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## India's Genome Initiative



### Advancing Global South Genomics

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Human genomics is transforming healthcare by enabling precision-based interventions and personalized treatments that enhance outcomes and disease prevention. The Genome India Project (GIP), led by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), marks a significant milestone in this field.

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## Report in Focus



### Procurement and Financing of Electric Buses in India: Lessons for Africa

As the Africa region is framing solutions for clean air and low carbon pathways and building momentum for action, a considerable focus is on transport and mobility solutions including electric mobility. This has triggered regulatory interest in the emerging good practices in electric mobility transition in the Global South including India.

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## Key Developments across the Global South



### India sends Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Cuba

The Government of India extended Humanitarian Assistance to the Government of Republic of Cuba. India sent relief assistance to the people of Cuba on Friday, following the devastation caused by Hurricane Rafael.

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## Ethiopia Launches Stock Exchange in Fresh Step to Liberalise Economy

Ethiopia launched a securities exchange in what officials touted as a milestone in Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's drive to open up the country's tightly controlled economy to private investment.

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## Health, a Key sector for Moroccan South-South Cooperation

The healthcare sector is expected to play a central role in South-South cooperation, said Saïd Afif, pediatrician and president of the Moroccan Society of Medical Sciences. According to data from Morocco's Ministry of Higher Education, 19,256 African students, or nearly 83% of the 23,411 international students enrolled in Morocco in 2021

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## UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology Undertakes Official Visit to India

The United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, Under-Secretary-General Amandeep Singh Gill, is undertaking an official visit to India, his first official trip since the establishment of the new UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies.

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## African Youth Participate in Formation Sessions in South Africa, Ethiopia, and Mauritius

African youth participated in various training (formation) sessions focused on global contextual analysis, political debates, social movement building, food sovereignty, and youth participation.

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## America's Internet Giants are being Outplayed in the Global South

It is unusual for Amazon, the world's biggest e-emporium, to be playing catch-up in its own industry. Yet that is exactly what it is doing in India, where last month it began piloting a quick-commerce service in the city of Bangalore, delivering a wide variety of goods in minutes.

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## India Reaffirms Ties with Cuba and Global South

India reaffirmed its bonds of friendship and cooperation with Cuba on the 65th anniversary of bilateral relations, and ratified its commitment to working with Cuba and the Global South nations.

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## ACC, ADCCI Sign Agreement to Enhance Jordan-UAE Trade, Investment Cooperation

Amman Chamber of Commerce (ACC) and Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ADCCI) signed a joint cooperation agreement to enhance collaboration in the trade, services and investment fields.

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## Algeria and Venezuela Deepen Strategic Ties

Speaker of Algeria's People's National Assembly (APN) Brahim Boughali was received in Caracas by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro Moros, in a significant diplomatic meeting aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

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## Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic Agree to Work closely on Multilateral Forums within the Framework of South-South Cooperation

State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, Ambassador Mesganu Arga, held discussions with Asein Isaev, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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## India to Expand Flash Flood Guidance System within South Asia

India is expanding its Flash Flood Guidance System to cover several countries in South Asia. With weather patterns changing all over the world because of global warming, among other reasons, this expansion will save lives

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## Five Lessons Africa can Learn from South Africa's Agriculture Sector

African agricultural ministers gathered in Kampala, Uganda, from Thursday, 9 January to Saturday, 11 January

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## Korea, Honduras Partner to Fight Deforestation

The Korea Forest Service announced that it has signed an agreement with Honduras to protect forests and combat climate change. The memorandum of understanding, the first of its kind between the two countries

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## South Africa Learns from Nigeria's HIV Care Model

A delegation from South Africa's Department of Health has visited Nigeria to study the country's innovative approaches to HIV care and treatment. This learning exchange which was facilitated by the HIV Coverage Quality and Impact Network (CQUIN)

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