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### DAKSHIN-RIS and CEBRI, Brazil: Upcoming Collaborative Event



### Strengthening Ties and Expanding Cooperation: The Brazil-India Partnership Ahead

The event will examine the trade trajectories of Brazil and India, with particular attention to the opportunities that bilateral cooperation offers for advancing their respective development agendas. The initiative will assess the main outcomes of the recent presidential visit through an integrated economic and political lens. It will also provide a detailed overview of the priorities established by both governments and an analysis of the prospects for bilateral relations in the coming years.

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## Key Developments in the Global South

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### **India to Lead South Asia Growth at 7.6% in FY26, says World Bank**

World Bank expects India to remain the primary engine of growth in South Asia, projecting the economy to expand 7.6% in FY26, before moderating to 6.6% in FY27, according to its latest South Asia Economic Update. The multilateral lender had earlier pegged India's growth at 6.3% for the current financial year in its October 2025 update.

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### **Nepal and the Philippines Exchange Climate Finance and Carbon Solutions**

As the race to meet global climate goals intensifies, two of Asia's most climate-vulnerable nations are partnering to accelerate climate action. A high-level delegation from Nepal visited Manila for a peer-to-peer exchange with the Philippine government. This direct, country-to-country cooperation allowed government experts to share the specific tools and policies they have built to manage climate funding and carbon markets.

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### **UNDP Engages Turkmen Youth on Healthy Lifestyles and Digital Health Solutions for World Health Day**

As part of the educational sessions "Youth and Digital Transformation: Innovations for Sustainable Development," UNDP experts met students at the UN building in Ashgabat to

discuss non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention and digital health innovations, marking World Health Day (7 April).

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### **Smart Agriculture Programmes Boost Harvests and Food Security in Zimbabwe's Rural Districts**

Climate-smart agriculture initiatives are delivering improved harvests and strengthening food security in Zimbabwe's Mberengwa and Bulilima districts, as farmers report higher yields of maize and traditional grains, reports Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC), a partner of TV BRICS.

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### **GCC, Global Partners Discuss Trade, Food, Security Cooperation**

Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Jasem Al-Budaiwi held a series of high-level meetings focusing on enhancing trade cooperation, addressing regional security challenges and strengthening food security coordination among member states. Al-Budaiwi met with India's Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal to discuss avenues for boosting trade exchange in light of ongoing global economic challenges.

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### **Ethiopia and India Expand Cooperation Across Key Strategic Sectors Ahead of COP32**

According to Anil Kumar Rai, India's Ambassador to Ethiopia, both countries are actively exploring new and emerging areas of collaboration while reinforcing existing ties. He

highlighted a shared commitment to strengthening relations through expanded economic, technological and development cooperation.

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### **Uzbekistan and ZTE Forge Strategic Partnership to Accelerate Digital Transformation**

ZTE Corporation, a global leading provider of integrated information and communication technology solutions, announced the strengthening of its long-term partnership with the Republic of Uzbekistan. During the Mobile World Congress 2026, a high-level delegation led by H.E. Sherzod Shermatov, Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, visited the ZTE booth for official talks and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

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### **R&D Roadmaps for Pathogen Families to Reduce uncertainty**

In support of efforts to have safe and effective diagnostics, treatments and vaccines ready for distribution before the next pandemic strikes, WHO launched, together with partners, research and development roadmaps for 10 viral families and a group of bacteria. The roadmaps were launched at an event, co-hosted by ANRS Emerging Infectious Diseases, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), the World Health Organization (WHO), and partners held during the One Health Summit in Lyon, France.

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## **Zim, Ghana Enter new Phase of Economic Emancipation**

ZIMBABWE and Ghana have entered a new phase in their relations focused on economic emancipation, which is expected to accelerate Africa's march towards economic transformation and industrialisation, President Mnangagwa has said. Speaking during a State visit, President Mnangagwa and his Ghanaian counterpart, President John Mahama, oversaw the signing of 10 memoranda of understanding (MoUs).

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## **Egypt, Morocco Explore Deeper Agricultural Cooperation, Trade and Investment**

Egypt's Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Alaa Farouk, held talks with Ahmed El Bouari, Morocco's Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests, to explore ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation across the agricultural sector.

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## **India, St. Kitts and Nevis Deepen ties as High Commission Opens in Delhi**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met the Foreign Affairs Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Denzil Douglas, at Hyderabad House in the national capital, as both sides marked

a key diplomatic milestone with the opening of the High Commission of St. Kitts and Nevis in New Delhi. The meeting focused on discussing development projects, health cooperation, digital capacities and disaster response.

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### **DRC Just Launched a \$46.5m Plan to Turn one of Africa's Great Rivers into a Trade Corridor**

The DRC launched the active phase of PREDIRE, a \$46.5M AfDB-backed programme in the Ubangi River basin. It targets water infrastructure, agriculture, river navigation and climate resilience in three provinces. 2.4 million people are expected to benefit, with 3,400 jobs created and a focus on women and youth. The programme mirrors a parallel initiative in the Central African Republic, creating a rare cross-border development corridor.

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### **Tajikistan and ADB set Stage for Key Co-op on Water and Energy Security**

Tajikistan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) engaged in discussions focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation, with particular emphasis on the sustainable management of water resources, optimizing hydropower potential, and the implementation of collaborative projects, Trend reports, citing the Kyrgyz Ministry of Energy and Water Resources.

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## **Egypt Creates Executive Committee to Accelerate Digital Transformation for Investors**

Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Mohamed Farid Saleh, has ordered the formation of an executive committee to accelerate digital transformation across all ministry bodies to streamline procedures and reduce service times for investors. The committee, which will include representatives from all affiliated entities, is tasked with the immediate coordination and implementation of digital plans to integrate services.

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## **GITEX Africa Morocco Expands Multi-Sector Digital Push**

With Africa's digital economy entering its next phase of execution, governments, enterprises and investors accelerate efforts to deploy infrastructure and capabilities to support sustained growth. In response to this shift, GITEX AFRICA Morocco has expanded its sector focus to address enablers shaping the continent's digital future, from data centre capacity and cybersecurity resilience to financial systems and next generation mobility.

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## **Ghana Engages Global Digital Cooperation Body to Expand Digital Partnerships**

Ghana is seeking to deepen its digital transformation through closer cooperation with the Digital Cooperation Organization, as its Ambassador to Saudi Arabia formally engaged

the organization to expand partnerships in key digital sectors.

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### **Guyana, Brazil Deepen Agricultural Cooperation amid Major Infrastructure Push**

Guyana is strengthening agricultural cooperation with Brazil as part of a broader push to expand production, attract foreign investment, and enhance regional food security. Zulfikar Mustapha, Guyana's Minister of Agriculture, recently engaged a high-level team of Brazilian investors to explore large-scale agricultural opportunities. The engagement forms part of Guyana's national strategy to boost agricultural output and deepen cross-border partnerships.

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### **Afghanistan Deepens Health and Trade ties with Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan**

Afghanistan's latest engagement with Central Asian partners comes as officials from Kabul and Tashkent advance practical cooperation in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, trade and investment, while talks with Kyrgyzstan also focused on expanding economic links.

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## **ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Meetings to Advance Regional Stability and Resilience Under Philippine Chairship**

The Philippines, through the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), will chair the 13th ASEAN Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting (AFMGM) and its related Meetings from April 7 to 10, 2026, convening finance leaders and central bank governors from across Southeast Asia, and key partner institutions.

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