India-Africa Forum Summit Held in India

It was a celebration of entwined dreams, surging aspirations and combined strengths of over two billion people of India and Africa, home to nearly one-third of the world’s humanity. The Third India-Africa Forum Summit held in New Delhi (October 26-29) unveiled a “dynamic and transformative agenda” of mutual empowerment and mutual resurgence that will bring India and Africa closer in years and decades to come.

The IAFS-III, which brought 41 African heads of state and government and representatives from other countries from this diverse continent to India for the first time, was indeed a milestone, a transformational moment in the centuries-old fraternal relations between India and Africa. India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi placed the rapidly expanding partnership in the context of the interlinked resurgence of India and Africa. “We will raise the level of our support for your vision of a prosperous, integrated, and united Africa that is a major partner for the world,” he stressed. (SEE full speech of PM at https://youtu.be/0Rz3uMAGMCU)

Animated by a common vision of a radiant future, India and Africa reaffirmed their joint resolve to walk shoulder to shoulder to refashion their destiny anew, speak in one voice on the UN reforms and shape the contours of a new world order. The vision document entitled ‘Delhi Declaration 2015’ and India-Africa framework for Strategic Cooperation outlined a multi-faceted strategy for dovetailing the India growth story with Africa’s Agenda 2063 to spur mutual resurgence. The declaration placed development cooperation at the heart of India-Africa partnership, with India unveiling $10 billion in Lines of Credit for a host of development projects over the next five years and pledging a grant assistance of $600 million. This grant includes an India-Africa Development Fund of $100 million and an India-Africa Health Fund of $10 million. It will also include 50,000 scholarships in India over the next five years and support the expansion of the Pan Africa E-Network and institutions of skilling, training and learning across Africa. The $10.6 billion financial pledge for Africa till 2020 is more than the combined amount in concessional finance and grant committed by India over the last two summits, signalling New Delhi’s unflinching resolve to take the India-Africa partnership to new heights, qualitatively and quantitatively. The development partnership, envisaged in the broader framework of South-South cooperation and solidarity, has been crafted to dovetail India’s growing prowess in knowledge sector with ‘Africa’s Vision 2063’ to nourish and sustain growth, stability and prosperity of these emergent poles of the world. Amid the unfolding African resurgence, India and the 54-nation continent have mapped out an ambitious and multi-promed plan to provide a fresh ballast to their burgeoning economic ties. The emerging business alchemy between the two global growth centres was reflected in the Trade Ministers’ Meeting and other events, including Business Exhibition, Focus Africa conference and India-Africa Business Forum, held in the Indian capital in the run up to the third India-Africa Forum Summit.

Reflecting their simultaneous resurgence, the India-Africa trade has exceeded $70 billion. The new phase of economic partnership, unveiled during IAFS-III, will be underpinned by sustainable growth and link Africa’s Agenda 2063 and priorities of the Indian government through poverty eradication, better healthcare, education, employment, access to modern energy services, infrastructure and connectivity between resources and markets. See more details on http://mea.gov.in/india-africa-forum-summit-2015/index.html and www.iafs.in
President of Namibia H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob meets Prime Minister of India

President Dr. Hage G. Geingob had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi on October 29, 2015. Several issues of bilateral importance were discussed.

Along with the Namibian President and the First Lady, Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (Deputy PM & Minister of International Relations and Cooperation), Hon. John Mutorwa (Minister of Agriculture, Water & Forestry), Hon. Tom Alweendo (Minister & Director General of National Planning Commission), Hon. Obeth Kandjoze (Minister of Mines & Energy), Hon. Bernard Essau, Acting Minister of Industrialization, Trade & SME Development took part in the Summit.

The High Commissioner of India to Namibia H.E Mr. Kumar Tuhin also visited New Delhi for the Summit. Statement made by the President of Namibia at IAFS Summit available at the youtube link https://youtu.be/5W6-jgvHvK0

Indian Dance Evening In Windhoek

"Red Coral" Dance group led by Ms. Preeti presented an energetic and vibrant bhangra and giddha dance performance in Windhoek on 13 Oct 2015. The performance was organised by the High Commission of India in coordination with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi and the Namibian Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. It was enjoyed by more than 700 persons. The event was organized at Zoo Park Amphitheatre, one of Windhoek’s popular cultural landmarks.

Before the Indian dances began, traditional Namibian tribal dances were performed by a Namibian dance group, which set the stage for the cultural evening.

The High Commissioner of India to Namibia H.E Mr. Kumar Tuhin inaugurated the cultural evening with H.E. Mr. Charles Namoloh, Namibia’s Minister of Safety and Security.
BHEL Delegation Visits Namibia

The High Commission of India organised the visit of a 2-member business delegation from Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), India to Namibia from 26-28 October 2015. The delegation comprised of the following officials: Mr. B.N. Ramesh, Dy General Manager, BHEL, & Mr. Parveen Adlakha, Senior Engineer, International Operations Division, BHEL. The delegation participated in the International Conference on Light Science and Applications (ICLSA) organised by the University of Namibia (UNAM) at Safari Hotel, Windhoek. The delegation made presentations about BHEL and on Solar PV Trends & Applications during the conference. The BHEL delegation also met with NamPower, Windhoek and with the Electricity Control Board, Windhoek to explore the possibilities of cooperation. Meanwhile in New Delhi, Mr. Ravi Teckchandani, Senior Deputy General Manager, BHEL and Mr. Sauraba Verma, Senior Engineer, BHEL met with Mr. Simson Haulofu, Acting Managing Director, NamPower on the sidelines of the India Africa Forum Summit.

Trade Fairs and Exhibitions:


Smart Manufacturing Summit: 27th November 2015: Royal Ballroom, The Eros Hotel, New Delhi:- CII’s National Council on Manufacturing is organizing “Smart Manufacturing Summit 2015” on Friday, 27th November 2015 at The Eros Hotel, New Delhi. To Register online as a delegate and more information on the Summit please follow the link http://tinyurl.com/pedbmxk. For personal help with your registration you may contact -Aakash Deep (akash.deep@cii.in / +919810766055); or Ravi Bhushan (ravi.bhushan@cii.in / +91 9990811219).

CHEMEXCIL Invites Buying Delegation for CAPINDIA (Chemicals & Plastics Exhibition) scheduled to be held from 20TH -22ND MACH, 2016 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, NSE Complex, Goregaon East, Mumbai- 400 063, India. CAPINDIA is a joint initiative of CHEMEXCIL, PLEXCONCIL, CAPEXIL and SHEFEXIL which is poised to be one of the largest and unique networking events in the Chemicals & Plastics Sector and supported by Government of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, New Delhi. Contact: Hansi Castle, 4th Floor, 7-Cooperage Road, Mumbai – 400 001. Tel: 91-22-22021288, 22021330 Fax: 91-22-22026684, E-mail: rbsm@chemexcil.gov.in, Website: www.chemexcil.in

INDIA ELECTRONICS EXPO: March 17-18, 2016, New Delhi, INDIA ELECTRONICS EXPO 2016 will be organised on 17-18 March, 2016 in New Delhi. The event is being sponsored by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme. COMPLIMENTARY AIR TICKET Select Electronics Buyers / Importers will be provided complimentary return air ticket for their participation in the event. Interested Electronics Buyers/Importers in Namibia may please contact the High Commission of India, Windhoek.
THIS DIWALI- LETS CELEBRATE TOGETHER !!!

The High Commission of India, Windhoek invites the Indian Community in Namibia to a warm get together & dinner (Indian Cuisine) on the occasion of Deepawali in the Chancery premises on 7th Nov 2015 at 6 pm. The get together will be a fun filled evening and those willing to present dances/songs/poetry etc are most welcome and may please contact High Commission of India, at 061-226036/0817729029.