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Programme

(All timings are in IST)

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2024

1230 – 1345 hrs **Networking Lunch**
Raja/Rani Bagh

1345 – 1445 hrs **Session I: Models of Financing in Africa's Growth Story**
Durbar Hall

Africa has retraced the growth path with the average growth expected to stabilise at 4% in 2024-25, higher than the 3.1% estimated in 2023. Yet, Africa faces a financing gap of ~\$402 billion leading up to 2030, that needs to be bridged to facilitate stepped up investments in critical areas like education, energy, technology and innovation, and transport infrastructure. Historically, India has assisted African countries by extending concessional lines of credit. Now, a broad spectrum of financing models may be considered, such as, strengthening Africa's development finance network augmenting the region's access to capital, impartial debt management mechanisms, and fair credit and risk assessments. Innovative financing mechanisms like green financing, blended financing, social fundraising and crowd funding, creation of peer-to-peer lending systems, Diaspora funding platforms, and deepening of Africa's equity and debt markets may also be promoted.

Session Moderator: Mr S Kuppuswamy, Co-Chairman, CII Africa Committee and Group Adviser, Shapoorji Pallonji Group

- **H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Nacanabo**, Minister of Economy, Finance and Forward Planning, **People's Republic of Burkina Faso**
- **H.E. Dr Stephen Amoah**, Deputy Minister of Finance, **Republic of Ghana**
- **Mr. Solomon Quaynor**, Vice-President of Private Sector, Infrastructure, and Industrialization at the African Development Bank Group, **African Development Bank Group**
- **Ms. Wendy Werner**, Country Head - India and Maldives, **International Finance Corporation**
- **Mr. Jima Mengistu**, Head, Export Credit Agency Finance, **Trade and Development Bank**
- **Dr James Mwangi**, **CBS**, Group Managing Director and CEO, **Equity Group Holdings**



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1500 – 1600 hrs
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Session II: Empowering Africa with Affordable & Sustainable Mobility Solutions

Vehicle ownership, particularly of cars, is rapidly increasing across Africa, with household ownership rates as high as 25-45% in certain countries. As vehicle demand rises, the demand for cost-effective, eco-friendly solutions has set off an electric vehicle (EV) revolution in Africa. However, the prohibitive cost of EVs and inadequate infrastructure pose challenges for clean mobility across Africa. As such, the African EV market is expected to reach \$21.39bn by 2027, nearly doubling from \$11.94bn in 2021. India is seeing an EV revolution of its own. By 2030, EVs will make up a third of the domestic PV market. India is poised to collaborate with Africa to develop upstream and downstream links in lithium battery manufacturing, whose production in Africa is expected to increase from 40,000 tonnes in 2023 to an ~497,000 tonnes by 2030.

Session Moderator: Mr. Ajit Kumar, Former Ambassador and Director, Hinduja Group

- **H.E. Mr Ousmane Gaoual Diallo**, Minister of Transport and Government Spokesperson, **Republic of Guinea**
- **H.E. Mr Sosten Gwengwe, M.P.**, Minister of Trade and Industry, **Republic of Malawi**
- **Mr Sudhanshu Shekhar**, Regional Head - Sub Saharan Africa, **TATA Motors Ltd**
- **Mr Rajesh R**, Head-International Operations, **Ashok Leyland Ltd**
- **Mr Bobby Salwan**, Business Head for Middle East, Latin America, Caribbean, North, and West Africa, **Mahindra & Mahindra**

1500 – 1600 hrs
Jahangir Hall

Zimbabwe Country Session

Session Moderator: Mr. Nadeem Panjetan, Executive Vice President, Shapoorji Pallonji Group

- **H.E. Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga**, Hon'ble Vice-President, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Dr. Douglas Mombeshora**, Minister of Health and Child Care, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Dr Thomas Utete Wushe**, Permanent Secretary of Industry and Commerce, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Prof F Tagwirei**, Permanent Secretary for Higher & Tertiary Education, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Mr John Panonetsa Mangudya**, CEO, **Mutapa Investment Fund**

1615 – 1715 hrs
Durbar Hall

Session III: Banking and Financial Services Partnerships for Ease of Doing Business

Robust banking partnerships play a pivotal role in streamlining financial operations, reducing transaction costs, and mitigating risks, thereby creating a more conducive environment for businesses to thrive. India and Africa are enhancing their economic partnership through innovative banking initiatives like the Local Currency Settlement System Agreement between India and Nigeria that facilitates trade in domestic currencies, reducing foreign currency dependence and exchange rate risks. Discussions on integrating the UPI further demonstrate a shared commitment to financial inclusion and digital payment infrastructure, fostering a cashless economy. India's promotion of local currency trade is evidenced by similar agreements with neighbouring countries and the establishment of Special Rupee Vostro Accounts by over 22 countries.



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- **H.E. Mr. Simplex Chithyola Banda, M.P.**, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, **Republic of Malawi**
- **Mr Chandan Kumar**, Chief General Manager, **Reserve Bank of India**
- **Mr Anand Naidoo**, Managing Executive - CIB, **Absa Bank Group**
- **Mr Louis Du Plessis**, TTS Trade and Working Capital Head, **RMB - FirstRand Bank**
- **Ms. Krishna Gangopadhyay**, Chief Executive Officer, **AFRINEX Limited, Mauritius**

1615 – 1715 hrs

SPECIAL SESSION: Harnessing Critical Minerals for Sustainable Future

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Harnessing critical minerals is vital for a sustainable future. These minerals, such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements, are essential for clean energy technologies and advanced manufacturing, including renewable energy systems and electric vehicles. However, their extraction presents environmental, geopolitical, and ethical challenges. Overcoming these through innovative practices, strong regulations, and international cooperation is crucial. India is focusing on Africa's critical minerals to secure essential resources and India's engagement in Africa's critical minerals sector supports its EV industry, contributes to the global clean energy transition, and fosters sustainable development and economic growth for both regions.

Session Moderator: Amb Gurjit Singh, Former Ambassador to Germany, Indonesia and Ethiopia, Honorary Professor of Humanities, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore & Chair, **CII Task Force on Trilateral Cooperation**

- **H.E. Mr. Nani Juwara**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **Mr Sadashiv Samantaray**, Chief Executive Officer, **Khanij Bidesh India Ltd.**
- **Mr. Kazadi Tshibangu Elisee**, Directeur General Adjoint, Mining Mineral Resources, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- **Mr Debasish Nanda**, Director (Business Development), **Coal India Ltd**
- **Mr Rajat Verma**, Founder and CEO, **Lohum**

1730 - 1830 hrs

SESSION IV: Building Physical Infrastructure for Socioeconomic Growth in Africa

Durbar Hall

Africa faces an endemic physical infrastructure deficit that prevents the region from unlocking its immense economic potential. Most African countries lack adequate infrastructure for power and energy, water and sanitation, and transportation and logistics that in turn erode their economic growth prospects. It has been cited that inadequate water and sanitation infrastructure alone costs Africa ~5% of its GDP. Poor roads and transportation add 30-40% to cost of goods traded among African economies. Overall, the annual investment gap in Africa's physical infrastructure is estimated at over \$100bn. Government of India and Indian industry have historically contributed to physical infrastructure development through investments, concessional lines of credit, etc.



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- **H.E. Mr. Mahamadou Abdoulaye Diallo**, Minister of Infrastructure and Public Works, **Republic of Guinea**
- **H.E. Mr. Ebrima Sillah**, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Works, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Stanslaus Haroon Nyongo (MP)**, Deputy Minister of State, President Office Planning and Investment, **United Republic of Tanzania**
- **Mr. Sevala Naik Mude**, Additional Secretary (C&WA), **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**
- **Mr. Aditya Parakh**, Chief Operating Officer, **Ashoka Buildcon Ltd**
- **Mr. Pankaj Khurana**, Programme Specialist, **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**

1730 – 1830 hrs **Cameroon Country Session**
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Session Moderator: Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, **WAIPA**

- **H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu**, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations in charge of Relations with the Commonwealth, **Republic of Cameroon**
- **Ms Sylvie Michele Mpon Epse Tiek**, Chargé Affairs, **Cameroon High Commission in India**
- **Mr Donatus Boma**, Director General, **Investment Promotion Agency (IPA of Cameroon**
- **Mr Emmanuel Tamungang**, Director of Investment Promotion, **Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) of Cameroon**
- **Mr. Neeraj Yadav**, Deputy President- International Business), **Transrail Lighting Ltd.**
- **Mr Gregory Mewanu**, Treasurer, **United Cities and Councils of Cameroon**

1830 – 1930 hrs **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**
(Durbar Hall)

1930 hrs **NETWORKING DINNER**
(Raja/Rani Hall)

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DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024

1030 - 1130 hrs

INAUGURAL SESSION: Synergies towards ONE Future

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India's unique civilisational perspective offers a transformative vision for an inclusive, sustainable future, emphasising the power of synergy. This vision aligns with Africa's potential and challenges, rooted in the shared philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth, One Family, One Future) and 'Ubuntu' (humanity to others). Further, India's principles of cooperative federalism, public-private partnerships, digital transformation, and inclusive growth provide practical models for Africa to harness its diverse strengths and foster regional cooperation. By promoting equitable progress through initiatives like the International Solar Alliance and programmes for enhancing financial inclusion, education, and skill development, both regions could build a future defined by mutual support, innovation, and shared prosperity.

Session Moderator: Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry

- **Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar**, Hon'ble Vice President, **Republic of India**
- **H.E. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga**, Hon'ble Vice-President, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Marie Cyril Eddy Boissézon**, Hon'ble Vice President, **Republic of Mauritius**
- **H.E. Mr. Jeremiah Kpan Koung**, Hon'ble Vice President, **Republic of Liberia**
- **H.E. Mr. Prosper Bazombanza**, Hon'ble Vice President, **Republic of Burundi**
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammad B.S. Jallow**, Hon'ble Vice-President, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **Mr. Sanjiv Puri** President, CII and Chairman & Managing Director, **ITC Ltd**
- **Mr. Noel Tata**, Chairman, CII Africa Committee and Chairman, **Tata International Ltd**

1130 – 1245 hrs

Visit to the Exhibition

Shahjehan and Mumtaz Hall

1245 – 1415 hrs

Networking Lunch

Raja/Rani Bagh

1430 - 1530 hrs

SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION WITH TRADE MINISTERS

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India and Africa have strengthened their partnership, with trade between them reaching a record \$98bn in 2022-23, driven by sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, infrastructure, and technology. India's cumulative investments in Africa have totaled \$73.9bn. The Duty-Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) scheme's impact on trade volumes, especially for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Africa, is under consideration for expansion. To



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address challenges such as trade barriers, infrastructure gaps, and market access issues, proposed measures include simplifying customs procedures, improving connectivity, and harmonising regulatory frameworks. At the same time, due efforts may be directed toward stepping up bilateral investments in renewable energy, healthcare, and digital infrastructure, supporting SMEs through capacity-building and finance access, and expanding cooperation in sectors like space technology and the digital economy.

Session Moderator: Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry

- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Government of India**
- **H.E. Mr. Rui Miguens de Oliveira**, Minister of Industry & Commerce, **Republic of Angola**
- **H.E. Mr Serge Gnaniodem Poda**, Minister of Industrial Development, Commerce, Handicrafts and Small and Medium Enterprises, **People's Republic of Burkina Faso**
- **H.E. Mr Guibolo Fanga Mathieu**, Minister of Trade and Industry, **Republic of Chad**
- **H.E. Mr Sosten Gwengwe, M.P.**, Minister of Trade and Industry, **Republic of Malawi**
- **H.E. Mr. Seydou Asman**, Minister of Trade & Industry, **Republic of Niger**
- **H.E. Mr. Omar Said Shaaban**, Minister for Trade and Industrial Development, Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, **United Republic of Tanzania**
- **Mr Sanjiv Puri, President**, CII and Chairman & Managing Director, **ITC Ltd**
- **Mr Noel Tata**, Chairman, CII Africa Committee and Chairman, **Tata International Ltd**

1545 - 1645 hrs
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Session VI: Unleashing Africa's Agricultural Potential for Global Food Security

Human progress notwithstanding, many parts of the world are still mired in hunger and malnutrition crisis. World Food Program reports that 309 million people are facing chronic hunger in 72 countries. Africa, where an estimated 20% of the population is undernourished, is called upon to fortify its own food security systems and also take up the greater responsibility of serving as the breadbasket to the world. Endowed with vast arable lands and water resources, Africa has the potential to produce food for the world by raising its farm productivity. Down the decades, Indian government and industry have participated in Africa's farm sector modernisation through initiatives like watershed development, tractorisation and supply of modern farm implements.

Session Moderator: Mr Sanjay Sacheti, Co-Chairman, CII Agriculture Council and Country Head, Olam Agro

- **H.E. Mr. Samuel Kawale, M.P.**, Minister of Agriculture, **Republic of Malawi**
- **H.E. Mr Musa S. Drammeh**, Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **Dr Praveen Kumar Singh**, Agriculture Commissioner, **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India**
- **Mr Ranjit Singh**, Joint Secretary, **Ministry of Food Processing Industries**
- **Mr Priyank Kalra**, CEO – International, **Escorts Kubota Ltd**



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- **Mr Girish Bajaj**, Managing Director, **Bajaj Processpack Limited**
- **Mr Vikas Agarwal**, Vice President, **Kirloskar Brothers Ltd**
- **Mr R Sudarsan**, Advisor – Exports, **Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited**

1545 - 1645 hrs
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Special Session: Business Opportunities for Private Sector Expansion in Africa

India, Africa's fourth-largest trade partner, reached nearly \$100 billion in bilateral trade in 2023. While trade primarily involves South Africa, Nigeria, Togo, and Mozambique, there's significant potential for geographical diversification, especially by utilizing the DFTP scheme for African LDCs. Expanding the trade basket is crucial, with key opportunities in agriculture, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and automotive sectors. Investments in these areas, particularly in agricultural machinery, can strengthen Africa's value chains. Additionally, collaboration in digital infrastructure and sustainable energy offers promising avenues for boosting bilateral trade and investment.

Session Moderator: Mr Shailesh Barot, Profit Center Head, **Arise IIP**

- **H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu**, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Affairs in charge of the Cooperation with the Commonwealth, **Republic of Cameroon**
- **H.E. Mr. Louis Kabamba Watum**, Minister of Industry and Development of SMEs and SMIs, **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- **H.E. Mr. Yahya Elwathik Bellah**, Deputy Minister and Chairman, **Egyptian Commercial Service (ECS)**
- **Ms. Rosie Glazebrook**, Chief Executive, **Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council**

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Session VII: Leveraging Regional Production Networks to Enhance Global Value Chains

Global and regional value chains and production networks are becoming crucial frameworks for production, investment, and trade across various product groups, including garments, agro-industry, furniture, automobiles, automotive parts, and consumer electronics. To boost domestic demand and propel growth, supply chains are being calibrated to incentivise domestic consumption and here is where RPNs assume significance. In Africa sectors like agriculture, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, and textiles have the potential to develop RPNs, bolstered by AfCFTA and with targeted Indian support in R&D, infrastructure, and IT. In such an ecosystem, SMEs will be able to specialise in niche activities and meet global market standards in product quality, quantity, and timing.

Session Moderator: Mr. Harsh Shringla, Former Foreign Secretary of India and, Advisor, **Shapoorji Pallonji**

- **H.E. Mr Ismael Nabe**, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, **Republic of Guinea**
- **H.E. Mr. Kabre Kabore Bebgnasgnan Stella**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Burkinabe Abroad, **People's Republic of Burkina Faso**



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- **H.E. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Republic of Ghana
- **H.E. Mr Hossam Heiba**, Chief Executive Officer, **General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI)**
- **Mr Manssour Bin Mussallam**, Secretary General, **Organisation of Southern Cooperation (OSC)**
- **Mr Tejaswi AV**, Director- Commercialization, **Lagos Free Zone**
- **Ms Aisha Rimi**, Chief Executive Officer, **Nigeria Investment Promotion Commission**
- **Mr Nikhil Gandhi**, Executive Director and Chief Business Officer, **Arise IIP**

1700 - 1800 hrs

The Gambia Country Session

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Session Moderator: Mr. Bobby Salwan, Business Head for Middle East, Latin America, Caribbean, North, and West Africa, **Mahindra & Mahindra**

- **H.E. Mr. Muhammad B.S. Jallow**, Vice President, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mr. Nani Juwara**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mr Ebrima Sillah**, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Works, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mr Musa S. Drammeh**, Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mr. Abdou Jobe**, Minister for Tourism and Culture, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **Mr. Ousainou Senghore**, Director General, **Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (GiEPA)**
- **Mr. Shambhu Singh**, Deputy Head- Water Sector, **AFCONS Infrastructure Ltd.**

1815 - 1915 hrs

Session VIII: Quest for Energy Security & Sustainable Transition in Africa

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Africa's path to energy security and sustainability is impeded by an annual investment shortfall of over \$200 billion needed by 2030 to meet climate and energy targets. Rapid population growth, urbanisation, and rising energy demand exacerbate this energy deficit. India has become a crucial partner of Africa in the energy sector, exemplified by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and a \$10bn credit line extended for renewables, showcasing India's commitment to Africa's energy transition. To achieve universal energy access, Africa must mobilise investment, improve policy frameworks, expand energy infrastructure, promote technology transfer, and strengthen local capacities.

Session Moderator: Mr. Sameer Gupta, Chairman **CII MSME Council**, and Chairman & Managing Director, **Jakson Ltd**

- **H.E. Mr. Teddy Lwamba Muba**, Minister of Electricity and Hydraulic Resources, **Democratic Republic of Congo**



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- **H.E. Mr. Nani Juwara**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mrs. Sadie Ousman Daba**, Advisor to President on Environment, **Republic of Chad**
- **Dr Ajay Mathur**, Director General, **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**
- **Mrs. Sumaya Nassiep**, Chief Operating Officer, **Sun Africa**
- **Mr Jitender Sachdeva**, Chairman, **SkipperSeil Limited**
- **Mr. Raman Rajagopalan**, Chief Operating Officer, **Transrail Lighting Ltd.**
- **Dr. J. S. Chandok**, General Manager- International Business Development, **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**
- **Ms Sneha Chug**, Executive Director, **Vinmart Group**

1815 - 1915 hrs

SPECIAL SESSION: Expanding horizon - India Africa Space collaboration

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Over the past five years, Africa's space industry has made advancements in satellite technology, international collaborations, and policy developments. Valued at nearly US\$20bn, the industry has seen the establishment of ~270 new space companies, enhancing the capacity of the African Space Agency. These strides have bolstered the continent's capabilities in telecom, Earth observation, and scientific research. However, there are challenges to be addressed, such as, shortage of skilled professionals and technical expertise, limited space sector infrastructure, launch facilities, ground stations, etc. India with its US\$8.4bn space economy could partner with Africa's space sector through capacity building, sharing of space technology, and cost-effective satellite launches.

Session Moderator: Dr. Vinod Kumar, Director- Promotion Directorate, **INSPACE**

- **Dr Pawan Kumar Goenka**, Chairman, **INSPACE**
- **Dr. Joseph B. Tandoh**, Director, **Ghana Space Science and Technology Institute (GSSTI)**
- **Mr. Andrew Nyawade**, Director Space Systems and Infrastructures, **Kenya Space Agency**
- **Mr. Prateep Basu** Founder & CEO (Applications segment), **Satsure**
- **Mr. Som Sagar** Vice President, *Satellite Manufacturing*, **Ananth Technologies**
- **Mr. Laxmesh BH** Vice President & Head - Missiles & Aerospace, **L&T**
- **Col R Ralli** Vice President, **Dhruva Space**

1915 hrs

Networking Dinner

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DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2024

0930 - 1030 hrs
Durbar Hall

Session IX: Driving Africa Towards Future-Ready Digital Empowerment

In a pivotal moment for Africa's digital future, the continent aims to leverage technological advancements for inclusive economic growth and societal advancement. Strengthening cybersecurity, robust data protection, and fostering innovation are critical amidst its digital transformation. With 43% internet penetration in Africa, bridging the urban-rural digital gap is vital, especially for the region's youthful demographic comprising 60% of the population. India stands ready to contribute significantly, offering expertise in digital governance frameworks, cybersecurity policies, and implementation strategies. Drawing from initiatives like BharatNet, India can assist in bridging Africa's digital divide using satellite internet and mobile technologies.

Session Moderator: Dr. James Mwang CBS, Group Managing Director & CEO, Equity Group Holdings

- **H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Kalil Konate**, Minister of Digital Transition & Digitalization, **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**
- **H.E. Mrs. Aminata Zerbo Sabane**, Minister of Digital Transition, Posts and Electronic Communications, **People's Republic of Burkina Faso**
- **Mr. Ritesh Shukla**, Chief Executive Officer, **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)**
- **Mr S. Swaminathan**, Chief Executive Officer, **IRIS Business Services Ltd**

1045 - 1145 hrs
Durbar Hall

Session X: Promoting Quality Standards for Achieving High Value Manufacturing Excellence in Africa

Promoting high-value manufacturing excellence in Africa entails adopting international standards like ISO certifications, enhancing quality management through training and modern technologies, and developing a national quality infrastructure. In building up High-Value Manufacturing (HVM), Africa stands poised to harness its abundant natural resources and youthful population, catalysing economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development. By prioritising HVM, Africa can diversify from traditional manufacturing sectors. This strategic focus will also help engender an innovation culture, fostering high-quality employment opportunities and contributing to long-term socio-economic progress.

Session Moderator: Mr Vimal Mahendru, Vice Chairman, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

- **H.E. Mr Bahati David**, Minister of State for Industry, **Republic of Uganda**
- **H.E. Mr Abdisalam Sharif Hussein**, Minister of State for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, **Federal Republic of Somalia**
- **Ms. Susan Auma Mang'eni**, Principal Secretary, **State Department of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of Kenya**
- **H.E. Mr Michael Okyere Baafi**, Deputy Minister for Trade & Industry, **Republic of Ghana**



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- **H.E. Ms. Verna Sinimbo**, Deputy Minister of Industrialization and Trade, **Republic of Namibia**
- **Mr Chakravarthy Kannan**, Secretary General, **Quality Council of India**
- **Mr Sanjiv Mulloo**, Chairman, **Mauritius Standards Bureau**
- **Mr Rajneesh Khosla**, Head Standards, **Bureau of Indian Standards**

1200 - 1300 hrs

Session XI: Creating Employability in Africa for Human Capital Growth

Durbar Hall

With a median age of 19.7 years, Africa has the world's youngest population that can be groomed into a highly productive workforce that powers the region's manufacturing growth, farm modernisation and services sector expansion. However, the region is beset with high incidence of unemployment averaging 11% and soaring to 30% in some countries. It is imperative for Africa to reinvigorate the education and skills development systems. Down the decades, India has been at the forefront of partnering with Africa in the region's human capital development, through initiatives like ITEC programme, trilateral partnerships such as AAGC, establishment of specialist skills development institutes in Africa and various capacity-building initiatives. Africa boasts the highest rate of entrepreneurship with 1-in-5 working age professional starting a new business.

Session Moderator: Dr Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Chairman, Sun International Ltd.

- **H.E. Tambo Gina**, Minister of Economic Planning and Development, **Kingdom of Eswatini**
- **H.E. Mr. Abdou Jobe**, Minister for Tourism and Culture, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mrs. Sabine Djimouko**, Advisor to President on Education, **Republic of Chad**
- **Mr Puneet R Kundal**, Additional Secretary (E&SA), **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**
- **Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya**, Chairman and Managing Director, **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)**
- **Mr Ved Mani Tiwari**, Chief Executive Officer, **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**
- **Mr Kallol Mukherjee**, Executive Vice President and Head- International Business, **Aptech Ltd**
- **Mr Manoj Kumar**, Chairman and Managing Director, **Educational Consultants India Limited (EdCIL)**

1200 - 1300 hrs

Session XII: Promoting Accessible Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals Solutions in Africa

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Africa confronts significant healthcare challenges, grappling with 24% of the world's disease burden while having access to only 1% of global health resources. Government spending on healthcare remains critically low at 1% of GDP, hindering efforts to combat preventable illnesses. A comprehensive strategy is essential, including expanding health insurance coverage, utilising digital health technologies, and fostering public-private partnerships. Indian pharma companies have played an instrumental role in helping Africa gain access to affordable ARVs and life-saving drugs. In the fight against Covid-19 pandemic, Government of India supplied vaccines to 42 African nations.



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Session Moderator: Dr Harinder Sidhu, Senior Vice President, Apollo Hospitals

- **H.E. Dr. Douglas Mombeshora**, Minister of Health and Child Care, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr Oumar Diouhe Bah**, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene, **Republic of Guinea**
- **H.E. Ms. Martha C. Morris**, Deputy Minister for Administration, Ministry of Health, **Republic of Liberia**
- **H.E. Halima Alima Daud**, Deputy Minister of Health, **Republic of Malawi**
- **Ms Reena Ashish Dash**, Director (e-Health), **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India**
- **Dr Basant Garg**, Additional CEO, **National Health Authority, Government of India**

1300 - 1400 hrs
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VALEDICTORY SESSION

India and Africa are poised to embark on a transformative era of collaboration across multiple sectors, driven by a shared vision to harness their strengths to address global challenges together. Endowed with rich natural resources and highly favourable demographics, India and Africa envision the ushering in of an international economic order that is inclusive and equitable. The two regions have also strongly advocated for reforms in global multilateral institutions to bring about equitable representation for all regions. Together, they also advocate for affordable clean technology, spearheading a global shift towards sustainable energy solutions to combat climate change.

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- **H.E. Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga**, Vice-President, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Marie Cyril Eddy Boissézon**, Vice President, **Republic of Mauritius**
- **H.E. Mr. Jeremiah Kpan Koung**, Vice President, **Republic of Liberia**
- **H.E. Mr Prosper Bazombanza**, Vice President, **Republic of Burundi**
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammad B.S. Jallow**, Vice-President, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **Mr. Dammu Ravi**, Secretary- Economic Relations, **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**
- **Mr Sunil Barthwal**, Commerce Secretary, **Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India**
- **Mr S Kuppuswamy**, Co-Chairman, CII Africa Committee and Group Adviser, **Shapoorji Pallonji Group**

MOU exchange between Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC)

1400 hrs-

Networking Lunch

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