmap regulation provides a foundation for turning bilateral cooperation into more concrete projects and initiatives.

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Over 20 Indian AI firms Eye Investments in Philippines' Pax Silica Industrial Hub



Indian artificial intelligence (AI) companies are set to explore investment opportunities in the proposed Pax Silica industrial hub later this year, according to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Philippines Inc. (FICCI). FICCI Vice President Shri Vedant

Bhardwaj said a delegation of more than 20 Indian firms is scheduled to visit the site in New Clark City, Tarlac, this September. “These are various Indian AI companies that are coming in and looking into investments,” he told Manila Bulletin in a recent interview. He added that several of the firms are also interested in exploring advanced manufacturing and semiconductor production at the hub. The AI hub fulfils part of the Philippines’ commitment under the United States-led Pax Silica initiative, which the country joined in April as its 13th member.

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India Awards US \$840,000 Grant for Tanzania Climate Resilience Project



India has approved a grant of US \$840,000 to support Tanzania’s efforts to strengthen financial resilience against climate-related disasters through the Climate Insurance and Resilience Programme (CIRP), following a request from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. The funding will be provided through the Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, which was established by the Government of India to support countries across the Global South, according to a statement from the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the United Nations. “India fully supports the Tanzanian Government’s determination to the proposed project, which shall serve as an effective vehicle in dealing with the climate-related hazards threatening lives and livelihoods,” the statement said. Established by the Government of India in June 2017, the India-UN Development Partnership Fund supports development projects in partner countries that contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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India Dispatches 8 MT of Life-Saving Medicines to Bolivia to Support Public Healthcare



The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that India has dispatched an eight-metric-tonne consignment of essential and life-saving medical supplies to Bolivia to bolster the South American nation's public healthcare infrastructure. Underlining India's commitment to supporting partner nations, the MEA stated on social media platform X, "Extending a helping hand to a Global South partner. India has dispatched an 8 MT consignment of life-saving and essential medicines to Bolivia in support of its public healthcare capacity. India always stands ready for advancing cooperation through solidarity and shared progress." The diplomatic gesture follows recent engagements between the two nations.

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Indonesia Urges BRICS to Expand Agricultural Trade



Indonesia is urging member nations of the BRICS economic bloc to expand their industrial cooperation framework into agriculture, aiming to boost trade in value-added commodities and processed agro-products. Speaking at an exhibition and business matching event in Jakarta, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Industry H.E. Faisol Riza said commodity-based agriculture should complement the bloc's existing focus on minerals and technology. "This is an opportunity for us to encourage member countries to fully utilise the agricultural potential of each nation," he said. He noted that several BRICS member states remain primary importers of Indonesian agricultural output, particularly crude palm oil (CPO) and its downstream derivatives. "Not just CPO, but also palm oil derivatives, so we can prepare value-added products for global and BRICS markets," he added.

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The Federal Government and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Renew Push for Inclusive, Climate-Resilient

Agriculture



The Federal Government and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) have renewed their commitment to building a productive, inclusive and climate-resilient agricultural sector. The commitment was made at a high-level convening to mark AGRA's 20 years of partnership with Nigeria in Abuja. The event brought together government officials, development partners, private-sector leaders, research institutions and grassroots advocates to discuss the future of Nigeria's food systems. The Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, H.E. Sen. Abubakar Kyari, said Nigeria's food systems must respond to population growth and climate change through increased productivity and climate-smart agriculture. He also called for greater mechanisation and sustainable financing to strengthen the sector. He said the priorities would shape Nigeria's contribution to the forthcoming Africa Food Systems Forum in Kigali, Rwanda.

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Morocco and Chile Sign Agricultural Health Cooperation Protocol to Boost Trade



Morocco and Chile have taken a new step toward expanding agricultural and food trade with the signing of a cooperation protocol on quarantine, plant protection, and animal health. Morocco's National Office for Food Safety (ONSSA) and Chile's Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) signed the agreement. The protocol aims to align sanitary and phytosanitary procedures governing agricultural and food products traded between the two countries. It is also expected to simplify administrative requirements and reduce processing times at the border. Officials said the agreement should help make trade flows smoother while strengthening protection for agricultural production in both countries, in line with international standards. Morocco's Hon'ble Ambassador to Chile, H.E. Kenza El Ghali, described the agreement as a "decisive step" toward building greater sanitary

confidence between the two countries and creating new opportunities for agricultural and food trade.

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Bangladesh and Nepal Explore Fisheries Cooperation



Bangladesh has expressed interest in expanding cooperation with Nepal in fisheries and aquaculture, including through technology transfer, joint research, training and private-sector investment. Speaking at the inaugural session of the First Annual General Assembly and Convention of the Nepal Fisheries Development Association (NFDA) in Chitwan, Hon'ble Bangladeshi Ambassador H.E. Shafiqur Rahman highlighted his country's progress in the fisheries sector and proposed areas for bilateral collaboration. Hon'ble Agriculture, Forests and Environment Minister H.E. Gita Kumari Chaudhary attended the event as chief guest, while Ambassador Rahman was the special guest. Hon'ble Bangladeshi Ambassador H.E. Shafiqur Rahman said Bangladesh had emerged as one of the world's leading fisheries producers through coordinated policies, scientific research, private-sector participation and the efforts of fish farmers and fishers.

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Vietnam and Uganda Step up South-South Cooperation on Sustainable and Resilient Coffee



The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Vietnam (MAE) - represented by Department of International Cooperation, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda - represented by the Coffee Department, and IDH set out a shared intention to cooperate on sustainable, resilient and deforestation-free coffee – deepening South-South cooperation between two of the world's leading Robusta origins: Vietnam, the world's largest Robusta producer, and Uganda, Africa's leading coffee exporter. The

five-year cooperation builds on the two countries' 2019 bilateral agriculture Memorandum of Understanding. This cooperation is ultimately about creating a better future for coffee farmers in Vietnam and Uganda. It builds on Vietnam's experience in sustainable coffee production, where most coffee producers earn incomes well above living income benchmarks, and on strong public-private collaboration to meet market requirements.

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Thailand links AI and Agriculture in New Industrial Strategy



Thailand is seeking to combine artificial intelligence with agricultural innovation as part of a broader industrial strategy aimed at raising productivity, strengthening domestic businesses and spreading the benefits of technological growth more widely across the economy. Hon'ble Industry Minister H.E. Varawut Silpa-archa outlined the approach at the Delta Future Industry Summit 2026 on August 14, describing artificial intelligence and agriculture as two engines that should work together to support Thailand's next stage of development. The government unveiled an economic strategy focused on artificial intelligence, advanced digital technology and green industries, intending to place Thailand among the world's 20 most competitive economies. Under the Green Thailand policy, the government is also seeking more high-value clean-energy investment, smart electricity grids, expanded electric-vehicle infrastructure and credible carbon-accounting and emissions-trading systems.

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Indonesia Targets Central Asia and Africa to Expand Agricultural and Processed Goods Exports



Indonesia is stepping up efforts to diversify its export markets by targeting Central Asia and Africa, regions that are being prepared as new destinations for agricultural and

processed goods, said the Ministry of Trade. The initiative forms part of the government's long-term export development agenda, which aims to strengthen national economic resilience by reducing reliance on the traditional markets of China, the United States, and Europe. "We are expanding the market," said H.E. Budi Santoso, the Ministry's Director General of National Export Development, speaking at a seminar in Jakarta on Tuesday. "The government is working to ensure that Indonesia's export potential can be maximised with these new markets." He explained that the strategy will focus not only on increasing the volume of exports but also on upgrading the quality of processed products, such as coffee, palm oil, spices, cocoa, and processed food. In the short term, the focus will be on increasing exports of commodities from plantations, particularly coffee and rubber, with a target of diversifying the destination countries, including from Central Asia and Africa.

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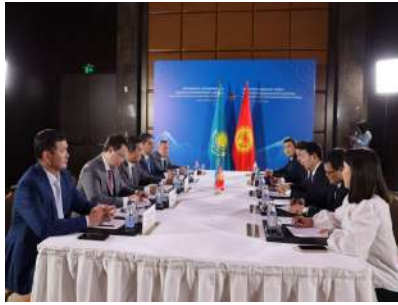
Armenia and Kazakhstan Discuss Expanding Agricultural Cooperation



Armenia's Hon'ble Minister of Economy H.E. Gevorg Papoyan met with Kazakhstan's Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture H.E. Aidarbek Saparov in Almaty on the sidelines of the Eurasian Economic Union's Council on Agro-Industrial Policy meeting. According to the Economy Ministry's readout, the sides discussed opportunities to expand cooperation in agriculture, increase bilateral trade, implement joint investment projects, and exchange experience and modern agricultural technologies. They also addressed cooperation in the efficient use of water resources, irrigation systems, livestock farming, and the processing of agricultural products. Hon'ble H.E. Minister Papoyan emphasised the potential to increase exports of Armenian agricultural and food products to Kazakhstan, particularly wine, fruit and vegetable products, and fishery products.

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Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Discuss Wheat Supplies



A bilateral meeting between Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic H.E. Erlist Akunbekov and Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Aidarbek Saparov took place in Almaty on August 13. The meeting's agenda included ensuring stable supplies of food wheat, transit of Russian grain through Kazakhstan, supplies of mineral fertilisers, and developing cooperation in agricultural processing, digitalisation, and livestock breeding. The Ministers expressed their willingness to join forces and work with Kyrgyz and Kazakh agricultural holdings to address the issue of food wheat supplies. The Kyrgyz side also proposed finding solutions for the uninterrupted transit of Russian grain through Kazakhstan and expressed interest in expanding purchases of Kazakh wheat. The parties also discussed opportunities for attracting investment in agricultural processing, development of logistics infrastructure, digitalisation of agriculture, and livestock breeding. Following the meeting, the ministers confirmed their readiness for further coordination and implementation of specific joint projects.

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Kenya Strengthens Regional Health Partnerships Ahead of East Africa Healthcare Conference



Regional collaboration remains central to advancing resilient, innovative and sustainable healthcare systems across East Africa. Health Cabinet Secretary Hon'ble Aden Duale held talks with the Ethiopian Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. General Bacha Debele Buta, the Chairperson of the Ethiopian Healthcare Federation, Dr. Markos Fekete, and the leadership of the Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) to strengthen cross-border collaboration in healthcare. The meeting reviewed preparations for the 13th East Africa Healthcare Federation Conference and International Health Exhibition, which will be held in Ethiopia from 21–23 August 2026 under the theme, “Resilience: Building the East

African Health Economy – Advancing Regional Partnerships, Innovation and Investment for a Healthier East Africa.” The conference is expected to bring together Health Ministers, policymakers, innovators, investors and development partners to promote regional cooperation, innovation and investment in healthcare.

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Tanzania’s Hon’ble President H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan Urges Africa to End Reliance on Overseas Medical Treatment



Tanzania’s Hon’ble President H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan has called on African countries to reduce their reliance on foreign aid in the health sector and instead invest in building robust and self-sustaining local healthcare systems to save lives, and has also urged collaboration with leading healthcare providers abroad. She made the remarks in Angola, where she also inaugurated the Tanzania–Angola Friendship Hospital and the Angolan–Tanzania Friendship Hospital at the Zango site, during her working visit to the country at the invitation of Hon’ble Angolan President H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço. She said investment in the health sector was crucial to making Africa more self-reliant and strengthening the continent’s development. Hon’ble President H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan and the establishment of the hospitals demonstrated Angola's commitment to improving healthcare and strengthening bilateral cooperation, while fostering regional progress in the provision of advanced healthcare, as well as highly skilled professionals.

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The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Calls for Stronger Health Cooperation in Greater Horn of Africa



The Intergovernmental Authority on Development, IGAD, has called for stronger cross-border cooperation to improve health emergency preparedness and response across the Greater Horn of Africa. The call came at the conclusion of a three-day national advocacy workshop in Addis Ababa focused on strengthening cross-border health emergency preparedness and response in Ethiopia. The workshop brought together officials from Ethiopia's Ministry of Health and Ethiopian Public Health Institute, alongside representatives of WHO, Africa CDC, and other development partners. In a closing remark, IGAD Director of Health and Social Development, Ambassador Moussa Meigague, said public health emergencies do not respect national borders, making regional coordination essential. He noted frequent outbreaks of cholera and mpox, plus threats from Ebola and other new diseases. Climate shocks, forced moves, and broken health services make these crises worse.

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Egypt and Namibia Deepen Health Cooperation Through Digital Transformation



Egypt and Namibia are stepping up cooperation in the healthcare sector after Egypt hosted a Namibian delegation to showcase its digital health experience, as the two countries seek to expand collaboration on healthcare technology, digital transformation and capacity building. The visit, organised by Egypt's Ministry of Health and Population in coordination with the Foreign Ministry's African Affairs Department, focused on sharing Egypt's experience in deploying digital technologies to improve healthcare services and strengthen health system management. The Namibian delegation toured the ministry's Crisis Management Center in the New Administrative Capital, where officials demonstrated digital platforms used to support decision-making, emergency response and the monitoring of healthcare services. Health Ministry spokesperson Mr. Hossam Abdel Ghaffar said the delegation commended Egypt's progress in digital health, describing its experience as a leading model in Africa for integrating modern technology into healthcare services

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Uganda, World Health Organization and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Deepen Collaboration to Strengthen Regional Health Security



The World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa, Dr Mohamed Yakub Janabi, and the Director-General of Africa CDC, Dr Jean Kaseya, visited Uganda as part of a high-level joint mission to advance regional health security and promote resilient health systems across Africa. The mission included engagements with the Vice President, H.E. Maj. (Rtd) Jessica Alupo, Hon'ble Minister of Health H.E. Dr Chris Baryomunsi and other senior government officials. The visit comes as the country works to sustain preparedness following the successful containment of the recent Ebola disease outbreak while remaining vigilant against the continued risk posed by ongoing Ebola transmission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Discussions focused on strengthening collective action to address current and future public health threats. Throughout the mission, the delegation commended Uganda for its decisive leadership in responding to the Ebola outbreak and for its commitment to regional solidarity.

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Africa Charts New Path to Health Sovereignty: World Health Organization Leadership Joins Ghana at Landmark Summit



The Africa Health Sovereignty Summit was born out of an urgent need for Africa to take greater ownership of its health agenda. Amidst a shifting global financing landscape and rising public health threats, the summit created space for African Heads of State, Hon'ble Ministers of Health and Finance, private sector actors, global health leaders, and civil society to reimagine the continent's health financing architecture. From 4–6 August 2025, Ghana welcomed the highest leadership of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a series of strategic engagements aimed at strengthening health systems and advancing sustainable health financing in Africa. The Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and the WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Mohammed Yakubu Janabi, were in Accra to participate in the Africa Health Sovereignty Summit, hosted by the Government of Ghana.

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World Bank Group Invests US \$25 Million in Africa's Digital Commerce Infrastructure



The World Bank Group is supporting the expansion of Africa's digital commerce infrastructure to help small businesses reach new markets, create jobs, and strengthen economic opportunities across the continent. Through Jumia, Africa's leading e-commerce platform, the investment is expected to enable approximately 60,000 local annual active sellers to participate more fully in the digital economy, support around 1,800 direct jobs, and create income-generating opportunities for more than 100,000 independent sales agents. As digital commerce continues to grow across Africa, reliable access to online marketplaces, logistics networks, and digital payments is becoming increasingly important for entrepreneurs and small businesses seeking to expand beyond local markets. Strengthening this infrastructure can help firms increase sales, improve productivity, and connect consumers with a wider range of affordable goods and services.

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The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and African Union (AU) Conclude Digital Platform Training to Track West African Integration



The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, in collaboration with the African Union (AU), has concluded a four-day technical workshop in Abuja focused on the African Regional Integration Synthesized Index (ASRII) digital platform. The training brought together 20 representatives from key ECOWAS directorates alongside AU delegates and technical consultants. Supported by the United

Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB), the initiative aims to modernise how regional integration is tracked across political, economic, infrastructure, and human and social dimensions. During a briefing to mark the end of the workshop, ECOWAS Commission Secretary General Muazu Umaru underscored the need to move away from historical low data usage and transition toward evidence-backed policy decisions.

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Senegal Moves to Safeguard Digital Infrastructure



The Ministry of Telecommunications and Digital Economy in Senegal has presented a proposal on a Bill for the protection of critical information infrastructure and digital security to the Intercommission of the National Assembly, marking a step towards achieving its digital sovereignty policy. According to the Ministry, the move addresses a major issue: as the administration, economy, and daily life increasingly rely on the digital realm, cyber attacks targeting essential infrastructure could lead to major disruptions in the continuity of services that citizens depend on. This comes as experts note that Africa's rapid digital transformation is outpacing its legal and governance frameworks, leaving the continent vulnerable to advanced, cross-border cyber crime syndicates. As ITWeb Africa previously reported, this disconnect is already a catalyst for a spike in cybercrime across the continent, imminently threatening the region's digital future.

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Benin's Digital Public Infrastructure Roadmap Aims to End Siloed Digital Government



Benin is developing a digital public infrastructure (DPI) roadmap to connect fragmented government systems, allowing citizens to access public services without repeatedly

submitting the same identity documents. A workshop in this regard took place recently in the capital Cotonou, organised by the Information Systems and Digital Agency (ASIN), the government body spearheading the initiative, in collaboration with Digital Impact Alliance. The reflections brought together government officials, industry experts such as the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI), representatives of development partners, as well as other important stakeholders in the country's digital transformation journey. The idea of the initiative is to construct a unified system through which citizens can access public services without having to resubmit identity documents already held by one or more public institutions. According to ASIN's Director General, Mr. Marc-André Loko, the roadmap will make public service delivery not only secure, but seamless and convenient.

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Indonesia Sets Out Full-Stack Strategy for AI Development



Indonesia is developing a national strategy to strengthen its position in the global artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem, with the government outlining plans that extend beyond technology adoption into infrastructure, semiconductor supply chains and workforce development. Speaking in Yogyakarta, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Communications and Digital Affairs H.E. Nezar Patria said the country aims to become an active contributor to AI development through a five-layer approach that addresses the entire technology stack. The strategy forms part of Indonesia's broader digital transformation agenda, which has also included work on digital governance for responsible AI growth and efforts to expand digital connectivity across remote regions. Officials said the latest initiative is intended to strengthen domestic AI capability while improving Indonesia's role in regional and global technology value chains. According to him, the government's AI strategy is structured around five interrelated layers: energy, infrastructure, chips, talent and applications. The approach is designed to ensure that Indonesia can participate across different parts of the AI ecosystem rather than focusing solely on software deployment.

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Papua New Guinea Digital Public Infrastructure Strategy Moving from Infrastructure to Implementation as Ecosystem Gains Momentum



Papua New Guinea is moving into the next phase of its digital public infrastructure (DPI) strategy, with plans for biometric voting pilots alongside new digital ID applications emerging from government-backed innovation programs. The government is preparing biometric and electronic elements for its voting system. Minister for Administrative Services Richard Masere spoke about his department's inclination towards digitalisation of the common roll and voting system, reports EMTV. The plan would start with phased trials of biometric voter identification and photo-based electoral rolls. Pilots would run in the seven Highlands provinces, the National Capital District, Popondetta and selected urban districts. The phased rollout would introduce facial, fingerprint and iris biometrics to strengthen “one person, one vote” integrity. Trials are expected to continue through 2027, with broader biometric and electronic voting targeted by 2032.

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Ethiopia's National ID Program to Expand Digital Wallet and Credential Verification



Ethiopia's National ID program is transitioning from a project-based initiative into a state-owned enterprise under the name 'Faydaverse', with plans to expand digital wallet and credential-verification services across public and private sectors. The National ID program, widely known as Fayda, has been placed under the Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH) portfolio. Officials say the restructuring will reduce reliance on donor funding and create a financially sustainable and commercially driven institution. Mr. Saminas Seyfu, Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Communication at the Ethiopia National ID Program, said the transition would provide greater operational flexibility and help the institution attract and retain specialised technology professionals. He said operating as a state-owned enterprise would allow Faydaverse to compete more effectively for skilled professionals in the technology sector.

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Dominican Republic Uses Bootcamp to Turn DPI Foundations into Citizen Services



Over the last few years, the Dominican Republic's government has been focusing on the less glamorous work of writing interoperability rules, establishing data governance frameworks, and envisioning what it wants to achieve with its digital public infrastructure (DPI). Now, it wants to turn these foundations into real public services that improve people's interactions with the state, says the Ministry of Public Administration (MAP)'s Director of Digital Government, Ms. Ginsy Aguilera, to GovInsider. Ministry of Public Administration (MAP)'s Director of Digital Government, Ginsy Aguilera. Last month, MAP and its technical partner, the Center for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI), ran a five-day bootcamp to bring together selected public agencies to identify, design and implement real-world use cases to issue verifiable credentials (VCs).

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Sierra Leone Advances National Digital Identity and Digital Public Infrastructure Agenda



The Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation (MoCTI) has convened a national Public-Private Sector Dialogue Forum to advance Sierra Leone's digital identity and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) agenda, marking the next phase of a strategic partnership established earlier this year. The dialogue follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in June 2026 between the Ministry, Bhutan National Digital Identity (Bhutan NDI) and the SIGN Foundation. The agreement aims to support the development of Sierra Leone's national digital identity ecosystem through

open-source technology, verifiable credentials and internationally recognised standards for privacy, security and data sovereignty. The forum brought together representatives from government, the private sector, financial institutions, academia, civil society and development partners to discuss the country's approach to Digital Public Infrastructure.

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Hon'ble Brazilian President H.E. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva Calls for Stronger BRICS, South American Integration and Greater Global South Role



Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's government plan places greater South-South cooperation at the centre of the country's foreign policy, with a focus on strengthening ties among developing nations and expanding Brazil's political, economic, financial and technological autonomy. The plan outlines efforts to strengthen BRICS and Mercosur, deepen South American integration, reform multilateral institutions and increase Brazil's participation in shaping international norms on artificial intelligence, digital technologies and data protection. It also seeks greater representation for developing countries in global governance institutions, including international financial organisations and other multilateral bodies. The plan supports expanding financing mechanisms associated with the group and developing instruments that can address the infrastructure and development requirements of countries in the Global South.

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Jamaica and Ghana to Expand Bilateral Cooperation in Key Areas



Jamaica and the Republic of Ghana are poised to deepen cooperation in key areas, including health, education, tourism and air services, following extensive bilateral

discussions between the leaders of both nations. Hon'ble Prime Minister, H.E. Dr. Andrew Holness, held bilateral talks with Ghana's Hon'ble President, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, in Kingston. Hon'ble President, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, was in Jamaica on a State Visit. He was accompanied by Ghana's Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, and Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Defence, H.E. Ernest Brogya Genfi. In a media statement, H.E. Dr. Andrew Holness noted that Hon'ble President, H.E. John Dramani Mahama's visit underscores and strengthens the long-standing diplomatic relationship between Jamaica and Ghana. He pointed out that the health cooperation agreement is already yielding benefits, with the anticipated arrival of Ghanaian nurses to help strengthen Jamaica's healthcare system.

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Egypt and Uganda Strengthen Bilateral Ties



Acting on the directives of Hon'ble Egyptian President H.E. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Egyptian Expatriates H.E. Badr Abdelatty met with Hon'ble Ugandan President H.E. Yoweri Museveni to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral relations and exchange views on issues of mutual interest. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Second Extraordinary Summit of Troop-Contributing Countries to the African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), held in Uganda's capital Kampala. During the meeting, H.E. Badr Abdelatty conveyed Hon'ble Egyptian President H.E. Abdel Fattah El Sisi's greetings to Hon'ble Ugandan President H.E. Yoweri Museveni, reaffirming Egypt's pride in the longstanding and close historical ties between the two countries. He also highlighted the growing momentum in bilateral relations, reflected in the exchange of high-level visits, most recently President Sisi's visit to Kampala last May.

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Arab Countries Strengthen Disaster Risk Knowledge and Governance Through South-South Exchange in Libya



Government officials, disaster risk management authorities, United Nations agencies and regional experts from across the Arab region gathered in Tripoli for a two-day South-South Sharing Experiences Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Governance, reaffirming their collective commitment to strengthening disaster risk governance, improving disaster risk knowledge and advancing resilient development across the region. Jointly organised by the National Center for Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management (NCCM in Libya, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the World Food Programme (WFP) Libya Country Office, the workshop provided a regional platform for exchanging practical experiences and lessons learned on disaster risk reduction, disaster data, early warning systems, preparedness, recovery readiness and institutional coordination. The programme brought together experts and practitioners from Libya, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Somalia and Yemen, demonstrating the growing value of South-South cooperation in addressing the region's shared and interconnected risks.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ensures Indonesia is Committed to Strengthening South-South Cooperation



Indonesia is committed to deepening and strengthening development cooperation, as part of South-South Cooperation as well as part of economic diplomacy, said the Director General of Economic Relations and Development Cooperation (HEKSP) of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Daniel Tumpal Sumurung Simanjuntak. Speaking at a media gathering in Jakarta, he emphasised that Indonesia is committed to strengthening development cooperation, amid global trends that show a reduction in aid and development cooperation. As part of economic diplomacy, Ambassador Tumpal said it was important to strengthen development cooperation. "As I said earlier, Indonesia remains committed to continue strengthening South-South

Cooperation," he explained. According to him, in addition to increasing the capacity and development of partner countries, development cooperation can also be an instrument to strengthen mutually beneficial economic cooperation.

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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Strengthens Partnership with Antigua and Barbuda Through High-Level Engagements On Data-Driven Development



Strengthening the use of data and evidence in public policy took centre stage during a high-level visit to Antigua and Barbuda by ECLAC Caribbean Director Hon'ble Ms. Miosotis Rivas Peña, as part of the implementation of the project “Strengthened Capacity to Design and Implement Policies to Enhance Resilience in Caribbean SIDS”. During her visit, she delivered ECLAC Caribbean's Masterclass on Data and Statistics for Decision-Making for senior government officials and held discussions with Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Barbuda Affairs H.E. E.P. Chet Greene, reaffirming the longstanding partnership between ECLAC and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. In her presentation, she highlighted the critical role that high-quality, timely and accessible official statistics play in supporting effective governance, sustainable development and resilience-building.

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African Development Fund Grants US \$4.3 Million to Strengthen Integration of Natural Capital into Decision-Making in 13 African Countries



The Board of Directors of the African Development Fund, the concessional window of the African Development Bank Group, has approved a grant of US \$4.23 million to implement the second phase of a project to integrate natural capital into development financing in Africa. The project covers thirteen countries: Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. With in-kind contributions from partner institutions such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the German public agency for international cooperation on sustainable development (GIZ), the African Union Development Agency—New Partnership for Africa's Development, the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Environment Programme, the project aims to foster an environment conducive to better utilization of natural capital and its integration into political and financial decision-making processes.

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