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IICA Assists in Validation Process of Costa Rica's National Bio-Inputs Strategy, Spearheaded by the Country's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is actively providing comprehensive technical assistance and fostering collaboration with both national and international stakeholders in the agricultural sector to support Costa Rica's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG) in the validation process of the country's upcoming 2026–2034 National Bio-inputs Strategy.

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Key Developments in the Global South



AAHAR 2026 Concludes at Bharat Mandapam with over 1.5 Lakh Visitors

The 40th edition of AAHAR 2026, the International Food & Hospitality Fair, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, drawing strong participation from industry stakeholders, global exhibitors and buyers, further reinforcing its position as one of Asia's leading B2B platforms for the food processing and hospitality sectors.

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Smriti Irani Launches Equity Economics Forum in New York to Advance Global South Equity Agenda

Smriti Zubin Irani, Founder and Chairperson of the Alliance for Global Good, Gender Equity and Equality and former Union Minister for Women and Child Development, India has launched the Equity Economics Forum (EEF) in New York. The new platform aims to promote equity-centered economic policies across the Global South by placing equity at the core of macroeconomic and fiscal decision-making.

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India Sustains Progress in Reducing Child Deaths

An estimated 4.9 million children died before their fifth birthday in 2024, including 2.3 million newborns, according to the latest estimates released by a UN report on child mortality, which assessed leading causes of under-five mortality. The report, released on Wednesday (March 18, 2026), said that most of these deaths were preventable with proven, low-cost interventions and access to quality healthcare.

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UNDP and Bank of Agriculture Sign Landmark Partnership To Catalyse Nigeria's Agricultural Transformation

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Bank of Agriculture (BOA) signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to accelerate Nigeria's agricultural transformation through institutional reform, climate-smart food systems, and large-scale financing mobilisation.

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India to Lead Global Dialogue at World Public Summit

World Public Summit, will take place from 23 to 26 March 2026 in New Delhi, India positioning India at the forefront of global dialogue on emerging frameworks of international cooperation. Organized by the World Peoples Assembly in cooperation with the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Summit opens the international cycle of regional public summits in 2026.

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India, Bangladesh Review LOC, Explore Power Trade And Digital Cooperation

India and Bangladesh have held discussions on reviewing the Line of Credit (LOC), expanding energy cooperation, and strengthening digital financial collaboration. India's High Commissioner Pranay Verma met Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Adviser in the Prime Minister's Office of Bangladesh, on March 16 to discuss key areas of bilateral economic cooperation. The talks focused on reviewing the existing LOC framework based on mutual interests, alongside exploring Bangladesh's potential participation in India's power exchange market.

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WHO Strengthens Primary Health Care Services for Vulnerable Communities in Sudan

The World Health Organization (WHO) in Sudan partnered with the Federal Ministry of Health and the National Health Insurance Fund to implement its second primary health care (PHC) support initiative to improve access to lifesaving health services for internally displaced persons, returnees, host communities and residents across 10 states of Sudan. The initiative, which was operational from June to December 2025, fully supported 60 PHC centres and reached more than 500 000 beneficiaries during the 6 months of implementation.

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New \$137M Initiative to Enable Digital Service Access for Millions in Three ECOWAS Nations

The second phase of a project dubbed Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP) aims to support the expansion of digital public infrastructure in Benin, Liberia, and Sierra Leone with the goal of enabling millions of people to get connectivity and access to a wide range of digital services.

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MAFF, UN Discuss Strengthening Cooperation on Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture

Cambodia's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) and the United Nations have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation on food security and sustainable agricultural development, officials said. Agriculture Minister H.E. Dith Tina met on March 16 with Ms. Vladanka Andreeva, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, and Ms. Rebekah Bell, Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Cambodia, during a courtesy call in Phnom Penh.

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\$35 Million Grant to Expand Safe Water Access for Rural Communities in Djibouti

As part of a broader regional effort to address one of the Horn of Africa's most pressing development challenges, the World Bank has approved a \$35 million grant for the Government of Djibouti to expand access to safe and reliable water resources for rural communities in Djibouti.

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1st BIMSTEC Young Professionals Exchange Programme (March 9 - 15, 2026)

Ministry of External Affairs, in partnership with the Government of Maharashtra, organised the 1st BIMSTEC Young Professionals Exchange Programme from 9 to 15 March, 2026 in Mumbai and Pune. It brought together 30 young innovators, technology developers, entrepreneurs and other professionals from BIMSTEC member countries. The program was announced by Prime Minister Modi during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, as part of India's commitment to strengthen engagement among the young people of the Bay of Bengal region.

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IFPRI–Dvara E-Registry Climate-Smart Agriculture Lending Innovation Selected for Global Climate Finance Incubation

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Dvara E Registry's innovative Insurance Backed Loans for Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) Adoption initiative has been selected by the Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance (“the Lab”) as one of eight global climate finance solutions to enter its 2026 incubation cycle. The cohort was chosen from a record 1,172 applications worldwide.

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Eswatini, SA sign Reviewed Water Sharing Treaty

Eswatini and South Africa have signed the revised KOBWA Treaty on the development and utilisation of water resources of the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA). The treaty was signed by Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Prince Lonkhokhela and his South African counterpart Minister of Water and Sanitation Pemmy Majodina. The signing ceremony was held at Maguga Lodge in the presence of KOBWA board members, officials from both countries and Eluvinjelweni Umphakatsi.

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First Africa Climate–Health Desk launched by ACMAD, WHO and WMO

To help countries in Africa turn climate and weather information into real, everyday health protection and action, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) – World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Climate and Health Joint Programme, has officially launched the first Africa Climate–Health Desk hosted at ACMAD in Niamey, Niger. As extreme heat and other climate and health hazards intensify across the continent, the new Desk is designed to translate and transmit life-saving climate intelligence to reach health authorities, hospitals, communities and decision-makers who need it most.

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Indonesia, Brunei Explore Oil Supply, Renewable Energy Cooperation

Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam are exploring broader cooperation in the energy sector, including potential crude oil supply arrangements and collaboration in renewable energy development, as both countries seek to strengthen regional energy security amid shifting global energy dynamics. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Bahlil Lahadalia held bilateral talks with Brunei’s Deputy Minister (Energy) at the Prime Minister’s Office, Mohamad Azmi Mohd Hanifah, on the sidelines of the Indo Pacific Energy Security Ministerial and Business Forum in Tokyo on Sunday.

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Mozambique, Brazil Finance Ministries Sign MoU to Strengthen Cooperation

Brazil's Ministry of Finance on Monday (16 March) received Mozambique's Minister of Finance, Carla Loveira, for a bilateral meeting in Brasília. The meeting was led by the Secretary for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance, Mathias Alencastro, representing Finance Minister Fernando Haddad.

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Government Supports Vietnamese Businesses in Indonesia

Vietnamese officials and businesses have discussed measures to strengthen economic and trade cooperation with Indonesia while supporting Vietnamese companies to expand investment and operations in the Southeast Asian country. The issue was raised at a meeting chaired by Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyễn Mạnh Cường in Hà Nội on March 13.

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