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In-Focus Article



Success Story of Triangular Cooperation: Case of capacity building of Bhutan on their WTO Accession

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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 17, identify triangular cooperation as a crucial, collaborative partnership modality for achieving the 2030 Agenda. It is used to share knowledge, technology, and build capacity to accelerate development goals. Triangular cooperation—where a middle-income country, a development partner, and a beneficiary country pool expertise, resources, and institutional support—has emerged as a practical pathway to accelerate capacity building and deliver sustainable development outcomes.

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Key Developments in the Global South



PM Modi Pitches Stronger Voice for Global South Under India's BRICS Presidency

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, 14 May 2026, said India would use its presidency of the BRICS grouping to strengthen multilateralism, enhance economic resilience and push for a more inclusive global order amid rising geopolitical and economic uncertainties.

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India, Trinidad and Tobago Sign Eight Agreements During S Jaishankar's Visit

India and Trinidad and Tobago have signed eight agreements in sectors including tourism, healthcare, infrastructure and Ayurveda during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's two-day visit to the Caribbean nation. Ministry of External Affairs in a statement said, MoUs were signed between the two sides for solarisation of Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs building, vector control, infrastructure upgrade of Nelson Island where the Indian immigrants were stayed initially and for setting up of an Indian Chair on Ayurveda at the University of the West Indies.

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EAM Jaishankar Hands Over India-Assisted Agro-Processing Facility in South Trinidad

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar jointly handed over an agro-processing facility in South Trinidad along with the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Dr Jaishankar said that the facility, powered by India's SEEDS initiative, will strengthen Trinidad and Tobago's Small and Medium-sized Enterprises ecosystem, providing fresh impetus to its farming sector.

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Africa Forward Summit Backs New African Financial Architecture for Development

The African Development Bank Group secured major political momentum for the New African Financial Architecture for Development (NAFAD) at the Africa Forward Summit, as African leaders, international partners and development institutions rallied behind a transformative pan-African guarantee mechanism designed to unlock investment, lower the cost of capital and accelerate job creation across the continent.

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India, Nepal Discuss Expanding Health Cooperation and Medical Infrastructure Support

Indian Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava held talks with Nepal's Minister for Health, Population and Water Supply Nisha Mehta on strengthening bilateral cooperation in the health sector, with discussions focusing on specialised treatment centres, medical institutions and healthcare infrastructure development. The meeting took place at the Health Ministry in Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, where both sides reviewed the long-standing relationship between India and Nepal and explored ways to deepen collaboration in healthcare, sanitation and water supply.

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South Asian Nations and UN Women Advance Regional Cooperation on Care

Member States of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) are working towards a historic regional roadmap to transform care systems, aiming to unlock women's economic potential and drive inclusive growth across South Asia. The two-day ministerial dialogue, "TransformCare South Asia: Transforming Care Systems for Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment in SAARC" concluded on 14 May, marking the first time the care economy has been positioned as a strategic pillar for cooperation in the sub-region.

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Republic of Chile Foreign Minister, Leads High-Level Delegation to India to Strengthen Economic and Commercial Cooperation

A high-level delegation from the Republic of Chile led by H.E. Mr. Francisco Pérez Mackenna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, visited India for bilateral engagements aimed at strengthening economic and commercial cooperation between the two countries. During the visit, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal held discussions with the Foreign Minister of Chile on further deepening bilateral trade and investment ties and enhancing economic cooperation in priority sectors. Both sides noted the steady growth in India Chile economic relations and reaffirmed their shared commitment to expanding bilateral trade, investment and business-to-business engagement.

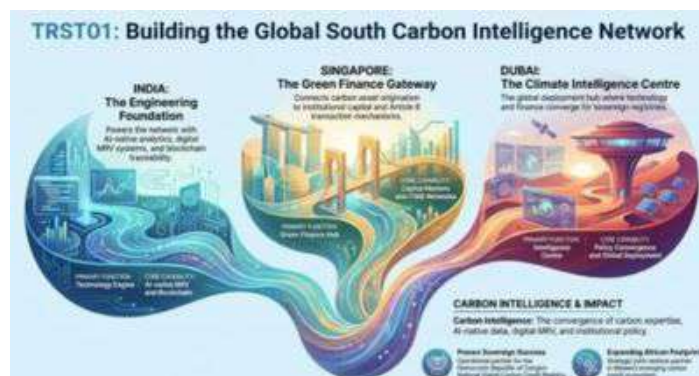
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Brazil Seeks to Increase Fertiliser Imports from Kazakhstan to Strengthen its Agricultural Sector

The Brazilian government plans to increase fertiliser imports from Kazakhstan to meet the growing demand from its agricultural sector, Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira said after meeting with Kazakh Foreign Minister Yermek Kosherbayev in Astana.

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TRST01 Unveils AI Native Carbon Intelligence Platform Across India, Singapore and the Gulf for the Global South

TRST01, a specialist carbon intelligence and digital MRV firm, announced a structured three-hub platform designed to mobilise green finance and investment across the next generation of carbon markets. India provides the technology engine, Singapore the global carbon markets gateway, and Dubai the regional deployment and climate intelligence centre.

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Omar Hilale Announces Morocco-Led Initiative for South-South Cooperation at UN

Omar Hilale, Morocco's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Chair of the UN High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, announced a new Moroccan-led initiative aiming to establish a "Group of Friends of South-South and Triangular Cooperation" at the UN headquarters in New York. Hilale made the announcement during the closing session of the expanded Bureau meeting of the High-Level Committee, held this week in Santa Marta.

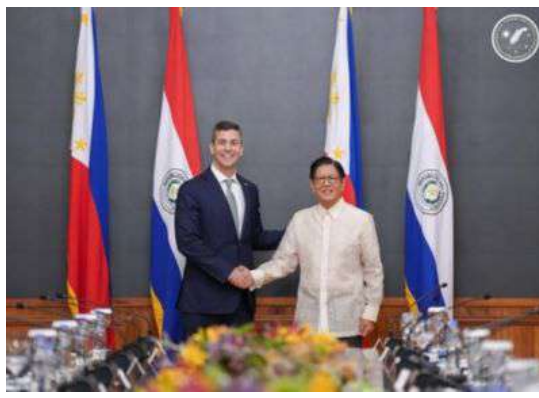
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India-Honduras Explore Stronger Ties in Culture, Arts and Yoga

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita held talks with Yasser Handal Carcamo, Secretary of Culture, Arts and Heritage of Honduras, to deepen cultural and people-to-people ties between the two nations. During the meeting, both sides discussed expanding cooperation in areas such as arts, yoga, wellness, cinema and broader cultural exchanges.

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Philippines, Paraguay Eye Deeper Cooperation in Trade, Agriculture, Renewable Energy

The Philippines and Paraguay signed three landmark agreements and pledged to pursue long-term economic cooperation spanning agriculture, trade and renewable energy, as the two countries marked the first-ever presidential exchange in their 63-year diplomatic history.

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PH, Vietnam Seal 1.5-Million Metric Ton Rice Deal at ASEAN Summit

The Philippines and Vietnam have locked in a one-year rice supply agreement covering 1.5 million metric tons, as the two countries used the sidelines of the 48th ASEAN Summit to deepen an agricultural partnership seen as critical to stabilizing domestic food prices amid rising inflation and geopolitical uncertainty.

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President Ruto Reaffirms Kenya's Commitment to Africa's Health Sovereignty and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Agenda

H.E. President William Ruto reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to advancing Africa's health sovereignty and pharmaceutical manufacturing agenda during the high-level African Initiative for Medical Access and Manufacturing (AIM2030) breakfast meeting held on the sidelines of the Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi.

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Congo Launches Mapping of Critical Digital Infrastructure with World Bank Support

The Republic of Congo, with support from the World Bank, has launched an initiative to map its critical digital infrastructure to strengthen resilience against climate and environmental risks. Led by the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and the Digital Economy, experts assessed the exposure of the country's digital infrastructure to climate hazards and developed preliminary recommendations to improve resilience.

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Indonesia, Ethiopia Deepen Strategic Ties Through Trade and Investment

Indonesia and Ethiopia reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening their strategic partnership as fellow Global South countries by holding the 2nd Meeting of the Indonesia-Ethiopia Bilateral Consultation Forum (FKB) in Jakarta.

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Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and Uzbekistan Implement a Joint Agricultural Insurance System

Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and Uzbekistan have established a unique model of cooperation in the agrarian sector, forming a strategic "triangle" and implementing a joint agricultural insurance system, according to the Minister of Agriculture of Uzbekistan, Ibrokhim Abdurakhmonov.

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Kenya, Saudi Arabia Strengthen Cooperation in Health Sector Development and Investment

Cabinet Secretary for Health Hon. Aden Duale hosted H.E. Saad bin Abdullah Alnofaia, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Kenya, at Afya House for a strategic bilateral dialogue focused on strengthening cooperation in health sector development and investment between Kenya and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The meeting reaffirmed the strong and longstanding relations between the two countries and explored opportunities for deeper collaboration in healthcare systems strengthening, innovation, technology exchange, and sustainable investment.

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Vietnam targets fully digital public services by 2035

Vietnam aims to conduct all citizen-government transactions digitally by 2035 under a newly approved national transformation program. Deputy Prime Minister Ho Quoc Dung has signed a decision approving the Prime Minister's program on developing population data applications, electronic identification and authentication to support digital transformation for the 2026-2030 period, with a vision toward 2035, known as Project 06.

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