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Key Developments in the Global South



India's development trajectory offers an emulative development model for the Global South

India's development trajectory offers an emulative development model for the Global South and the country stands ready to share its best practices and strengthen global partnerships, Minister of Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya said on Wednesday at the Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha. "It is important that this forum recognises and acknowledges the distinct circumstances, economic needs, and social requirements of every country," the minister said. Highlighting the relevance of India's development story for the poor nations,

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Egypt-Albania Health Cooperation

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Population Khaled Abdel Ghaffar stressed on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, the importance of exchanging expertise and successful experiences with Albania as a key pillar for enhancing the quality of healthcare services and achieving shared health security. He expressed Egypt's keenness to deepen cooperation with Albania in areas including medical staff training, digital transformation of healthcare services, health policy, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

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South Korean enterprises show interest in developing green agriculture in Vietnam

Each year, Vietnam's agricultural sector uses around 10 million tonnes of fertiliser to boost crop productivity, meeting both domestic consumption and export demands. However, many experts have warned that the overuse of chemical fertilisers can lead to serious environmental and soil quality problems, posing risks to the sustainable growth of the agricultural sector. Excessive use of inorganic fertilisers causes soil degradation and contributes to environmental pollution. As a result, the use of organic fertilisers has become a rising trend and is actively encouraged by regulatory authorities.

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Ghana and Singapore Unite to Launch Africa's First 'Finternet' for Inclusive Digital Finance

Ghana's District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF) and Singapore's Embed Financial Group Holdings (EFGH) have announced a joint venture to create Africa's first Finternet – a digital financial infrastructure linking governments, communities and businesses through transparent, self-sustaining technology. The Finternet will connect payments, credit and insurance the way the Internet connects information, enabling districts across Ghana to manage funds and services more efficiently while creating new revenue streams for national development. Under the joint venture, the DACF and EFGH will co-invest in projects that generate income for public initiatives and support local SMEs. Each initiative will operate as a public-private partnership, ensuring that revenues are shared, local jobs are created and funds flow back into Ghana's development priorities.

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FAO and RUFORUM renew partnership for agricultural education & innovation in Africa

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) have renewed their partnership through the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during a virtual ceremony attended by senior officials from both institutions. The renewed five-year collaboration reaffirms FAO and RUFORUM's shared commitment to advancing higher agricultural education, research, and innovation across Africa to accelerate the transformation of agrifood systems. The partnership aims to strengthen institutional and technical capacities, promote knowledge exchange, and foster innovation for sustainable and climate-resilient food systems.

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Kazakhstan and Croatia Expand Cooperation in the Field of Healthcare

Ambassador of Kazakhstan Daulet Batrashev met with the Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia, Irena Hrستیć. During the meeting, the parties discussed prospects for enhancing bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the healthcare sector. Particular attention was paid to expanding the legal framework and fostering practical collaboration between relevant institutions of the two countries, including the exchange of scientific knowledge, advanced technologies, and best practices in medicine and public health. Minister Hrستیć shared Croatia's experience in introducing digital solutions, including the development of telemedicine, and expressed readiness to promote expert exchanges between the two ministries. Ambassador Batrashev emphasized that cooperation in the field of healthcare contributes to deepening the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and reflects the shared commitment of both countries to strengthening humanitarian ties and promoting sustainable development.

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Indonesia-Palestine Cooperation in Agriculture

Indonesia's support for the Palestinian people is taking concrete form with the government preparing up to 15,000 hectares of land for agricultural investment in North Kalimantan. Agriculture Minister Andi Amran Sulaiman confirmed the initiative following a meeting with Palestinian Ambassador to Indonesia Zuhair Al-Shun in Jakarta. The land will be developed into an integrated agricultural zone featuring plantations, livestock farming, and agro-industrial operations. The project will be managed through collaboration between state-owned enterprises (BUMN), the private sector, and international policy partners.

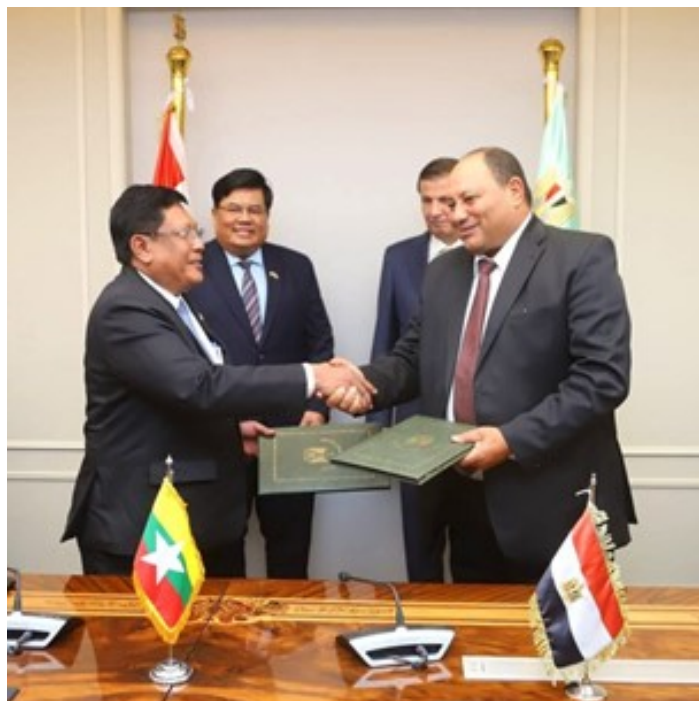
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Tajikistan, ILO Sign 2025-2026 Decent Work Action Plan

The Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Tajikistan, the Union of Employers of Tajikistan and the International Labour Organization (ILO) signed the Action Plan for Cooperation between the Tripartite Partners of the Republic of Tajikistan and the International Labour Organization on Decent Work. The new Action Plan outlines joint priorities to promote decent and productive employment, enhance social protection, strengthen social dialogue and support a just transition towards a green economy. It builds on many years of successful partnership between the ILO and Tajikistan's tripartite constituents.

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Myanmar, Egypt sign MoU to boost trade and agricultural cooperation

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on agricultural cooperation between Myanmar and Egypt was signed at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in Cairo, Egypt. The MoU was signed by Mr Mostafa El-Sayed, Deputy Minister of Egypt's Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and Dr Ye Tint Htun, Director-General of Department of Agriculture, in the presence of Mr Alaa Farouk, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt, and U Kyaw Tin Shein, Myanmar's Ambassador to Egypt.

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Ukraine and Azerbaijan to ink new healthcare cooperation agreement

Ukraine and Azerbaijan are expanding their cooperation in the healthcare sector by implementing a joint action plan to exchange knowledge, train personnel, and establish horizontal partnerships between healthcare institutions. Tomorrow, Ukraine and Azerbaijan will sign a new bilateral agreement to further enhance this collaboration," Ukrainian Minister of Health Viktor Liashko. According to Minister Liashko, the new document envisions organizing familiarization and business visits for doctors, conducting joint surgeries, training rehabilitation teams, and holding seminars with expert participation. The minister noted that the agreement also provides for the development of cooperation in healthcare, medical science, and education through several key initiatives, including joint projects, scientific research, academic and student exchanges, dual diploma programs, and joint training of personnel.

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AMEXCID Visits Guatemala to Strengthen Education and Agriculture

The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) conducted a working visit to Guatemala to strengthen bilateral cooperation and coordinate initiatives in education, agriculture, environment, and social development as part of a shared regional prosperity agenda. During the visit, AMEXCID Executive Director Alejandra Del Moral Vela signed a Joint Declaration on International Cooperation with Guatemala's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to implement the second phase of the Sembrando Vida program and deepen strategic collaboration. The agreement aims to advance sustainable development, social inclusion, and institutional strengthening initiatives. This agreement reaffirms our joint commitment to promoting sustainable development, social well-being, and shared prosperity, said Del Moral Vela.

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Uganda to Establish Halal Certification Office to Strengthen Access to Gulf Markets

Uganda is stepping up efforts to boost its agricultural exports to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. To that end, it is partnering with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to establish a National Halal Certification Office, ChimpReports reported on Tuesday. According to Ramathan Ggoobi, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, the project is already at an advanced stage. He made the announcement during the Uganda-UAE Business Forum held in Kampala. Halal certification ensures that products comply with Islamic dietary standards, a prerequisite in many Muslim-majority markets. Once operational, the new office will work with the Ministry of Trade to implement halal protocols across critical parts of the export chain, including agri-industrial parks, cold storage facilities, and key logistics hubs such as Entebbe International Airport and the Hoima Cargo Terminal.

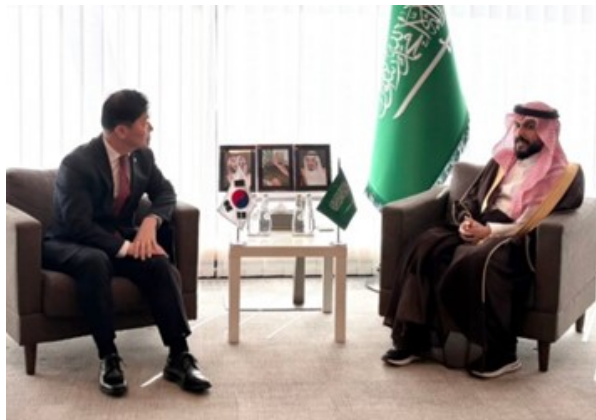
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Agriculture remains strategic priority for both Bulgaria and Azerbaijan

Agricultural development continues to stand at the forefront of strategic priorities for both Bulgaria and Azerbaijan. According to the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Deputy Minister Lozana Vasileva made the remarks during the 7th meeting of the Bulgaria–Azerbaijan Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation held in Sofia. Vasileva emphasized that agriculture is not only a traditional but also a promising sector, noting that both countries can achieve tangible results through the exchange of knowledge, technologies, and best practices. The deputy minister also underlined the importance of active participation by Bulgarian and Azerbaijani companies in international exhibitions and fairs hosted in both countries.

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Korea deepens healthcare cooperation with Saudi Arabia and Qatar through training and digital innovation

The South Korean government is actively deepening healthcare collaboration with Middle Eastern countries, particularly Saudi Arabia and Qatar, as part of a strategic effort to boost joint innovation and capacity building. The Ministry of Health and Welfare said Tuesday that Second Vice Minister Lee Hyung-hoon is visiting Saudi Arabia and Qatar to discuss expanding cooperation in healthcare.

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Tehran, Riyadh discuss boosting joint investment in health and medicine

Iran and Saudi Arabia have underlined the need to further expand their cooperation and joint investment in the fields of health, pharmaceuticals, and medical equipment. Iran's Health Minister Mohammadreza Zafarqandi and his Saudi counterpart, Fahad Abdulrahman al-Jalajel, called for promotion of ties in the health sector during a meeting held on the sidelines of the Global Health Exhibition in the Saudi capital Riyadh. Both ministers expressed satisfaction with the growing trend of interactions between the two countries in the health sector, stressing the need for the development of joint cooperation in scientific, academic, research, and educational fields. The agreement includes exchanging university professors and students, holding joint congresses and specialized conferences, and boosting ties between Iranian and Saudi medical universities.

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African Union and Global Fund Formalize Cooperation to Strengthen Health Systems and Development in Africa

The African Union (AU) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to deepen collaboration in support of African countries' efforts to end AIDS, TB and malaria, strengthen health systems, increase domestic resource mobilization and advance health security and sustainable development across the continent. This agreement presents a joint commitment to enhance data-driven accountability and integrate health priorities with broader development and resilience goals. It reinforces the longstanding partnership between the AU and the Global Fund in alignment with the AU Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030, African Health Strategy 2030 and the newly adopted African Union Roadmap to 2030 & Beyond: Sustaining the AIDS Response, Ensuring Systems Strengthening and Health Security for the Development of Africa.

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Syria and Saudi Arabia discuss ways to strengthen agricultural cooperation

Syrian and Saudi officials discussed on Sunday ways to strengthen agricultural cooperation in Syria using new technologies. The Syrian Ministry of Agriculture said in a statement on its official Telegram channel that the Director of Agricultural Scientific Research, Osama Al-Abdullah, held virtual talks with Bandar bin Mohammed Al-Saqhan, Director General of Agricultural Research and Extension at the Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

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Turkmenistan And South Africa Explore Co-Op In Energy, Agriculture, And Logistics

Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Belgium, Sapar Palvanov, met with South Africa's Ambassador to Belgium, Thokozile Hasa, in Brussels to discuss prospects for strengthening bilateral cooperation, primarily in the energy sector, Trend reports via the Turkmen diplomatic mission.

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