

**High Commission of India
Windhoek**

**External Affairs Minister of India's Official Visit to Namibia
from 4-6 June 2023**

Press Release

H. E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of the Republic of India will be on a three-day official visit to the Republic of Namibia from 4-6 June 2023. It will be the first visit by an External Affairs Minister of India to Namibia, though both countries have had frequent exchange of high level visits and contacts.

2. Dr. S. Jaishankar has been India's External Affairs Minister since 30 May 2019. He is a Member of the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) of India's Parliament from the Indian state of Gujarat. He was Foreign Secretary from 2015-18, Ambassador to United States (2013-15), China (2009-2013) and Czech Republic (2000-2004). He was High Commissioner to Singapore (2007-2009). He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in Embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President's Secretariat. He was also President – Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from May 2018.

3. Dr S. Jaishankar is a graduate of St. Stephen's College at the University of Delhi. He has a Masters in Political Science and an M. Phil and Ph.D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019 and has written a widely acclaimed best-selling book: The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World, which was published in 2020.

4. India and Namibia share historically close and friendly relations based on mutual trust and understanding. The relationship is multifaceted and growing in areas of mutual interest and potential. During the visit, EAM will call on His Excellency Dr. Hage G Giengob, the President of the Republic of Namibia. He will hold talks with Hon'ble Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. They would together also co-chair the inaugural Session of the Joint Commission Meeting. The Government of India assisted India-Namibia Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (IN-CEIT) in Windhoek will be officially inaugurated. The Centre powered by the PARAM Super Computer that India has provided is supporting training and application in the fields of Cyber Security, Big Data Analytics and E-Governance applications and software development. Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will also interact with the Indian Diaspora based in Namibia.

5. The visit is expected to further strengthen India's strong bilateral relations with these two countries.

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