

India-Africa Partnership: Future Directions

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre

Lodhi Road, New Delhi (Entry from Gate No. 3)



AGENDA

10.00am- 10.30 am	Registration
10.30 am– 11.15 am	Inaugural Session
	<p><i>Welcome Address:</i> Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Amb. Jayant Prasad, Director General, IDSA, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Special Remarks :</i> Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M& ER) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p><i>Keynote Remarks:</i> H.E Dr. Genet Zewide, Ambassador of Federal Democratic Republic Ethiopia to India and Dean of African Diplomatic Corps</p> <p><i>Inaugural Address:</i> Gen V.K. Singh , Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p><i>Remarks:</i> Dr. Subir Gokarn, Senior Fellow and Director Research, Brookings India</p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks:</i> Ms. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate and Coordinator Africa, UN, LAC Centre, IDSA</p>
11.15am – 11.30 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11:30 am– 1.00 pm	Session I: Geo-Strategic Linkages and India-Africa Partnership
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. W P S Sidhu, Senior Fellow (Foreign Policy), Brookings India</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ruchita Beri Senior Research Associate and Coordinator Africa , UN, LAC Centre, IDSA • General Chander Prakash, Former Force Commander MONUSCO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kiru Naidoo, Political Analyst based in Durban, South Africa • Cdr. Abhijit Singh, Research Fellow, IDSA
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm- 3.30 pm	Session II: Trade and Investment
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. Subir Gokarn, Senior Fellow and Director of Research, Brookings India</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India* • Prof. Sudip Chaudhuri, Professor, IIM-Calcutta • Mr. Sani Musa, Policy Analyst, Presidency of Federal Republic of Nigeria • Mr. Ranganathan, former CMD, EXIM Bank • Ms. Preeti Sinha, Senior President and Global Convener, Yes Bank • Mr. Ambuj Chaturvedi, ED, Overseas Infrastructure Alliance (OIA)
3.45 pm –5:15 pm	Session III: Sectoral Perspective
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. Pradeep S Mehta, Secy. General, CUTS International, Jaipur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rahul Tongia, Fellow, Brookings India • Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson of Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority of India • Mr. Surinder Makhija, Advisor, Jain Irrigation Ltd., Delhi • Mr. Manish Chand, Editor-in-Chief, India Writes • Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Professor, RIS
5.15 pm – 5.30 pm	Tea/Coffee Break
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Concluding Session
	<p><i>Valedictory Address:</i> Shri Navtej Singh Sarna, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p><i>Remarks by:</i> Amb. Jayant Prasad, Director General, IDSA, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks:</i> Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head-International Policy and Trade, CII</p>

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