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Crisis Response and Cooperation: The Global South in Action

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The occurrences of natural disasters are a frequent phenomenon and have imprinted their devastating effects in various corners of the world. Developing blueprints for disaster risk management and contingency planning, thus, assumes importance in this regard. In the aftermath of any natural disaster, a nation depends on the assistance of the first responders which may constitute its emergency assistance office. Further, the international community plays a pivotal role in extending assistance in the form of aid, manpower, equipment, etc. to provide support to the affected nation/region. Systemically, the developing countries, owing to their lack of resources and funding to protect themselves remain at peril from the consequences of natural disasters. Thus, to an extent, they remain dependent on external assistance from other nations and other international organizations.

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Key Developments in the Global South



Operation Brahma - India Acts as a First Responder Quake-Hit Myanmar

India delivered a fresh tranche of 50 tonnes of relief materials to Myanmar to help victims of the 7.7-magnitude earthquake that killed over 2,000 people and injured 3,900. The relief materials were taken to the Myanmar city of Yangon by two Indian Navy ships -- INS Satpura and INS Savitri. Three more Indian Navy ships -- INS Karmukh, INS Gharial and LCU-52 -- are enroute to Yangon with over 500 tonnes of additional aid material, officials said.

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India and Chile Seek to Strengthen Cooperation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Chile as an "important friend and partner" for India in Latin America and reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening cooperation across various sectors, including Antarctica exploration, health security, trade, and strategic partnerships. PM Modi welcomed Chilean President Gabriel Boric Font and his high-level delegation to India on his first State Visit. Addressing a joint press conference, PM Modi highlighted the growing bilateral relations and underscored the need to further expand collaboration.

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UN India leads South-South Cooperation for SDGs

The United Nations in India has launched the UN India SDG Country Fund (Pooled Fund) as an important platform for resource mobilisation for the UN Country Team (UNCT) to address the financing gaps in the Government of India-UN Sustainable Development Cooperation framework (CF). The Fund, administered by the UN Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF), will enable the UNCT to mobilise additional resources for the Outcomes/Thematic areas as reflected in the CF for implementation of projects and programmes. UN India SDG Country Fund is a strategic approach to resource mobilisation for transformative SDG-action through South-South Cooperation.

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India-UN Fund Supports Caribbean Countries in Eliminating Diseases

In an ambitious move to combat mother-to-child transmission of diseases like HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, and Chagas disease, 15 Caribbean nations are coming together under a project funded by the India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund and implemented by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). This initiative is focused on strengthening the Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT) Plus Framework within maternal and child health services and aims to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of infectious diseases in Caribbean Member States.

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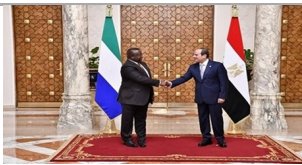


Strengthening Africa's Voice within the G20

South Africa's G20 presidency presents a pivotal opportunity for Africa to shape global priorities and promote a development agenda that reflects the aspirations of the Global South. With

the African Union (AU) now a permanent member of the G20, the continent enters a new phase of engagement with a stronger voice and a vested interest in influencing outcomes. These priorities framed the G20 Dialogue Session for the African Diplomatic Community, convened on 27 March 2025 in Addis Ababa by the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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Sierra Leone President Lauds Successful Visit to Egypt

Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Wonie Bio lauded his successful visit to Egypt and the wisdom and vision of President Abdel Fattah El Sisi in developing Africa. In a statement, the presidency in Sierra Leone said that the visit is a new achievement in boosting diplomatic and economic cooperation between both countries. During his meeting with Sierra Leone's president, President Sisi asserted the strength of the relations between Egypt and Sierra Leone and the possibility to deepen joint cooperation, the statement said.

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IGAD Member States Discuss Health Workforce Capacity

The IGAD Regional Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PREPARE) Project yesterday begun discussions with Member States to identify and address human resource gaps and needs related to Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPP) within the IGAD region. The focus is on strengthening these identified areas through regional collaboration and capacity-building efforts, utilizing a One Health (OH) approach to enhance coordination and improve disease and pandemic detection for early intervention, effective mitigation and efficient response.

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WHO Deepens Partnership with Qatar

WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Hanan Balkhy concluded a successful official visit to Qatar aimed at strengthening collaboration on key health priorities, including health emergencies, climate change, humanitarian response, health workforce development and substance use. The visit marked a significant step in WHO's deepening partnership with Qatar. In meetings with senior Qatari officials, discussions ranged from advancing humanitarian health initiatives and supporting vulnerable populations to reinforcing Qatar's leadership in global health security.

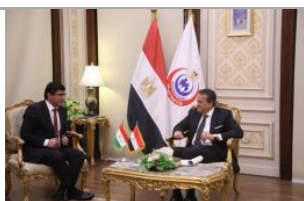
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PHDCCI Delegation to Mauritius Explores Healthcare Innovations

In the wake of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's recent visit to Mauritius, the arrival of the PHDCCI First Business Delegation to the island represents a significant milestone for both India and Mauritius. During this visit, held from March 23 to 26, 2025, the delegation had a productive meeting with His Excellency Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, the Hon'ble Minister of Health of Mauritius. This collaboration marks a pivotal moment in fostering healthcare partnerships and exploring new avenues for growth and innovation between the two nations.

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Egypt, Tajikistan Strengthen Health Cooperation

Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Population, Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, met with Tajikistan's Ambassador to Egypt, Parviz Mirzazoda, to explore opportunities for enhancing bilateral health cooperation and expanding partnerships in the medical and pharmaceutical sectors. Abdel Ghaffar reaffirmed Egypt's commitment to deepening ties with friendly nations, emphasizing that exchanging expertise and knowledge is key to overcoming shared healthcare challenges and achieving sustainable development.

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Brazil and Chile Seek to Strengthen Trade Relations

In recent years, trade between Chile and Brazil has shown consistent growth. In 2024, Brazil became the top destination for Chilean sylvo-agricultural exports in South America and the seventh largest globally. This highlights the dynamic and complementary nature of both economies. This statement was made by Undersecretary of Agriculture Ignacia Fernández during the opening of the Agribusiness Production Chains Integration Meeting between Chile and Brazil. The event, organized by Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) in collaboration with Chile's Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), took place in Puerto Varas.

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Jordan and Kazakhstan Discuss Agricultural Cooperation

Minister of Agriculture, Khaled Hneifat discussed with Kazakhstan Ambassador, Talat Shaldunbay, ways to enhance joint cooperation, especially in the agricultural sector. During the meeting, Hneifat praised the "deep-rooted, decades-old" bilateral relations, stressing the need to activate mutual trade, remove obstacles facing the two countries' commercial flow and encourage the private sector to engage.

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Vietnam, Brazil Set Sights on US\$15 Billion Trade Target by 2030

President Lula da Silva and Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh pledged to create favourable conditions for bilateral trade to reach US\$15 billion by 2030 during the Brazil-Vietnam Economic Forum in Hanoi on March 29. At the forum, both sides explored opportunities for cooperation in industry, agriculture, and energy. Delegates highlighted Vietnam's dynamic economy, with an average annual growth rate of around 6%, and its pivotal role in global supply and distribution chains. Vietnam is also recognized as a competitive hub for high-tech manufacturing and a stable, peace-loving nation in Southeast Asia.

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IITA and Rwanda Seek to Drive Agricultural Transformation

A landmark visit to Rwanda set the stage for deeper collaboration in agricultural research and innovation as IITA and the Government of Rwanda explored new avenues for partnership. During the visit, IITA Director General and CGIAR Regional Director for Africa, Dr Simeon Ehui, met with Prime Minister, Right Honorable Dr Edouard Ngirente, to discuss strategies for leveraging scientific advancements to transform Rwanda's agriculture sector. Their discussions focused on expanding research collaboration and strengthening capacity-building initiatives for young scientists, reinforcing Rwanda's commitment to agricultural innovation.

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Nigeria, Saint Kitts & Nevis to Boost Cooperation

President Bola Tinubu yesterday said Nigeria was set to deepen economic partnership with Saint Kitts & Nevis, with a focus on key sectors including trade, energy and agriculture. Speaking during a meeting with the Prime Minister of Saint Kitts & Nevis, Dr. Terrance Michael Drew at the State House in Abuja, President Tinubu emphasised the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and exploring mutual opportunities between Africa and the Caribbean.

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