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### In-Focus Article



#### Advancing Tuberculosis Collaboration: BRICS Strengthens Research and Innovation Agenda

The recent convening of the BRICS tuberculosis (TB) collaboration meeting marks a focused step in advancing collective efforts to address one of the most persistent public health challenges across the Global South. Building on the framework of the BRICS TB Research Network, the meeting brought together researchers, policymakers, and public health institutions to strengthen coordination in TB research, innovation, and implementation.

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### Key Developments in the Global South



#### India And Vietnam Agree to Enhance Trade, Investment and Technological Partnership

India and Vietnam have agreed on a new trade goal of 25 billion dollars by 2030 and are looking to reinforce cooperation at the level of governments and businesses for increasing two-way trade, investment and technological partnership. The Joint Statement on Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Vietnam To Lam emphasized the need to further enhance bilateral trade in a balanced and mutually beneficial manner.

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## **EAM Jaishankar Highlights India’s Global Role, Stresses ‘Partnership For Progress’ in Suriname**

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar spoke on the theme ‘Partnership for Progress’ in Paramaribo, Suriname, and highlighted India’s global role, stressing the need for partnership for progress. “It is this India that will partner Suriname in its growth trajectory and jointly write the next chapter of the India-Suriname story,” EAM Jaishankar added.

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## **NIScPR Signed an MoU With RIS to Strengthen Science Technology Innovation Policy and Diplomacy**

CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) signed a MoU with Research and Information System for the Developing Countries (RIS) on 6 May 2026 to strengthen collaboration in science, technology, innovation policy and diplomacy through joint research, policy analysis, capacity building and knowledge sharing. The partnership will promote work in science policy, communication, diplomacy and traditional knowledge, along with joint projects, publications, policy dialogues, workshops and outreach for inclusive and sustainable development.

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## **BRICS Agriculture Working Group to Meet in Indore From June 9–11; Agriculture Ministers' Summit Scheduled for June 12–13**

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed preparations for the upcoming BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Conference in Indore during a high-level meeting with Madhya Pradesh CM Dr. Mohan Yadav. Following the review meeting, Shri Chouhan addressed a press conference and described the forthcoming summit as a historic opportunity not only for Madhya Pradesh and India, but for the global agricultural community as a whole.

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## **India Signs Three MoUs With Jamaica, Expands Cooperation**

External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S. Jaishankar, paid an official visit to Jamaica from 02 - 04 May 2026. This was the first-ever bilateral visit by an External Affairs Minister of India to Jamaica. During the visit, EAM called on Dr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica, and held delegation-level talks with Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

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### **UAE Partners With Asian Development Bank to Strengthen Food Security**

The International Affairs Office at the UAE Presidential Court signed a US\$1.5 million technical cooperation partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to scale agricultural innovations for farmers across eight countries in Asia and the Pacific. The agreement is further strengthened by the support of the Japan's Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific (JFPR).

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### **Tanzania Hosts Rwanda and Kenya Presidents, Signs MoUs**

The visits delivered an agreement to eliminate all non-tariff barriers between Tanzania and Kenya by May 2026, eight MoUs covering railways and a Dar es Salaam-Mombasa gas pipeline study, and progress on the 80 MW Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Power Project and the Isaka-Kigali Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) with Rwanda.

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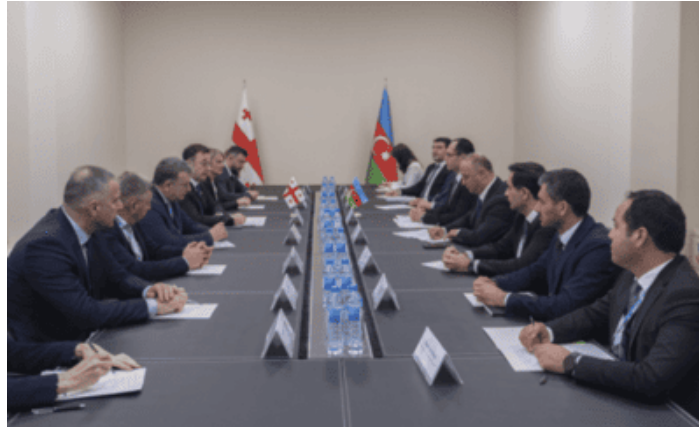
### **Kenya, Jordan Strengthen Health Cooperation**

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale held bilateral talks with the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya, H.E. Rulan Samara, to strengthen cooperation in advancing Kenya's Universal Health Coverage agenda. The discussions focused on

expanding access to specialised healthcare services, particularly oncology, while supporting the development of an equitable, resilient, and high-quality health system.

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### **Georgian Agriculture Minister: Keen on Developing Partnership Relations With Azerbaijan in all Areas**

As part of the 19th Azerbaijan International Agriculture Exhibition and Forum — Caspian Agro Week, Azerbaijan’s Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met with David Songulashvili, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.

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### **India-Ecuador Discussion to Enhance Bilateral Health Cooperation**

In a move to strengthen cross-border healthcare partnerships, Union Health Minister JP Nadda has recently met with Ecuador's Foreign Minister, Maira Gabriela Rosero, in New Delhi. Sharing the details on social media, the Health Minister said that they reflected upon the strong partnership between India and Ecuador and discussed enhanced bilateral health cooperation between the countries.

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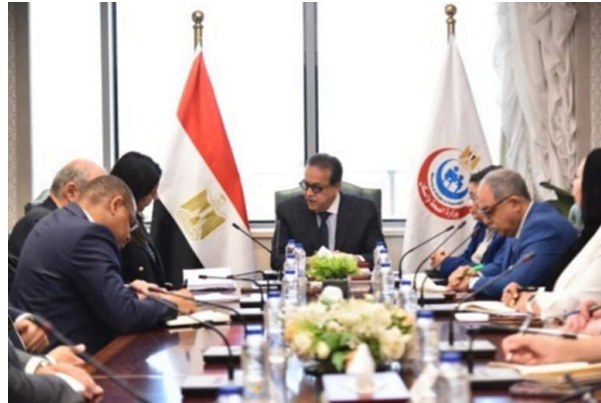


### **New Initiative Launched to Strengthen Irrigation, Water, and Land Management In The Sahel**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and key partners, has kick-started the implementation of the project “Enhancing Irrigation, Water and Land Management for a Sustainable Agriculture and Food System in the Sahel.”

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### **Egypt, World Bank Explore Pharma Localisation, Healthcare Cooperation**

Egypt’s Ministry of Health has discussed with the World Bank Group, including the International Finance Corporation (IFC), ways to deepen cooperation in the healthcare sector, with a focus on localising pharmaceutical production and improving service quality. Health Minister Khaled Abdel Ghaffar met with a World Bank delegation to review initiatives aimed at strengthening pharmaceutical supply chains and delivering high-quality healthcare services.

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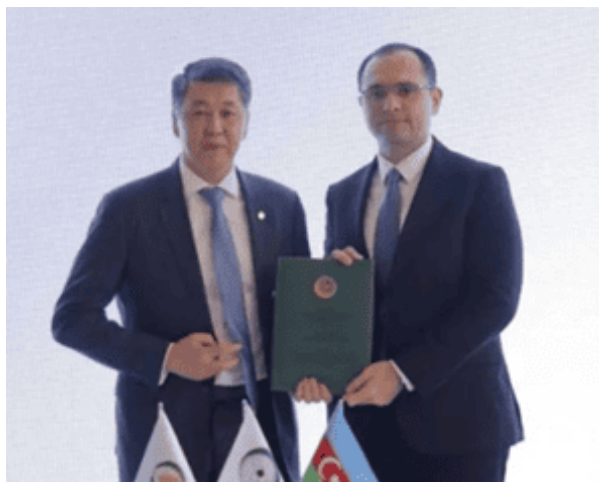


### **Nigeria, Grenada Move to Expand Bilateral Cooperation**

Nigeria has reaffirmed its commitment to deepening South-South Cooperation with African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries. The Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Technical Aid Corps, NTAC, Dr Yusuf Buba Yakub, led a high-level delegation to Grenada as part of the NTAC’s ongoing official foreign engagements.

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## Uzbekistan Expands Agricultural Cooperation

Uzbekistan has officially joined the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security, strengthening its role in international efforts to boost food security and sustainable agriculture across the Islamic world. The accession document was signed in Baku by Ibrokhim Abdurakhmonov, Uzbekistan’s Minister of Agriculture, marking a significant step in expanding the country’s multilateral agricultural partnerships.

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## Morocco Reaffirms Commitment to South-South Cooperation at UN Meeting in Colombia

King Mohammed VI’s strategy on South-South cooperation reflects “a constant act of solidarity” with countries of the Global South, Morocco’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Omar Hilale, said on during a high-level UN meeting in Santa Marta, Colombia.

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