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One Health: A Collaborative Approach to Global Health

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The One Health strategy acknowledges the interdependence between human, animal, and environmental health and recommends concerted action in preventing and controlling zoonoses.

The framework seeks to establish robust health systems by bringing together healthcare professionals, veterinarians, ecologists, and policy-makers that will be able to respond effectively to new health hazards. International organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) have also emphasized its use to counteract the increasing challenges of zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and environmental degradation.

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Key Developments in the Global South



Mauritius is a Bridge between India and the Global South: PM Modi

Terming Mauritius as a bridge between India and the Global South, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the island nation is part of India's family and not just a partner country. PM Modi said that Mauritius is not just a partner country. "For us, Mauritius is family!", he said. "This bond is deep and strongly rooted in history, heritage and the human spirit." Prime Minister Modi and Mauritius President exchanged views on deepening the special and close bilateral ties between India and Mauritius

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Capacity Building Programme of Human Rights Institutions of the Global South Concludes



The 2nd six-day ITEC Executive Capacity Building Programme on Human Rights for senior functionaries of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Global South organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, successfully concluded. The valedictory session was addressed by the NHRC, India Chairperson, Justice Shri V. Ramasubramanian in the presence of Members Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani & Secretary General, Shri Bharat Lal. The programme, which began on Monday 3rd March, 2025, witnessed participation of 35 senior functionaries from 11 NHRIs of Madagascar, Uganda, Timor Leste, DR Congo, Togo, Mali, Nigeria, Egypt, Tanzania, Burundi and Turkmenistan.

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India and Cambodia Explore New Avenues of Cooperation

India and Cambodia held the Third Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia, today during which they reviewed the bilateral relations, and agreed to explore new avenues of cooperation including in health and digital technologies. The Indian delegation was led by Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East) and the Cambodian delegation was led by UN Kheang, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, a statement said. The Indian delegation was led by Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East) and the Cambodian delegation was led by UN Kheang, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, a statement said.

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India and Nepal Sign MOU

India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen cooperation in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) Sector. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Shri C R Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India, and Shri Pradeep Yadav, Honorable

Minister of Water Supply, Government of Nepal. The agreement aims to promote collaboration between the two nations and strengthen intergovernmental cooperation in the WASH sector, ensuring better access to clean drinking water and sanitation for their populations.

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India and Armenia Sign MOUs

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, H. E. Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan visited India from 09-11 March 2025 at the invitation of External Affairs Minister, Dr S. Jaishankar. The two ministers held productive discussions where they reviewed the whole range of growing India-Armenia bilateral cooperation including in the areas of political exchanges, trade, economic, connectivity, education, culture, and people-to-people contacts. They agreed to explore cooperation in digital technologies, and pharmaceuticals. The discussions also focused on multilateral cooperation at the UN and other fora. The Ministers also exchanged views on regional and global matters of shared interest.

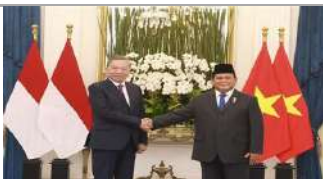
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Kenya and UAE Pledge Commitment

Kenya and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have committed to enhance agriculture and trade cooperation between the two countries. During a discussion between Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe and UAE Ambassador Dr. Salim Ibrahim Alnaqbi at the UAE Embassy in Nairobi, the two countries pledged to enhance bilateral relations on the backdrop of recent agreements aimed at boosting trade and investment. In January this year, Kenya and the UAE signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which eliminated trade barriers and opened new markets for Kenyan exports, including meat, fruits, vegetables, and flowers.

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Vietnam and Indonesia Seek Deeper Collaboration

Vietnam and Indonesia agree to upgrade ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This upgrade aims to serve the interests of both nations and contribute to peace, development and prosperity in ASEAN and the world. The decision was made during talks between Party General Secretary Tô Lâm and Indonesian President and President of the Great Indonesia Movement Party (Gerindra) Prabowo Subianto. The discussions followed a welcome ceremony hosted by the Indonesian President for the Party chief, his

spouse and the high-ranking delegation of Vietnam, who are on a State visit to Indonesia from March 9-11.

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Afghanistan and Iran Forge Stronger Ties

The Minister of Public Health of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, His Highness, Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, held a meeting in his official office with the Ambassador of Iran to Afghanistan, Mr. Alireza Bikdeli. During this meeting, discussions were held regarding enhancing the capacity of healthcare workers, delivering high-quality healthcare services, and fostering bilateral cooperation. On the other hand, the Iranian Ambassador reaffirmed Iran's commitment to cooperation in the healthcare sector.

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Uzbekistan Strengthens Cooperation With World Bank

Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change, Aziz Abduhakimov, met with Sameh Wahba, the World Bank's Global Director of Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience, and Land Global Practice, to discuss expanding collaboration in ecology and sustainable development. The meeting emphasized investments in irrigation, landscape restoration, and air pollution control. A key topic was the RESILAND project, which aims to combat land degradation, desertification, and climate change in Central Asia as part of the World Bank's broader sustainability strategy. The Uzbek delegation also introduced President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's initiative to declare 2025 the "Year of Environmental Protection and 'Green' Economy."

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IGAD Advocates Resilient Food Systems

Ministers of Agriculture in the IGAD region have called for regional cooperation, policy coordination to build more resilient food systems. The call comes at a time when food insecurity in Africa is reaching critical levels due to the challenging weather patterns, declining soil fertility, poor quality seed and low uptake of fertilizers and agriculture machinery. Through a press statement issued by the IGAD, the ministers made the call at the end of a five-day ministerial meeting on food systems, convened by the IGAD and the African Union in Addis Ababa.

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FAO and Fal for Consulting and Management Services Sign Partnership Agreement

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Fal for Consulting and Management Services are proud to announce the signing of an agreement aimed at providing technical assistance and training to local institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs) in the target governorates of the building resilience to cope with climate change in Jordan through improving water use efficiency in the agriculture (BRCCJ) Project. This partnership represents a significant step forward in addressing climate change challenges through sustainable and innovative agricultural practices.

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Malaysia to Host 7th World Conference on Exercise and Regenerative Medicine

Malaysia will host the 7th World Conference on Exercise and Regenerative Medicine from July 5 to 7 at Perdana Hotel, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, bringing together global experts in exercise science, regenerative medicine, and public health. The conference, previously known as World Conference on Exercise Medicine (WCEM) aims to explore the transformative role of exercise and regenerative medicine in enhancing longevity, managing chronic diseases, and improving recovery from injuries and degenerative conditions.

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Cameroon to Launch National Strategy on Maternal Health

Cameroon is set to launch its five-year National Strategy on Reproductive, Maternal, Child, Adolescent, and Nutrition Health (RMNCAH-Nut) on March 13, 2025. Developed with support from Africa CDC and its partners, this strategy—running from 2025 to 2030—aligns with global health priorities, particularly Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 on health and well-being. The plan focuses on strengthening maternal healthcare services, improving data collection, enhancing policy implementation, and fostering better coordination among stakeholders.

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Botswana Makes Technological Strides

Botswana has taken a significant leap in technological advancement by successfully launching its first satellite, BOTSAT-1, marking a pivotal moment for the nation. The

satellite was launched yesterday from SpaceX facilities in California, USA, with President Duma Boko in attendance, highlighting the importance of this achievement. Engineers at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology spearheaded the development of BOTSAT-1. California served as the launch site for this vital venture because a suitable space launch pad was absent in both the country and the continent.

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Nigeria Outlines Cradle-To-Grave DPI, Digital ID Scheme

The Nigerian government publishes a framework to develop national Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that uses digital ID to track and trace “key life events” of every citizen from the cradle to the grave. Last week, Nigeria’s Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy, published a document called, “Supporting Life Events: The Nigeria Digital Public Infrastructure Framework,” outlining the country’s agenda to install DPI.

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