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#### Scaling Rainfed Water Management: A Collaborative Model for the Global South

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Water scarcity and soil degradation are critical challenges affecting rainfed agricultural systems in the Global South. India, home to one of the world's largest rainfed agricultural landscapes, has developed a robust model for integrated water resource management. The successful interventions in the Bundelkhand region, India led by the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research- (ICAR) with support from the Government of India and state Government, provide a scalable framework for addressing water stress and enhancing agricultural productivity. These interventions demonstrate an effective approach for ensuring food and water security while building system resilience, offering a valuable model for other regions in the Global South.

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#### Global South Health Technology Assessment: Perspectives from ISHTA 2025

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International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA) 2025 was organised in New Delhi on 8th- 9th March, 2025 by the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in partnership with WHO India and the Centre for Global Development, where global experts were invited to explore how Health Technology Assessment (HTA) can improve healthcare decision-making. Healthcare systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), particularly those in the Global South, struggle with a lack of resources, a high rate of disease, and disjointed policy responses. Many Global South countries lack

organized methods to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of healthcare interventions, in contrast to high-income countries where HTA is well-integrated.

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## Key Developments in the Global South



### **From SAGAR to MAHASAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Unveils India's Bold New Vision for the Global South in Mauritius**

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### **Ghana's Foreign Minister Praises India's Support for African Union's G20 Membership**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, has praised India's decision to promote the African Union's (AU) membership in the G20, describing it as a commendable step towards global inclusivity. During his visit to India, he emphasized the importance of Africa having a stronger voice in global economic and governance discussions. At the bilateral engagements with his Indian counterpart, His Excellency Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Mr Ablakwa expressed appreciation for India's role in advocating for Africa's place in international decision-making bodies.

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### **India and Vietnam Discuss AI, Digital Technology**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met with a Vietnamese parliamentary delegation during their visit to India in New Delhi. During the meeting, the Lok Sabha Speaker met with Vice Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam, Nguyen Duc Hai, and discussed the functioning of India's Parliament, the Budget Session, and the use of digital technology and artificial intelligence.

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## Cambodia and India Expand Health Cooperation

Minister of Health Chheang Ra received a courtesy call from Vanlalvawna Bawitlung, the Ambassador of India to Cambodia, and his delegation at the Ministry of Health. During the meeting, Minister Ra reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening cooperation in the health sector through enhanced healthcare systems and deeper partnerships between Cambodia and India. Ra outlined the ministry's priority plans for the 7th mandate, which include improving health center services and district and provincial referral hospitals through infrastructure renovations and equipping them with modern medical equipment and medicines.

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## Ethiopian Prime Minister Urged to Strengthen Africa CDC as Leading Health Agency

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has called upon fellow African leaders to join efforts in establishing our continental public health agency as a premier institution, fully committed to advancing health across the continent. The Prime Minister had taken a tour to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). Ethiopia is proud to host the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), a specialized public health agency of the African Union, the Premier said in a social media post. According to the PM, Africa CDC's laboratory and research capabilities play a crucial role in disease prevention and in coordinating responses to epidemics and pandemics.

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## Singapore and Vietnam Advance Regional Healthcare Collaboration

Singapore and Vietnam are deepening their commitment to regional healthcare collaboration with the launch of a new Regional Collaborating Centre (RCC) in Hanoi. A joint initiative by the SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (SDGHI) and Hanoi Medical University (HMU), the centre will serve as a vital hub for academic partnerships, medical research and healthcare innovation, strengthening the shared vision of improving health outcomes.

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## Cuba to Boost Healthcare Cooperation with Tanzania

THE Cuban Ambassador to Tanzania, Yordenis Vera, has emphasised that strong bilateral cooperation in the health sector has enabled the continuous importation of essential medicines

from Cuba to Tanzania. Speaking over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the opening of a training course for skin specialists, Ambassador Vera highlighted drugs for treating skin conditions, including vitiligo, as among the imported medicines.

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### **Nigeria and Brazil Sign \$8b Green Initiative Partnership**

Nigeria and Brazil signed the commercial phase of the \$1.1 billion Green Imperative Project (GIP) to boost agriculture productivity and enhance private-sector investment, estimated at a total package of \$8 billion. GIP, the largest agricultural project in Africa which prioritises the development of sustainable, low-carbon agriculture, aims to develop structural conditions to boost food production in Nigeria in an efficient and competitive manner.

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### **India and Zimbabwe Strengthen Agricultural Ties**

Zimbabwe and India are deepening their agricultural collaboration through discussions focusing on mechanization, climate resilience and trade opportunities. Indian Ambassador to Zimbabwe Brahma Kumar met Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development Minister Dr. Anxious Masuka to review ongoing projects and explore new avenues for cooperation.

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### **Egypt Expands Agricultural Cooperation with UN**

Egypt's Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, met with Elena Panova, the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt, to discuss enhancing cooperation between the ministry and UN agencies working in the agricultural sector. Farouk emphasised the importance of engaging both the Egyptian and African private sectors to boost trade, investment and food security on the continent. For her part, Elena Panova presented the UN cooperation framework with Egypt for 2023-2027, covering five key areas: climate and resource sustainability, education, health, migration and others.

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### **Ethiopia and Brazil Aim to Boost Agricultural Cooperation**

Ethiopia's Minister of Agriculture Mr Girma Amente and Ambassador of Brazil to Ethiopia Mr. Jandyr Ferreira Dos Santos met in Addis Ababa at the former's office to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation in agriculture sector. During the



discussion, the minister and the ambassador exchanged views on soil fertility and health care, agricultural mechanization and agricultural products export trading. They also agreed to work more closely on these domains in the future.

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### **Ghana Intends to Boost Liberia's Cocoa Sector**

Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama has disclosed that arrangements are underway to extend technical support to Liberia's cocoa sector through the Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) and the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG). Speaking at a ceremony to receive the credentials of Liberia's Ambassador to Ghana, Musu Jatu Ruhle, President Mahama revealed that a team of experts will soon travel to Liberia to initiate discussions on the technical assistance. This support will include research innovations, sustainable farming practices, and capacity building to help revitalize Liberia's struggling cocoa industry.

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### **Somalia to Boost Climate Resilient Agriculture**

Ugbaad – the Somali name for a new project that aims to boost climate resilient agriculture – translates as “fresh sprouting pasture”, symbolizing hope. The Climate Resilient Agriculture project bearing its name will tackle persistent challenges in Somalia, a country where nearly two-thirds of the population depend on the agricultural sector and in which climatic shocks and conflict have pushed nearly a quarter of the population into acute food insecurity – a number expected to rise in coming months.

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### **IIIT Bangalore Partners with Brazil**

The International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (IIIT-Bangalore) has joined hands with the ministry for management and innovation in public services of Brazil (MGI) to boost digital public infrastructure and transformation. The institute and Brazil's ministry has signed an agreement for digital public infrastructures (DPI) implementation and dissemination. The partnership aimed to steer the digital government to be a digital economy enabler “leveraging digital public infrastructures (DPIs) and digital public goods (DPGs) principles, knowledge and building blocks,” the institute said.

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### **Nigeria and Lagos Partner on Smart City Goals**

MTN Nigeria has reinforced its collaboration with the Lagos State Government to accelerate the state's smart city ambitions, with a focus on digital infrastructure and improved service

delivery. A key initiative in this effort is the launch of the My Lagos App, a digital platform designed to streamline public services and enhance urban living. The app, unveiled at an event in Lagos recently, provides residents with real-time access to transportation updates, emergency services, utility payments, business listings, and tourism information.

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## Recent Event



### Role of India-Vietnam in Developing Global South Cooperation

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The Embassy of India, Hanoi and the Institute for South Asian, West Asian and African Studies (ISAWAAS) of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) organized a conference on role of India and Vietnam in developing global south cooperation. DAKSHIN, as a platform for development solutions curated in the Global South by agencies of the Global South, participated in this international conference to discuss opportunities for India and Vietnam to work together for the Global South countries. DAKSHIN was represented by Atul Kaushik, GDC Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). India's Ambassador to Vietnam Dr. Sandeep Arya and the Director General of ISAWAAS Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trung set the stage for the proceedings by exhorting the participants to leverage India's role in creating a platform for South-South Cooperation (SSC) as a driving force for sustainable development, with Vietnam contributing good practices on efficiency and India on Digital Public Infrastructure, technology and climate change abatement.

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