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## Global South Centre of Excellence



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### South-South Cooperation



#### Training of Bhutan officials on Multilateral Trading System and WTO Accession

The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, in collaboration with the United Nations ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence, and the Capacity Building Commission, successfully convened a Training Programme for Bhutanese officials on the Multilateral Trading System and WTO Accession. The training programme aimed to strengthen Bhutan's ongoing negotiations for accession to the World Trade Organization. It covered key elements of the accession process, including legal and regulatory alignment, scheduling of commitments, trade remedies, tariff and services scheduling exercises, and post-accession implementation challenges.

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### Key Developments in the Global South



**EAM Jaishankar Meets Ecuador FM Gabriela Sommerfeld, Boosts India-Ecuador Ties**

India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held talks with Ecuador's Foreign Minister Gabriela Sommerfeld to strengthen bilateral cooperation across key sectors including trade, agriculture, health, digital technology and capacity building. Welcoming Sommerfeld on her first official visit to India, Jaishankar said both sides explored ways to deepen engagement and agreed to enhance coordination in multilateral forums.

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### **India Reaffirms Pacific Outreach as Pabitra Margherita Visits Vanuatu, Tuvalu**

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, visited Vanuatu and Tuvalu between April 22 and 25, 2026, as part of India's diplomatic outreach to Pacific Island nations, where he held high-level meetings with top leadership and announced a series of development and capacity-building assistance initiatives under India's Act East Policy and FOIP framework.

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### **India Gifts Indigenously built BHISHM Cube Medical Systems to Kyrgyzstan**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday, 28 April 2026, gifted two sets of BHISHM Cube modular trauma care systems to his Kyrgyzstan counterpart, Major General Mukambetov Ruslan Mustafaeovich, showcasing India's commitment to humanitarian aid.

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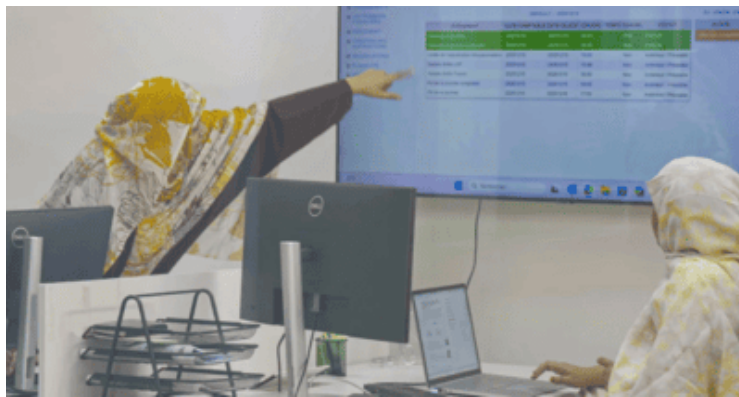
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## **Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Highlights India’s Climate Leadership, Renewable Energy Expansion and Global Economic Engagements**

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal delivered the keynote address at the ‘Advancing Resilience with Climate Change’ dialogue in New Delhi, highlighting India’s emergence as a global leader in climate action, its strong performance in achieving Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), rapid expansion of renewable energy capacity, and ongoing global economic engagements with multiple countries and regions.

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## **African Development Bank Group and India Advance Investment Ahead of the India-Africa Forum Summit**

The African Development Bank Group and India are stepping up cooperation across digital infrastructure, industrial development and finance, as preparations gather pace for the fourth India-Africa Forum Summit, scheduled to take place in New Delhi on 31 May 2026.

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## **10th India–Kenya Joint Trade Committee Meeting Held in Nairobi to Strengthen Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation**

The 10th Session of the India–Kenya Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was held on 27 – 28 April, 2026, in Nairobi, Kenya, to review and strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was co-chaired by Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, and Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, Republic of Kenya, Ms. Regina Akotah Ombam.

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### **Sapodilla Becomes part of Agricultural Growth Strategy in India’s Gujarat State**

The authorities of the Indian state of Gujarat are considering the tropical fruit sapo-dilla not only as a key agricultural product, but also as a foundation for a value-added industry. The fruit cultivation sector has become part of the state’s horticulture development strategy. Sapodilla is an evergreen tree reaching up to 30 metres in height.

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### **WHO Expands Global Biomanufacturing Workforce Network to Strengthen Equitable Access and Health Security**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated a network of regional training centres for biomanufacturing across all six WHO regions, marking a major step forward in strengthening the global workforce needed to produce vaccines, biotherapeutics and other biological products.

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## **Saudi Arabia's Ambassador Hosts Nigeria's Dangote To Deepen Trade Ties**

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Nigeria, Yousef bin Mohammed Al-Balawi, has reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to strengthening economic ties with Nigeria following a high-level meeting with Chairman of the Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote.

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## **Kenya to Host Eastern Africa Health Security Hub Under New Africa CDC Deal**

Kenya has signed a framework agreement with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to establish the Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre in Nairobi, cementing its role as a strategic hub for regional health security and emergency response.

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## **Turkmenistan, Argentina Explore new Frontiers for Diplomacy and Trade**

Turkmenistan and Argentina have discussed prospects for expanding political-diplomatic dialogue and trade-economic cooperation. The discussions took place during a meeting between Turkmenistan's Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmet Gurbanov and the newly appointed Argentine Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Enrique Ignacio Ferrer Vieira.

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### **Egypt, Kenya Deepen Health, Pharmaceutical Cooperation**

Egypt and Kenya have explored ways to expand cooperation in healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry, as Egyptian Health Minister Khaled Abdel Ghaffar took part in the Global Health Summit Nairobi. According to Egypt's health ministry, Abdel Ghaffar led the country's official delegation to the summit, which focuses on digital health transformation, pandemic preparedness, and strengthening health systems across Africa.

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### **Morocco Can Accelerate Growth, Attract Private Investment, and Generate Millions of Jobs**

Morocco could generate 1.7 million additional jobs by 2035 and increase real GDP by close to 20 percent above baseline – but realizing that potential will require pursuing a strong program of reforms. Two analytical reports, developed in close partnership with the Government of Morocco and released by the World Bank Group, provide both the evidence and a policy roadmap to make that transformation a reality.

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### **Tanzania and Belarus Target Agriculture and ICT Cooperation**

Tanzania and Belarus are set for a new era of economic cooperation following a high-level business meeting aimed at strengthening trade, investment, and technological ties. The engagement, hosted by the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), brought together representatives from Belarus’ export promotion institutions and the private sector to explore untapped opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, and information and communications technology (ICT).

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### **Venezuela, Barbados Deepen Strategic Integration, Shared Prosperity**

During the official visit to Barbados, Acting President Delcy Rodríguez engaged on April 27, in high-level discussions aimed at bolstering bilateral relations and deepening collaboration between Venezuela and the island nation. The visit underscored a mutual commitment to strengthening South-South cooperation and enhancing regional resilience against global challenges.

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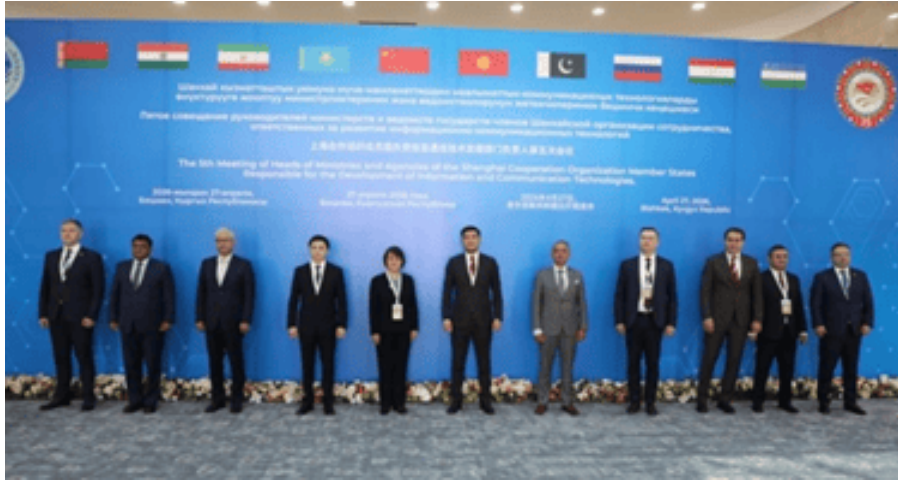


### **Strengthening SAARC can Revitalize Agricultural Development in South Asia: Nazrul Islam Khan**

Prime Minister's Political and Agricultural Adviser Nazrul Islam Khan said strengthening SAARC can further bolster agriculture in the South Asia. "Agriculture is the main foundation of this region's economy, and there is no alternative to modernization for its sustainable development," he said while speaking as the chief guest at a coordination meeting titled 'Development Partners and Investors' held in the capital.

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### **Tajikistan Adopts 2040 AI Development Strategy, Proposes SCO Cooperation on Digital Governance**

Khurshed Mirzo, director of the Agency for Innovation and Digital Technologies under the President of Tajikistan, announced the strategy during the Fifth Meeting of Ministers of Information and Communication Technologies of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states.

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### **Uganda Reaffirms Commitment to Digital Cooperation at Connected Africa Summit 2026 in Nairobi**

Uganda has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing digital transformation and regional collaboration through its participation at the Connected Africa Summit 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya.

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## **Nuclear Techniques Help Liberia Develop Climate-Resilient Rice**

Liberia is using nuclear techniques to develop resilient rice faster, strengthening food security and reducing reliance on imports. The country has expanded their ability to improve rice production with new and upgraded breeding facilities, a modern molecular laboratory and the country's first speed-breeding centre.

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## **Mozambique And Ethiopia Sign Mou to Boost Digital Identity**

The Digital Transformation and Innovation Agency, representing Mozambique, and FaydaVerse Digital Solutions Enterprise, a public company of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on 27th April in Addis Ababa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of digital transformation, with a focus on digital identity and Public Digital Infrastructure.

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## **IEA Public Health Minister Discusses Health Cooperation With Uzbek Counterpart**

Noor Jalal Jalali, Afghanistan's Minister of Public Health, held talks with Asilbek Khudayarov, Uzbekistan's Minister of Health, on strengthening and expanding health cooperation between the two countries, emphasizing the delivery of standard healthcare services.

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## Libya, Malaysia Discuss Economic and Agricultural Cooperation

Libyan officials have held talks with a Malaysian delegation in Tripoli on strengthening cooperation in economic, investment and agricultural sectors. The meeting, held at the High Council of State, brought together members of a Libyan-Malaysian committee and representatives from Malaysia to explore opportunities for joint work.

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