

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IN NAMIBIA

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INDIA PROVIDED MORE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF (HADR) SUPPORT TO MOZAMBIQUE

To sustain HADR operations and continue efforts to help the affected people of Mozambique, another Indian naval ship INS Magar, loaded with suitable relief material reached Beira on April 13, 2019. This came after a second cyclone Kenneth which made landfall in Mozambique, Tanzania and Comoros at the end of April 2019.



The ship handed over 250 tons of rice and 500 kgs of epidemic medicines for the affected population of Beira in Mozambique.



The material was received by Mozambican Minister of Agriculture, H.E Higino Francisco de Marrule.



It may be recalled that earlier three ships of Indian Navy were among the first responders in the aftermath of cyclone IDAI in mid-March 2019, providing rescue, medical care and relief to around 3500 people in the city of Beira. Local Indian Community and Indian entities also came forward offering their assistance.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA CELEBRATED ICCR FOUNDATION DAY 2019

The ICCR Foundation Day was celebrated in Windhoek on April 9, 2019 to mark the establishment of Indian Council for Cultural Research (ICCR) on April 9, 1950.



Along with Chief Guest Hon. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts & Culture, other dignitaries present included His Worship Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of City of Windhoek; Prof. Kenneth Matengu, Vice Chancellor, University of Namibia (UNAM); Prof. Kingo Mchombu, Acting Vice Chancellor, International University of Management (IUM), senior officials from MIRCO, cultural and academic personalities, media and a large number of ICCR alumni.



High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal provided an overview of ICCR and its activities, including the ICCR scholarships which are in great demand, Distinguished Visitor's Programme, International Day of Yoga and Yoga classes, visits of cultural troupes, etc.



ICCR Alumni Mr. Likoro Rainer Haimbri from MIRCO, Mr. Paul Hamutengela from Office of the President, Mr. Mike Ngajone, and Ms Benonia Rafael from National Planning Commission shared their experiences of studying in India. Their testimonies were deeply appreciated by those present.



The event saw a fine cultural performance by Ms. Zhanna Naumova. Guests also enjoyed delicious Indian cuisine.

INDIA-AFRICA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SET UP IN MALAWI

In order to complement the efforts of the Government of India to enhance capacity in the areas of agro-financing and entrepreneurship development for African countries, Ministry of External Affairs signed a MoU on April 2, 2019 with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service (NABCONS) for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi.



IAIARD will be a Pan-African Institute wherein trainees not only from Malawi but also from other African countries, will receive training to develop their human resources and build their capacity. IAIARD will develop training programmes in the areas of micro-financing and agro-financing, among others. The entire expenditure on faculty from India, the travel, logistics and training course expenses for students from other African countries will be borne by the Government of India for an initial period of three years.

The institute will be the first of its kind developed in an African country by India. This will further strengthen the bilateral relations with Malawi and India's relations with African Union.

INDIA WOOS KENYA FOR TOP TRADE PARTNER POSITION

In line with the Kenyan government's Big Four Agenda, India will invest in Kenya's agriculture and manufacturing sectors. According to India's High Commissioner to Kenya, Rahul Chhabra India is keen to reduce its trade gap with Kenya and regain its top trade partner position.

India is committed to jump-starting Kenya's industrial development in partnership with keen focus on manufacturing, agribusiness and pharmaceuticals. Coincidentally, the three sectors cover most of Kenya's big four social economic goals', says Chhabra.



Kenya's trade jumped to Sh1.145 trillion in 12 months through December 2018 from Sh1.13 trillion a year earlier. In 2015, China overtook India as the leading net import market for Kenya on the strength of infrastructure materials for the Standard Gauge Railway.

AGRO-PROCESSING, MANUFACTURING & ICT OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN INVESTMENTS IN SADC REGION – REPORT

Trade across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has grown considerably since the establishment of an FTA in 2008, but there exists immense opportunities for Indian investment in the region.

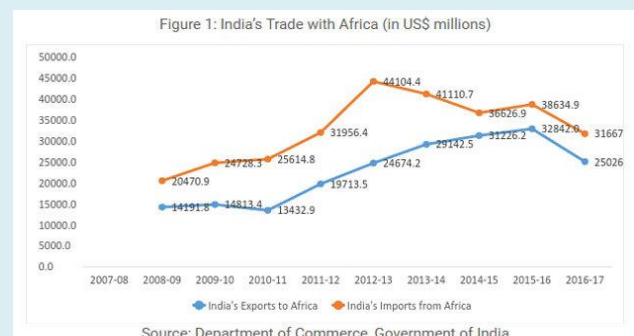


An Exim Bank study analyses the current trade and investment scenario in the SADC region and the opportunities that the region presents for Indian businesses. The study highlights trends in SADC's intra-regional as well as global trade and foreign investments, and draws strategies for enhancing its trade and investment.

With the increasing diversification of India's global trade towards other developing countries, Exim Bank says SADC has emerged as an important partner for India.



During the last ten years, India's total trade with SADC countries nearly doubled from \$ 13.7 billion in 2008 to \$ 25.5 billion in 2017, with SADC's share in India's total trade with Africa having increased from 32.8 percent in 2008 to 42.4 percent in 2017.



The study highlights select potential sectors in broadening India's investment base in the region, which include agro-processing, mineral processing, & manufacturing (pharmaceuticals, consumer goods including textile and apparel, leather and footwear and automotive components) sectors, and developing information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure in the region.



UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

REVERSE BUYER-SELLER MEET FOR LEATHER GOODS- DELHI, INDIA

OCTOBER 10-11, 2019

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REVERSE BUYER-SELLER MEET FOR FOOTWEAR & LEATHER PRODUCTS - KOLKATA, INDIA

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2019

The Council for Leather Exports (CLE) is organizing the **Reverse Buyer Seller Meet (RBSM)** in **Kolkata** during **September 25-26, 2019** on the sidelines of the Indian Leather & Accessories Fair 2019 and the **Reverse Buyer Seller Meet (RBSM)** at a **five star hotel**, in **New Delhi** during **October 10-11, 2019**. The Council is inviting buyers of Leather Goods/Accessories/Industrial Gloves/Fashion Gloves from all over the world for RBSM, Kolkata and buyers of Footwear & Leather Products from all over the world for RBSM, New Delhi **by reimbursing economy return airfare subject to ceiling and providing 2 nights stay in a 5 Star Hotel (bed & breakfast only)**. Indian Companies will be exhibiting Leather Goods – Bags, Wallets, Belts, Industrial Gloves, Fashion Gloves, small accessories etc in the India Leather & Accessories Fair 2019, Kolkata. Around 50-70 Indian Companies will be exhibiting a mix of products, Footwear, Leather Goods, Industrial Gloves, Fashion Gloves, Leather Garments, Saddlery & Harness etc at the RBSM. Leather Goods/Footwear potential interested buyers who are keen to source (Leather & Non-Leather Footwear, Leather Apparel, Leather Goods & Accessories and Leather Gloves, Saddlery & Harness from India may fill up the forms and send to the High Commission of India, email address; hoc.windhoek@mea.gov.in or comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in. The Complimentary package will be confirmed to a Director / Senior Executive of the Importing Company.



INTERNATIONAL AROGYA 2019 –2nd Edition of International Exhibition and Conference on AYUSH and Wellness will be jointly organized by the Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Pharmexcil and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) from **December 5 – 8, 2019 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi**. The event is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and various AYUSH organizations. A Reverse Buyer Seller Meet with delegations of wellness and healthcare sector will be organized during INTERNATIONAL AROGYA 2019 with the objective of developing strategic partnerships and scientific variation of Indian System of medicine in the global context and to promote and strengthen awareness and interest about AYUSH. INTERNATIONAL AROGYA 2019 will help to foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level. **As a part of hospitality, FICCI will provide both side economy class air tickets with shortest route, 5-star hotel accommodation for 4 nights in India (near to the event venue) and other suitable arrangements to the Hosted Foreign Delegates for their visit to International Arogya 2019 event.** The shortlisted delegates will be requested to register online on the event website link: <http://internationalarogya.com/arogya-hosted-foreign-delegate-registration.php> by **August 6, 2019** and the final selections will be done by the Screening Committee. Complete details of delegates should be emailed to the e-mail address: pallavi.thakur@ficci.com and comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in latest by **June 30, 2019**.

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