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## Against All Odds



### Zambia's Journey to Digital Transformation

In May 2023, amidst the vibrant atmosphere of the ID4Africa conference in Nairobi, a quiet but important meeting took place. Representatives from the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI) convened with officials from Zambia's Smart Zambia Institute (SZI).

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## Report in Focus



### Review of South-South Cooperation in implementing the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs (2014-2024)

The 32 landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) face inherent disadvantages and special development challenges. Lack of direct access to the sea, isolation from the world markets, and high trade and transport costs have seriously hindered their development.

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## Key Developments across the Global South



### India Extends Relief Assistance to Earthquake-hit Vanuatu

India announced immediate relief assistance worth \$500,000 to Vanuatu in the wake of a devastating earthquake, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. The MEA in a release stated, "India extended its deep condolences to the Government and the people of Vanuatu for the damage and destruction caused by this unprecedented disaster

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## **Indonesia Joins BRICS to Help Boost Global South on World Stage**

Indonesia has become the newest member of the BRICS group of developing nations, in a move that could further bolster the Global South as Donald Trump's trade policies pose risks to world economy.

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## **Celebrating the Dynamic UN-India Partnership**

From breakthroughs in public health and food security to major advances in poverty reduction, technology and climate action, 2024 has proven to be another transformative year in India - as it has been for us at the United Nations in India

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## **Brazil Assumes BRICS Presidency, Prioritizing South-South Cooperation and Challenging Global Imbalances**

Brazil officially took over the rotating presidency of the BRICS bloc (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) on January 1st, ushering in a year focused on strengthening cooperation among nations of the Global South

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## **India is Paving Way in Climate Solutions for RE, Battery Storage for Global South**

COP29's outcomes made it clear that the world is doing more than ever, including a commitment to triple climate finance for emerging and developing economies to \$300 billion annually by 2035.

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## **India Submits 4th Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC: A Milestone in Climate Action**

Despite contributing minimally to historical and current global emissions, India has taken proactive steps to combat climate change India has reaffirmed its commitment to climate action by submitting its Fourth Biennial Update Report

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### **Maldives-India Bilateral Visit**

H. E. Dr. Abdulla Khaleel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives visited India from 02-04 January 2025. Dr. Khaleel, on his part, appreciated the timely emergency financial assistance extended by India to Maldives in times of need

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### **African Union Developing a Ten-Year Comprehensive Agriculture Programme (2026-2035)**

For three working days, 9th –11th January 2025, in the Speke Resort Conference Centre in Uganda’s capital, Kampala, the African Union Commission (AUC) will host the Extraordinary Summit on the Post-Malabo Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

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### **Delegation from Thailand Visited Vietnam to Enhance Development Cooperation and Review Project Progress**

Lieutenant Sorawud Preededilok, Minister attached to Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), led a delegation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials from TICA, Department of East Asian Affairs, Department of Information and Devawongse Varopakarn Institute

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### **South-South Cooperation: Mission in Angola Promotes Innovation in Sanitation and Waste Management**

Funded by the IBSA Fund, the initiative aims to share innovative practices in sanitation and solid waste management, focusing on local entrepreneurship and community empowerment.

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### **Algeria-Uganda Development Cooperation**

Bakhta Selma Mansouri, Algerian Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for African Affairs, held a bilateral meeting on Wednesday with John Mulimba, Uganda’s Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of regional cooperation.

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## **TechInvention, an Indian Company Partners with Ethiopia's Ministry of Health to Boost Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa**

Ethiopia's Ministry of Health has signed a deal with the Indian biotech company TechInvention. This program helps Ethiopia achieve its objectives under the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM)

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## **Malaysia-Sri Lanka Health Diplomacy**

IHEAL Health Sdn Bhd, a leading healthcare provider based in Malaysia, has officially entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SITREK Home Nursing & Swift Care (Pvt.) Ltd, a prominent home nursing services provider in Sri Lanka.

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## **Integrating Historic Data Enhances Global South Climate Models**

To show how it could be done, a cross-disciplinary team of McGill University researchers that included climate scientists, data analysts and a historian integrated data from 19th century missionary archives in Tanzania

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## **Dominica Continues to Build Community Resilience in the Kalinago Territory through India-UN Development Partnership Fund**

Dominica's Kalinago Territory will be the focus of a new US\$1 million project, aimed at increasing community resilience through enhancing sustainable agriculture, improving forest and watershed management, and fostering indigenous eco-tourism.

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## **Serbia is Ready to be a Reliable Partner to African Countries**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Marko Djurić said today that the Serbia-Africa 2024: Dignity conference, which was held in Belgrade, was a significant step towards strengthening political and security relations between Serbia and African countries.

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