

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IN NAMIBIA

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PRIME MINISTER CHAIRS 13TH BRICS SUMMIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually on September 09, 2021. The theme of the Summit, chosen by India, was, BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus. The Summit saw the participation of all other BRICS Leaders - President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, President Xi Jinping of China, and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa.



Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from BRICS partners during India's Chairship this year, which allowed the achievement of several new initiatives. These included the first BRICS Digital Health Summit; the first BRICS Ministerial Joint Statement on multilateral reforms; a BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan; an Agreement on cooperation in field of remote-sensing satellites; a virtual BRICS vaccine Research & Development Centre; BRICS Alliance on Green Tourism, etc.

Highlighting the leading role that BRICS countries can play in the post-COVID global recovery, Prime Minister called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of 'Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably'.

The leaders also discussed important regional and global issues, including recent developments in Afghanistan. There was convergence of views on the threat posed by growth of terrorism and extremism, and all BRICS partners agreed to accelerate implementation of the BRICS Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism. At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the 'New Delhi Declaration'.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO USA FOR QUAD LEADERS' SUMMIT AND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited USA on September 22-25, 2021. During the visit, Prime Minister participated in Quad Summit, he addressed the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), he held bilateral meetings with the President and Vice-President of USA, he also held meetings with various global business heads.

On September 24, President Biden hosted Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, and Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga of Japan at the White House for the first-ever in-person Leaders' Summit of the the Quadrilateral Framework (Quad) in Washington D.C.



The leaders have put forth ambitious initiatives that deepen ties and advance practical cooperation on 21st century challenges: ending the COVID-19 pandemic, including by increasing production and access to safe and effective vaccines; promoting high-standards infrastructure; combatting the climate crisis; partnering on emerging technologies, space, and cyber security; and cultivating next-generation talent in all of our countries.

On 25 September 2021, Prime Minister addressed the High Level segment of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). The theme for 76th UNGA debate was "Building resilience through hope to recover from Covid-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people and revitalize the United Nations".

In his speech, Prime Minister touched upon several important issues confronting the international community today. Representing the Mother of Democracy and based on his own experiences, Prime Minister affirmed that democracy can deliver, democracy has delivered.



Prime Minister cautioned against regressive thinking and extremism, and proposed science-based, rational and progressive thinking. He stated further that using terrorism as a political tool would backfire on those practicing it. On Afghanistan, Prime Minister called for Afghan soil not to be used by terrorists. Nor should Afghanistan's predicament be taken advantage of by other states. The world has an obligation to Afghan women, children and minorities. As the leading voice of the developing world, Prime Minister's address at the High-Level Segment of the 76th UNGA provided an opportunity to project India's views on a range of issues from Covid-19 and vaccine equity, international terrorism, Afghanistan, international peace and security, reformed multilateralism and sustainable development.

HIGH COMMISSIONER PAID A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT HAGE G. GEINGOB

High Commissioner H.E. Prashant Agrawal paid a courtesy call on the President of Republic of Namibia H.E. Dr Hage G. Geingob at State House in Windhoek on September 14, 2021. The High Commissioner was accompanied by First Secretary Mohammad Afsar and Head of Chancery Vipul Bawa.



High Commissioner applauded the leadership of H.E. the President and resilience of Namibian people in fighting COVID-19 and recalled the expression of solidarity in tackling the pandemic together conveyed by H.E. the President of India to H.E. Dr. Geingob earlier. Underlining the close historic ties between the two countries, he also briefed H.E. the President on new initiatives and emerging areas of bilateral collaboration, especially in the context of India's 75th Independence Anniversary commemorations and opportunities in trade, commerce, new technologies & innovation.

STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY BONDS BETWEEN INDIA AND NAMIBIA

High Commission of India, Windhoek facilitated the meeting of Speaker, Lok Sabha of India Hon. Om Birla and Chairperson, National Council of Namibia Hon. Lukas Sinimbo Muha on sidelines of the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Vienna.



HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITED M.SURESH DIAMOND CUTTING AND POLISHING CENTRE IN OKAHANDJA

On September 17, 2021, High Commissioner and Mission officials visited M.Suresh diamond cutting and polishing centre in Okahandja for a tour of their facility and briefing on their operations and future growth plans.



The company's tie-up with Namdia has helped open ways for Namibian diamonds to shine in international market, and created employment opportunities in Okahandja.

HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITED KGK GROUP'S DIAMOND CUTTING AND POLISHING CENTRE IN WINDHOEK

On September 13, 2021, High Commissioner and Mission officials visited KGK Group's diamond cutting and polishing centre in Windhoek recently. KGK Group's team gave a tour of the facility and its operations.



Matters related to bilateral trade and investments in the sector were discussed. The state-of-art facilities operated by Indian companies in diamond sector are imparting much needed diamond precision cutting and polishing skills to Namibians and generating employment for them.

HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITED ANKIT GEM IN WINDHOEK

On 16th September 2021, High Commissioner, accompanied by First Secretary (Commerce) and Second Secretary (HOC) visited the premises of M/s Ankit Gem, one of the sightholders for Namibian Diamond Trading Company (NDTC) in Windhoek.

The company has been in operation in Namibia for over ten years and employs about 30 Indian diamond workers in addition to over 70 Namibian nationals. These visits to Indian establishments in Namibia are being undertaken as an outreach initiative after improvement in the COVID19 situation locally.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA PARTICIPATION IN WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

High Commission joined the Ministry of Health and Social Services-Namibia and Namibian Police Force (NAMPOL) on 10th September in observing the World Suicide Prevention Day and the launch of Khomas Suicide Prevention Taskforce (KSPT).



High Commission is supporting KSPT as their 'Yoga and meditation' partner.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN PHARMA & MEDICAL DEVICES



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For furthering business opportunities between Indian and Namibian companies dealing in **pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, medical devices and implants**, the High Commission of India in Windhoek in collaboration with PHARMEXCIL, India and India-Namibia Chamber of Commerce & Industry (INCCI) is organizing a Webinar followed by virtual Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings on **Thursday, 14 October 2021**.

Reputed Namibian companies interested in participating and exploring business tie-ups with Indian companies are requested to send an email giving their profile and areas of interest to comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in by **Monday, 11th October, 2021**.

ONGOING/ UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS

FICCI HEAL 2021: 'Transforming Healthcare Beyond COVID' - Oct 20-22, 2021

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is organizing its Annual Healthcare Conference; The 15th Edition of FICCI HEAL on the theme, "Transforming Healthcare beyond COVID" supported by NITI Aayog, Government of India, scheduled from 20 - 22 October 2021 on virtual platform. It would be a conglomeration of CEOs, policy makers, national and international leaders from healthcare and allied industries. Potential participants can register on the following link to join the conference: <https://fikki.in/registration/invitee-form.asp?evid=25692> There is no registration fee, however prior registration is mandatory to join the conference. For further details, please contact the conference secretariat at +91 9871064408/ +91 9871665099/ +91 8368004375 or write to them at healthservices@fikki.com or visit the conference website www.fikki-heal.com for updates.

CII India - Africa Higher Education and Skill Development Summit: 21 - 22 October, 2021

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is organizing the CII India - Africa Higher Education and Skill Development Summit during 21 - 22 October, 2021. Potential participants who are in education and skill development field can register at the following Registration Link: <https://www.ciihive.in/Login.aspx?EventId=INDAFEDUSK> For sponsorship / exhibition details, contact: Rakhee Gupta; rakhee.gupta@cii.in and Indrayani Mulay; indrayani.mulay@cii.in

IREE 2021 - 14th International Railway Equipment Exhibition Global Platform for Railway Technology & Services 21-23 October, 2021: New Delhi, India

The next edition of IREE - 14th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE 2021) is scheduled from 21-23 October 2021 at New Delhi. It is being organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Ministry of Railways, Government of India. IREE serves as a Global Platform for Railway Technology & Services. For further information about the exhibition, Mr. Rajesh Wadhwa, (CII Director), can be contacted at Tel: 91-124-4013875 / 4014060, Mobile: 9910267148, Email: rajesh.wadhwa@cii.in, Website: www.ireeindia.com

52nd IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2021 to be held from 28-31 October in PHYSICAL FORMAT

The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) is organizing the 52nd IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2021 from 28 - 31 October 2021 as a physical i.e., in person mode at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR with all necessary safety protocols and SOPs for organising B2B trade expositions issued by Government of India. Details about the Fair are available at the following links: <https://ihgfdelhifair.in/e/webbanner/IHGF-webbanner.html>, <https://ihgfdelhifair.in/e/EDM/DelhiFairEDM.html> https://ihgfdelhifair.in/e/Intpressrelease/52nd_IHGF_Delhi_Fair-Press_Release.pdf. Interested buyers and importers can register themselves at www.ihgfdelhifair.in/register

FIEO Virtual Buyer Seller Meet India 2021 - Textiles, Apparels & Leather Products from 22nd - 25th November 2021

The Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), an apex body of the export promotion councils, commodity boards and export development authorities in India (www.fieo.org), is organizing a series of B2B meetings to help overseas buyers and importers meet leading Indian suppliers of Textiles, Apparels and Garments. These meetings will be held over zoom from 22nd - 25th November 2021. Products available for sourcing include; (i) Apparels & Garments, (ii) Fibres / Yarns / Fabrics / Made-ups, (iii) Home Textiles/Furnishings, (iv) Technical Textiles, and (v) Leather Products. Potential participants can apply online at the following link: <https://b2bmeetings.in/buyer/TEX-APP-LEATHER> For any clarifications, please do not hesitate to write to Steffy Jose at email: steffy@falconfirst.com

15th Engimach Buyer Seller Meet, 3rd & 4th December 2021

Afro Business Promotion Federation (ABPF) is co-organizing the 15th Engimach Buyer Seller Meet on 3rd & 4th, December 2021 at Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. ABPF provides dynamic Institutional Link for the Trade promotion of Commercial and Economical relations between India and African Countries. For any further queries & assistance kindly contact Heena Shah at Tel: +91-79-40399773, Mobile: +91-9099923551, Email: heena@abpf.co.in / info@abpf.co.in or visit ABPF website; www.abpf.co.in

4th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on "Africa: A Land Opportunities - An Era of New Partnerships" 15-16 December 2021, New Delhi, India

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing 4th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on "Africa: A Land Opportunities - An Era of New Partnerships", 15-16 December 2021, New Delhi, India. The interested participants can register themselves at <https://phdcvirtualmeet.com/visitor/>

INDIA STONEMART 2022 International Stone Industry Exhibition during February 17-20, 2022 at Jaipur, India.

Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), an apex stone industry autonomous organization of Government of Rajasthan, is organizing the Eleventh edition of the show - India Stonemart 2022 - at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre, Sitapura, Jaipur during 17-20 February 2022. Additional details on the show are also available at website <http://www.stonemart-india.in/or> www.cdos-india.com Mr. Mukul Rastogi, CEO, CDOS; Mobile +91 9829164433, Email - mukul@cdos-india.com may be contacted for any clarification/coordination in this regard.