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# ASIA CUP CRICKET 2025



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## INDIA-UAE CONNECT

INDIA-UAE CULTURAL AND  
SPORTS DIPLOMACY ENHANCED  
THROUGH ASIA CUP 2025

The **Asia Cup 2025**, hosted in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** from **September 9 to 28**, has become a defining moment in advancing India-UAE cultural and sports diplomacy. By staging matches in **Dubai and Abu Dhabi**, the UAE reaffirmed its role as a trusted venue for international tournaments. For India, participation reflects the growing use of **sports as a diplomatic tool** complementing existing cooperation.



Source: <https://www.indiatodayne.in/sport/story/dubai-and-abu-dhabi-to-host-acc-mens-t20-asia-cup-2025-blockbuster-india-pakistan-clash-set-for-september-14-1254987-2025-08-02>

The tournament also strengthens people-to-people ties. With the **UAE home to one of the largest Indian communities abroad**, the event provides a cultural bridge that goes beyond the boundaries of cricket. Shared enthusiasm reinforces mutual understanding and engagement during the competition period.



Source: <https://mei.edu/publications/india-uae-relations-poised-climb-new-heights>

Thus, the Asia Cup 2025 demonstrates how sporting platforms can **extend bilateral ties into cultural and diplomatic spheres**. It highlights the role of sports in building long-term goodwill between India-UAE.

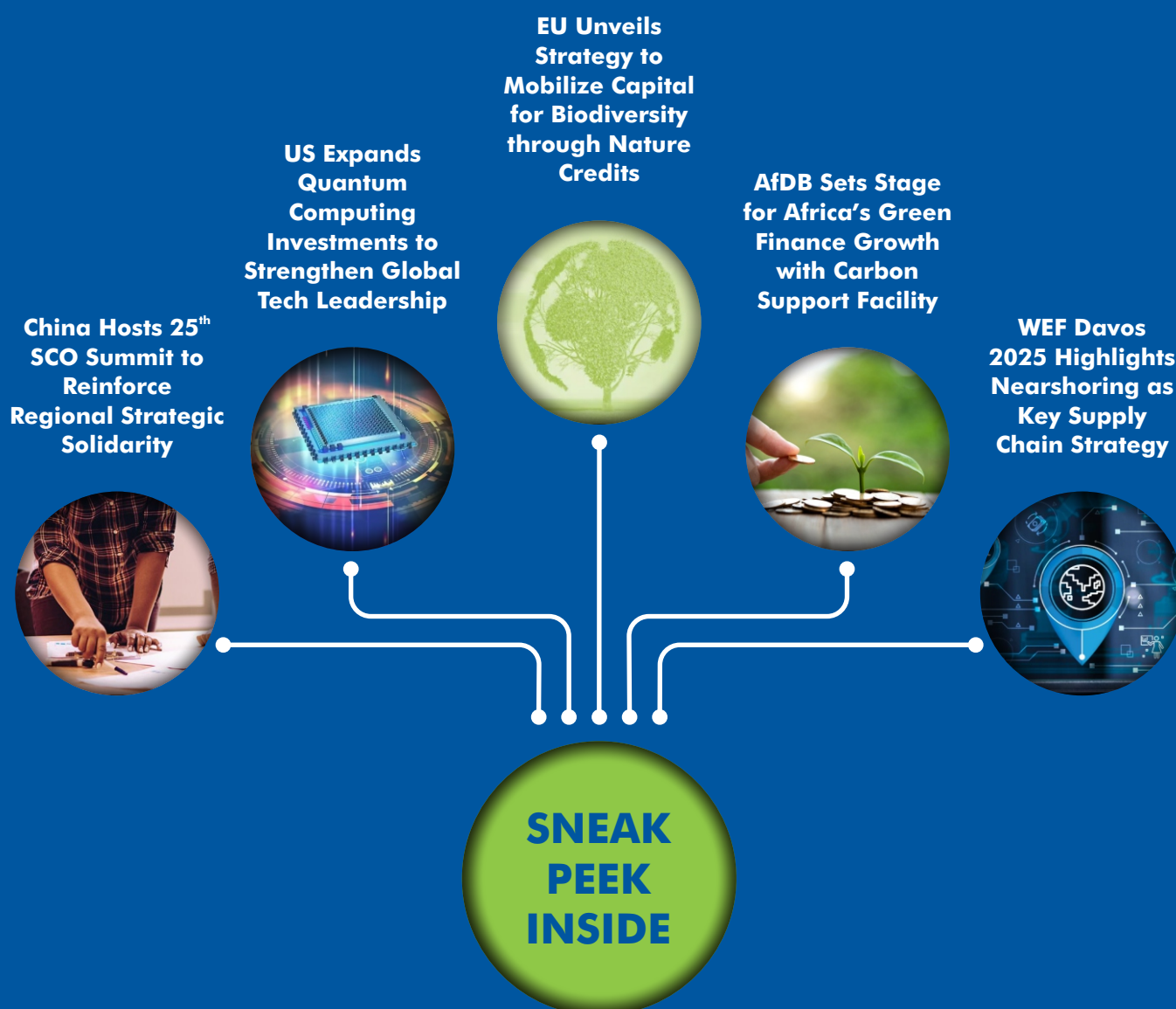
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## DEAR READERS,

The AG Group once again welcomes you in 2025 with the Quarter 3 edition of its newsletter "The AG communiqué". The diplomacy between the India-UAE by organizing Asia Cup has taken center stage in this newsletter. Whereas, the other part of this insightful newsletter sums up major updates from the corners of the globe about evolving geopolitics, technology advancements, sustainable development, supporting climate finance, and developing economy. This section will offer you insights from strategically important updates that will closely knit the web of the technology and strategic global canvas. It will also include updates on the next SCO Summit and the role of WEF in fostering supply chain strategy.







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**CHINA HOSTS 25<sup>TH</sup> SCO SUMMIT  
TO REINFORCE REGIONAL  
STRATEGIC SOLIDARITY**

The 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, held in Tianjin from August 31 to September 1, 2025, was the largest summit since the organization's founding. A **development strategy for 2026-2035** was approved. The **summit adopted the Tianjin Declaration**, along with related thematic statements on trade, security, and international norms.



Source: <https://sana.sy/en/international/2264634/>

Several new institutions and platforms were launched. **Four new SCO centers were inaugurated to address transnational crime, information security, anti-drug cooperation, and broader security threats.** Member states also agreed to establish an SCO development bank to support infrastructure and economic progress.



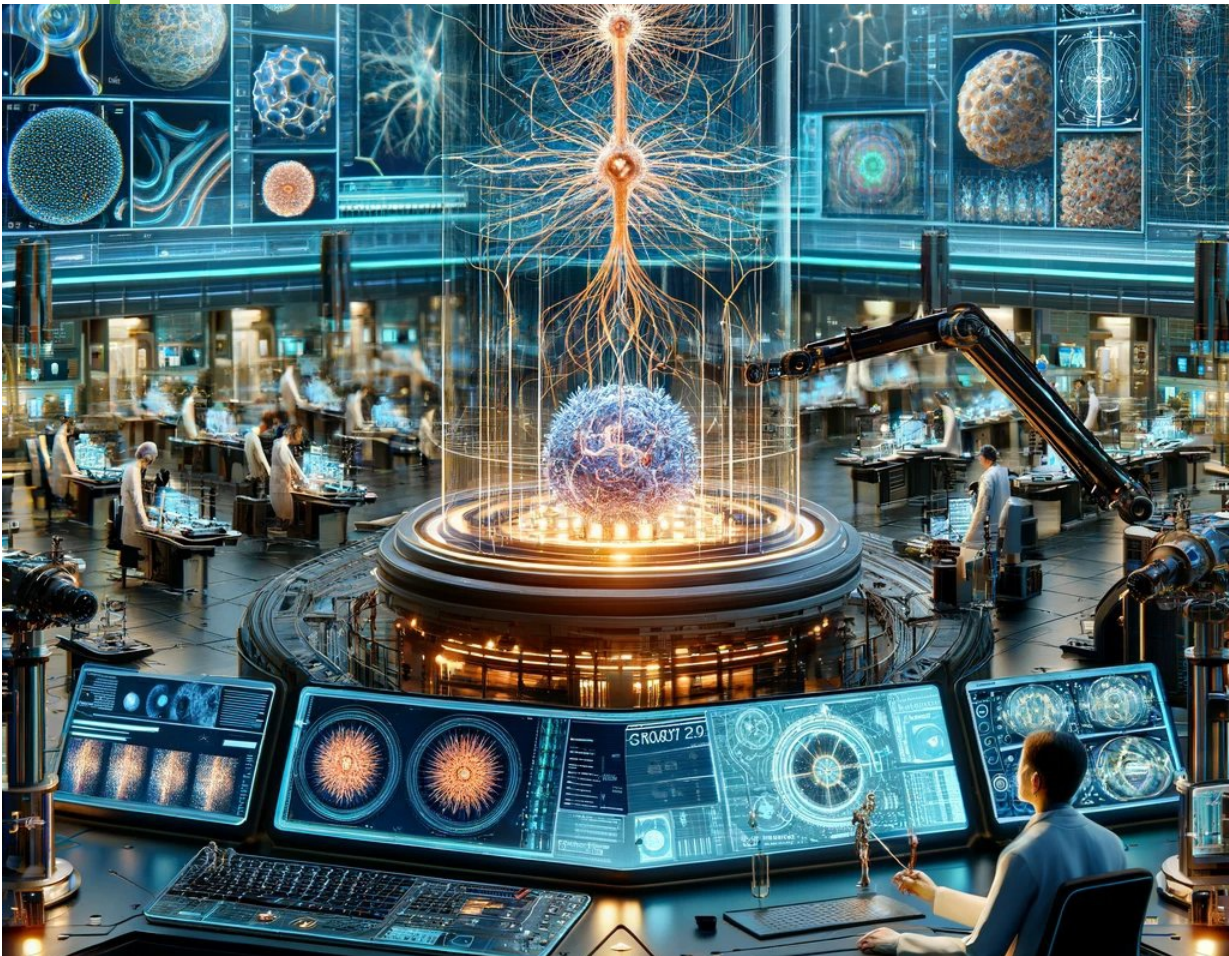
Source: <https://www.tripurastarnews.com/prime-minister-participates-in-the-25th-sco-summit-in-tianjin-china/>

The summit reaffirmed the importance of an open, rules-based global trading system. **New frameworks were proposed for energy, green industry, digital economy, scientific and technological innovation, and vocational education.** The institution also expanded its membership and streamlined observer and partner roles.

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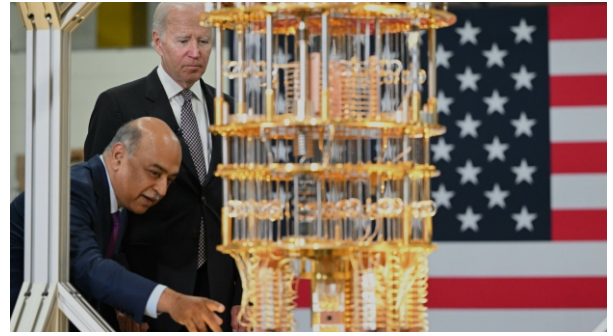
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USA

## US EXPANDS QUANTUM COMPUTING INVESTMENTS TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL TECH LEADERSHIP



The U.S. is accelerating its investments in quantum computing to secure global leadership in emerging technologies. In April 2025, **IBM** committed **\$150 billion over five years**, with more than **\$30 billion earmarked specifically for quantum computer and mainframe R&D and domestic manufacturing**.



Source: <https://www.ft.com/content/d0b486ab-ed6c-46f0-b7b6-66cc60780efe>

Meanwhile, a joint U.S.–Israel initiative is planning a **\$200 million quantum and AI fund** (2026-2030) possibly backed by Gulf states, aiming to bolster regional partnerships and counterbalance China's growing influence.

These efforts are part of broader federal policies—such as the **CHIPS and Science Act** and the **National Quantum Initiative**—which provide funding and coordination for quantum research, workforce development, and infrastructure.



Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/02/after-chips-act-us-has-long-road-to-rival-asia-in-semiconductors.html>

Thus, government and corporate moves build capacity across manufacturing, innovation, and geopolitics, positioning the U.S. to lead in quantum science's next phase.

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## **EUROPE**

**EU UNVEILS STRATEGY TO  
MOBILIZE CAPITAL FOR  
BIODIVERSITY THROUGH  
NATURE CREDITS**



The European Commission (EU) has unveiled a **Roadmap towards Nature Credits**, a strategy designed to mobilize private capital for biodiversity protection across the EU. Under the plan, businesses, landowners, farmers, and local communities will be able to earn “**nature credits**”—**certified credits linked to verifiable, measurable improvements in ecosystems** such as reforestation, wetland restoration, or regenerative agriculture.

The initiative aims to address a biodiversity financing gap estimated at **€65 billion annually, with around €7 billion expected to be committed by 2027**. Key features include strong standards and certification to prevent greenwashing, an open consultation for stakeholder feedback, and the establishment of an expert group to design the market framework.



Source: <https://esgnews.com/eu-launches-roadmap-for-nature-credits-to-attract-private-investment-in-biodiversity/>



Source: <https://www.pubaffairsbruxelles.eu/eu-institution-news/nature-credits-roadmap-to-reward-nature-positive-action-and-boost-private-finance/>

The scheme is voluntary but backed by rigorous governance to ensure that credits deliver real biodiversity benefits and support the EU's broader nature restoration and environmental goals.

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## AFRICA

### AFDB SETS STAGE FOR AFRICA'S GREEN FINANCE GROWTH WITH CARBON SUPPORT FACILITY

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is accelerating Africa's green finance with the launch of the Africa Carbon Support Facility (ACSF). **Unveiled during the AfDB's 2025 Annual Meetings, the ACSF aims to strengthen carbon markets and unlock climate finance across the continent.** It supports governments in developing carbon trading policies while enhancing the supply and demand for carbon credits, fostering economic growth alongside environmental benefits and long-term sustainability.



Source: <https://www.arise.tv/afdb-commits-40m-to-africas-green-infrastructure-drive/>



Source: <https://esgnews.com/africa-advances-carbon-market-strategy-to-drive-climate-finance/>

Despite contributing minimally to global emissions, Africa faces severe climate impacts and **receives only about 1% of global climate finance**. The ACSF integrates carbon credits into African stock exchanges, attracting private capital and aligning with the **African Union's Carbon Market Strategy, targeting 1.5 billion carbon credits annually by 2050**. This transformative initiative promotes sustainable development, economic empowerment, and climate resilience across Africa.

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**WEF**

## **WEF DAVOS 2025 HIGHLIGHTS NEARSHORING AS KEY SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGY**



At the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos 2025, nearshoring emerged as a key strategy for strengthening supply chain resilience. This approach involves **relocating production closer to end markets to reduce risks linked to geopolitical tensions, climate change, and global disruptions**. Experts emphasized that nearshoring allows companies to respond more quickly to demand fluctuations while maintaining continuity in production.



Source: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/01/in-pictures-world-leaders-business-ceos-experts-wef-davos-2025/>

The shift from traditional offshoring to nearshoring reflects a broader trend in global trade toward diversification and agility. **Alongside friendshoring and reshoring, nearshoring offers a balance of cost efficiency, speed, and stability, making supply chains more robust in the face of uncertainties.**



Source: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/01/manufacturing-transformation-sustainability-innovation/>

As businesses adapt to the complexities of the modern global landscape, **nearshoring is increasingly recognized as a practical solution** to ensure both security and competitiveness in international supply networks.

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