South-North Commission on Development

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Why in News?

The South-North Commission on Development was formally launched on June 30, 2026, at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference.

- **Aim -** To rewrite the rules of global engagement by moving past traditional, outdated donor-recipient models.
- **Co-Chairs -** The independent global commission is co-chaired by Olaf Scholz (former German Chancellor) and Laura Chinchilla (former President of Costa Rica).
- **Composition -** It will bring together up to 20 commissioners drawn from politics, business, labor, academia, international organisations, and civil society, with a majority represented by the Global South.
- **Legacy Model -** The initiative is explicitly modelled after the historic ***1977 Brandt Commission***, reviving its spirit to address systemic global inequalities in an increasingly multipolar world.
- **Timeline-** The commission is expected to present an interim report in 2027 and a final report by the end of 2028.
- **Interconnected Global Challenges**
  - The Fiscal & Debt Crisis
  - Trade Inequities & Value Chains
  - Redefining "North" and "South" Labels
  - Technology, Climate, and Emerging Leverage

Reference

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