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Pre-India Africa Forum Summit-III Academic Conference

on

**“India-Africa in the 21st Century: Scale and Scope of
Comprehensive Partnership**

(15-16 October, 2015)

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is organizing the third pre- India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) conference on ‘India-Africa in the 21st Century: Scale and Scope of Comprehensive Partnership’ on 15-16 October 2015.

This pre-IAFS-III conference is an attempt to provide a platform to promote a candid exchange of perspectives and experiences, a comprehensive dialogue on cementing India- Africa partnership, lending it more dynamism, identifying new avenues for collaboration and fostering a greater understanding among multiple stakeholders in India- Africa partnership.

Africa will be represented by the participants from twelve countries of the continent, engaged in profession like academics, think-tanks, government bodies and media. From India, scholars and experts on Africa affairs will participate in the discussion. The two sides will discuss and debate on issues and concerns relating to India-Africa engagement, which has gained pace across diverse fields in various sectors.

The Conference will focus on six important areas that merit special attention under the overall umbrella of India-Africa partnership for mutual growth and development. The themes are: (i) Political relations; (ii) Economic engagement; (iii) Peace and Security Challenges; (iv) Development Cooperation; (v) Media, Culture and Diasporic Linkages; and (vi) Multilateral Engagement.

Detailed Programme is enclosed below.

Programme

| Day I-Thursday, October 15, 2015 | |
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| 0930-1030 hrs. | : Registration |
| 1020-1105 hrs. | Inaugural Session |
| Welcome Remarks | Shri Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA |
| Keynote Address | Shri Navtej Singh Sarna, Secretary (West), MEA |
| Special Address | H.E. Mrs. Gennet Zewide, Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps & Ambassador of Ethiopia, New Delhi |
| 1105-1130 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1130-1300 hrs. | Session I India-Africa Political Cooperation: Issues and Perspectives |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Political Dialogue • Democratic Governance • Institutions of parliamentary democracy, elections, decentralization, and justice system |
| Chair | Ambassador Parbati Sen Vyas |
| | Dr. Solomon A. Dersso, Commissioner. African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Addis Ababa |
| | Prof. (Dr.) Sreeram Chaulia, JSIA, O. P. Jindal Global University |
| | Dr. Alex Mwamba Ng'oma, Lecturer in University of Zambia |
| | Prof. Rajen Harshe, South Asian University, New Delhi |
| 1300 -1400 hrs. | Lunch |
| 1400-1530 hrs. | Session II Enhancing India -Africa Economic Relations |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade and Investment Opportunities in India and Africa • Energy, Agriculture & Banking • Responding to challenges for Sustainable Economic Partnerships |
| Chair | Ambassador Dinkar Khullar |
| Panellists | Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, JS Ft (Africa) Department of Commerce, GOI |
| | Mr. Pierre F. Laporte, CEO, State Assurance Company of Seychelles (SACOS) |
| | Shri Pranav Kumar, Head – International Policy, CII |
| | Mr Sharkdam Wapmuk, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Abuja |

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| | Shri Yaduvendra Mathur, Chairman & Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India, Mumbai |
| 1530-1545 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1545 -1715 hrs. | Session III Peace and Security Challenges: Exploring a Common Ground |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in Africa |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maritime Security |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra State conflicts |
| Chair | Ambassador Jaimini Bhagwati |
| Panellists | Ambassador Ahmed Haggag, Egyptian Council of Foreign Affairs, Egypt |
| | Prof. Sanjukta Bhattacharya, Jadavpur University, Kolkata |
| | Dr. Syed Al Khateeb, Director General, Centre for Strategic Studies , Sudan |
| | Commander Abhijit Singh, Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) |
| | Dr. Adams Oloo, Chairman of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration University of Nairobi |

Day II-Friday October 16, 2015

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| 1000-1130 hrs. | Session IV Development Cooperation: Experiences and Expectations |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda 2063 and SDGs and India Africa Cooperation |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCs: Partnership for Sustainable Development |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building for Institution and Human Resource Development |
| Chair | Shri Siddharth Varadarajan, Founding Editor, <i>The Wire</i> |
| Panelists | Shri Arun Sahu , JS(DPA-II), MEA |
| | Mr. Sani Musa, Policy Analyst, Presidency of Federal Republic of Nigeria |
| | Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) |
| | Ms. Hetalben Patel, Higher Institute of International Relations, Maputo |
| | Shri Rajrishi Singhal, Senior Fellow, Geo-economics Studies at Gateway House, Mumbai |
| 1130-1145 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1145-1315 hrs. | Session V Reinvigorating People to People Linkages |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Relations |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Linkages |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaspora Connections |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Society Interface |
| Chair | Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia |
| | Dr. Mwansasu Silkiluwasha, Literature Department University of Dar es salaam, Tanzania |
| | Shri Vijay Naik, Consulting Editor, Sakal Media Group & Convener of the Indian Association of Foreign Affairs Correspondents |
| | Mr. Shri Prakash Singh, Head, AAPCA Mauritius Ltd, Mauritius, |
| | Shri Madhav Das Nalapat, UNESCO Peace Chair, Director of the Geopolitics and International Relations Department, Manipal University |
| 1315-1415 hrs. | Lunch |
| 1415- 1545 hrs. | Session VI Multilateral Engagement: India-Africa Interface |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural and Functional Reforms of Global Trade and Governance |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBSA and BRICS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa Summit Processes |
| Chair | Commodore (Retd.) C. Uday Bhaskar |
| Panelists | Mr. Francis Kornegay, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Global Dialogue-University, South Africa |
| | Dr. W.P.S. Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India, New Delhi |
| | Dr. Osei, Darkwa, President, (Vice Chancellor), Ghana Technological University |
| | Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, Director Centre for South African and Brazilian Studies, Aligarh University |
| 1545-1600 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1600-1630 hrs. | Valedictory Session |
| | Remarks by Shri Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA Conference Outcome Report by Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA Valedictory Address by Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary, (M & ER), MEA Vote of Thanks by Dr. Nivedita Ray, Research Fellow, ICWA |