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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Hon. Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development represents Namibia and SADC at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019**

Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development, Hon. Tjekero Tweya is visiting India to represent Namibia and SADC at the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit being held on 18-20 January 2019 at Gandhinagar in the State of Gujarat. Minister Tweya's visit also assumes significance as Namibia is the current Chair of Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit is a biennial event, which has been organised by the State Government of Gujarat since 2003. The Summit has evolved into one of the most reputed forums in the world for brainstorming on agendas of global socio-economic development, as well as a facilitator for knowledge sharing and forging effective partnerships.

Hon. Tweya spoke at the inaugural plenary session on 18 January 2019, presided over by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and attended by thousands of international and Indian delegates including several Heads of State and CEOs of major companies from India and abroad.

Minister Tweya recalled the excellent relations between India and Namibia dating back to the era of Namibia's liberation struggle and highlighted the strategic importance Namibia attaches to its relations with India. Minister Tweya invited the business community to explore investment opportunities available in Namibia in diverse sectors including energy, manufacturing, health, tourism, agro-processing, blue economy, amongst others. He said that bilateral trade over the years has shown steady increase and that several Indian companies

have invested in Namibia in various sectors of the economy including mining, infrastructure development, agriculture and manufacturing.

As part of the Summit, a dedicated event “Vibrant Gujarat: Africa Day” was organised on 19 January 2019 to strengthen the relationship between India and Africa. This event is a platform for global leaders and industry to discuss opportunities for strategic partnerships, trade and investments between India and Africa. Minister Tweya also participated in this event along with Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, Hon’ble Minister of External Affairs of India and a number of other African dignitaries.

On the sidelines of the Summit, prominent Indian companies are also exploring opportunities for promotion of investment and trade between the two countries.







