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Key Developments in the Global South



11th edition of Raisina Dialogue begins in New Delhi; Finland President Alexander Stubb says, India will play crucial role in deciding next world order

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. Delivering the keynote address, President of Finland Dr Alexander Stubb said that the Global South will decide the next world order, and India will play a deciding factor in it. He remarked that the global power balance has shifted, and the Global South has economics and demography on its side. President Stubb said the era of a Western-dominated world is over, but this will take some time to sink in across the West. He acknowledged that there are major challenges in world politics today. President of Finland stressed that a power vacuum will be felt without a functioning world power. He added that if nations give up on international rules, the current world order will collapse. He opined that the West should try to figure out how best to contain power in an imperfect world. He said India has been under no illusions and has based its foreign policy on a pragmatic worldview.

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India's UNHRC mandate reflects global trust, says EAM Jaishankar at 61st session

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Wednesday said India's election to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) reflects the trust and expectations of the international community, particularly the Global South, as he addressed the 61st session of the Council virtually. In his remarks at the 61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Jaishankar underlined India's commitment to advancing human rights through dialogue, capacity-building and genuine partnerships, while cautioning against

politicisation, selectivity and double standards. “As an elected member, India’s mandate reflects the trust and expectations of the international community, especially of partners in the Global South,” he said, adding that as the world’s largest democracy, India remains firmly committed to promoting and protecting all human rights for all people based on equality, openness and respect.

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The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan and UNDP strengthen partnership for sustainable agricultural development

The Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan Aidarbek Saparov held a meeting with Ms. Katarzyna Wawiernia, UNDP Resident Representative in Kazakhstan. Aidarbek Saparov noted that constructive and systematic cooperation has been established between the Ministry and UNDP within the framework of the Country Programme. In turn, Ms. Katarzyna Wawiernia emphasized that enhancing the resilience and productivity of agriculture remains a priority for UNDP. Currently, the Ministry of Agriculture and UNDP are implementing several joint initiatives. In particular, UNDP is implementing a project to promote sustainable agricultural production systems and conserve ecosystems in Northern Kazakhstan. The project supports diversification of the national agro-industrial complex, including assistance in equipping the Kokshetau Experimental Production Farm with agricultural machinery to strengthen seed production of pulses and perennial grasses.

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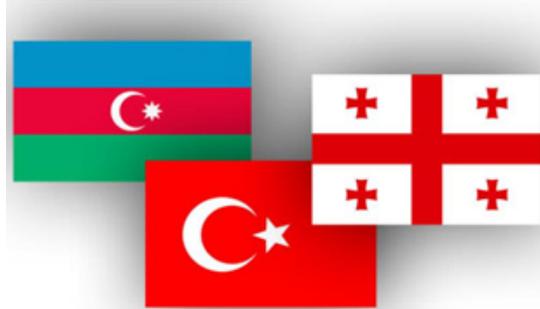


Ghana invites Belarus to draft joint agricultural cooperation program

Belarusian Minister of Foreign Affairs Maxim Ryzhenkov has arrived in Ghana for a working visit, the first in the history of bilateral relations. On the very first day of the visit, the minister met with Ghana’s President John Dramani Mahama. The Belarusian top diplomat conveyed greetings from Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko on the

occasion of the upcoming Independence Day of Ghana and a personal invitation to visit Minsk. “At the center of the negotiations were the prospects for bilateral cooperation. The president of Ghana particularly highlighted the agricultural sector, proposing to develop a five-year program for cooperation in agriculture. He also noted that this year the first major order of Belarusian machinery is expected within the framework of the renewed agenda. Separately, John Dramani Mahama noted that a Belarusian tractor, distinguished by its high reliability, is still operating successfully on his personal farm,” the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported.

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Azerbaijan, Türkiye, And Georgia Strengthen Trilateral Economic, Energy, Transport, And Investment Cooperation in Kakheti

On February 26, the VII Azerbaijan–Georgia–Türkiye Business Forum opened in Georgia's Kakheti region, gathering over 400 participants from the three countries. Mikayil Jabbarov, the Azerbaijani Minister of Economy, stated that Azerbaijan continues to prioritize its partnerships with Türkiye and Georgia amid expanding economic cooperation. He highlighted that Türkiye and Georgia remain Azerbaijan's main trade and export partners. In 2025, trade with Türkiye reached \$7 billion, while trade with Georgia totaled approximately \$900 million. “Türkiye serves as a strategic gateway to the European Union markets. Its industrial capacity, logistics infrastructure, technological capabilities, and customs integration with the EU create new opportunities for production and supply chains for Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region,” Jabbarov emphasized.

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Togo, Belarus discuss expanding cooperation in agriculture

Togo and Belarus to expand cooperation in agriculture. The terms of the partnership were discussed in Lomé during recent talks between Togo’s Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Resources and Food Sovereignty, Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni, and Belarusian Foreign Minister Maxim Ryzhenkov. Delegations from the two countries agreed to develop a partnership covering agricultural mechanization, irrigation and access to fertilizers. The cooperation would also include the supply of seeds, the development of integrated livestock projects, research, and capacity building for agricultural sector

stakeholders. These areas align with Togo's strategy to modernize agriculture and transform the sector.

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African Union Commission hosts sixth AU UN High-Level Strategic Dialogue on Sustainable Development

The African Union Commission, under the leadership of H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, today hosted H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, for the Sixth AU UN High Level Strategic Dialogue on Sustainable Development at the African Union Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa. The Dialogue built on the High-Level engagement held on 10 November 2025 and provided a strategic platform to advance AU-UN engagement, cooperation and coordination in support of Africa's priorities, particularly the implementation of Agenda 2063 under the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP). The Dialogue was attended by senior leadership of the African Union Commission, including Commissioners responsible of Political Affairs, Peace and Security; Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment; Infrastructure and Energy; Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development; Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals; and Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, as well as the Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD and the African Union Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security.

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Indonesia launches digital innovation hub to accelerate digital solutions

Bank Indonesia has initiated the Indonesia Digital Innovation Hub (PIDI) in collaboration with the Indonesia Financial Services Authority (OJK), Indonesia Payment System Association (ASPI), Indonesia FinTech Association (Aftech), Indonesia Money Market and Foreign Exchange Market Association (APUVINDO) and Indonesian Banking Development Institute (LPPI). BI said that PIDI aims to accelerate various digital

solutions ready to implement in the industry, while expanding financial inclusion and providing tangible added value to the national economy. The initiative is a strategic measure towards accelerating transformation of the digital economy and finance in Indonesia in line with the government's Asta Cita program and vision of a Golden Indonesia in 2045 through the development of agile, innovative and globally competitive national digital talent.

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AABNet and partners launch landmark guide on the conservation of African livestock genetic resources

Africa's rich livestock genetic resources hold untapped potential to drive productivity, climate resilience, and sustainable development, according to a new open-access reference, African Livestock Genetic Resources and Sustainable Breeding Strategies: Unlocking a Treasure Trove and Guide for Improved Productivity. The book, officially launched by the African Animal Breeding Network (AABNet) in partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health (CTLGH), and the African Union's Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), consolidates decades of research on livestock genetics, breeding and adaptation strategies for Africa.

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GITEX AFRICA Morocco 2026 to spotlight AI as a catalyst for a sovereign and sustainable digital economy

Under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the fourth edition of GITEX AFRICA Morocco will return to Marrakech from 7–9 April 2026. This year's edition comes at a pivotal moment for the continent. As artificial intelligence reshapes global value chains, GITEX AFRICA Morocco 2026 will place AI at the centre of its strategic agenda under the theme, "Catalysing Africa's Digital Economy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". The ambition is clear: to accelerate the emergence of a competitive, inclusive, sovereign and sustainable African digital economy. Over three days, public officials, global technology leaders, startups, investors and researchers will convene in Marrakech to explore responsible AI infrastructure, digital public policy frameworks and scalable, high-impact solutions tailored to Africa's specific economic and social realities.

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Kenya and Ghana Strengthen UHC Collaboration Through Health Reforms and Digital Innovation

Kenya's ongoing health sector reforms continue to position the country as a regional leader in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through digital health transformation, strengthened community-based care, and sustainable health financing aligned to the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale hosted a high-level bilateral meeting with Ghana's Minister for Health, Hon. Kwabena Mintah Akandoh, where the two countries exchanged lessons on primary healthcare reforms and UHC implementation. The engagement forms part of strengthening South-South cooperation and aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17 on global partnerships for sustainable development. During the briefing, the CS highlighted the nationwide deployment of over 107,000 Community Health Promoters (CHPs), supported by digitised community health tracking systems that enhance service delivery, transparency, and accountability at household level.

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Vietnam, Brazil promote cooperation in agriculture, energy, biotechnology

A delegation from the Vietnamese Embassy in Brazil, headed by Ambassador Bui Van Nghi, has conducted a four-day working visit to the state of Maranhão. The visit aimed to assess investment and trade opportunities, as well as strengthen the strategic connection between Vietnam and the northeast region of Brazil. At a working session in Davinópolis city, Mayor Zé Pequeno highlighted Vietnam as a strategic partner in the locality's new development direction, especially in production technology and the distribution of goods to Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

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India, Bhutan advance hydropower and flood data cooperation in high-level talks

India and Bhutan have agreed to strengthen cooperation on trans-boundary rivers, hydropower development and flood forecasting following high-level talks in Thimphu, Bhutan, last week. At a Secretary-level bilateral meeting, the two sides reviewed existing flood management and forecasting arrangements and discussed steps to upgrade Bhutan's hydro-meteorological observation network on rivers flowing into India. Officials examined ways to improve real-time data sharing for hydro-meteorological and flood forecasting information related to trans-border rivers.

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Ethiopia: expanded cooperation agreements with Azerbaijan

On 27 February 2026, during an expanded meeting in Baku, President Ilham Aliyev and Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali oversaw the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation instruments, according to an official statement from the Presidency of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The package includes a Defense Cooperation Agreement, signed by Foreign Ministers Jeyhun Bayramov (Azerbaijan) and Gedion Timothewos Hessebon (Ethiopia), establishing a framework to strengthen security ties, exchange expertise, and conduct joint training initiatives. A Memorandum of Understanding on COP32 cooperation was also signed to support Ethiopia's hosting of the 32nd UN Climate Change Conference, recognizing its continental climate leadership. Additional MOUs cover agricultural cooperation between ministries, anti corruption collaboration between institutions, investment promotion between specialized agencies, and media partnership between national broadcasters. These agreements reflect a deepening strategic partnership rooted in South-South cooperation and a shared vision for economic and security development.

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MoU signing ceremony & Roundtable on India–Thailand cooperation in promoting South-South Development

On 27 February 2026, Dakshin Global South Centre formalised a partnership with Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU seeks to promote joint research, academic exchanges, and collaborative initiatives in priority areas such as health, agriculture, and digital solutions. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing knowledge exchange and addressing development challenges across the Global South.

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