

India-Africa Business Dialogue

29-30 May 2026

Day II: Saturday, 30th May 2026

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Session: Unlocking the African Market: Driving Industrial Growth through MSME Synergy and Trade Integration

Track: Industrial Development & Enterprise Partnerships

As India and Africa deepen their economic engagement, MSMEs are emerging as key enablers of industrial development, innovation, and employment generation. With Africa's evolving business environment and the operationalization of AfCFTA, significant opportunities are opening for cross-border partnerships, co-manufacturing, and value chain integration.

This session will explore how India-Africa collaboration can be strengthened through MSME linkages and enterprise partnerships. It will focus on unlocking market access, enhancing trade integration, and enabling technology and skill transfer to drive sustainable industrial growth. The discussion will also address critical enablers such as financing, logistics, and supportive policy frameworks to facilitate seamless business engagement.

Bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, financial institutions, and MSME representatives, the session aims to foster meaningful dialogue, identify actionable opportunities, and promote long-term partnerships between India and Africa.

Moderator: Mr. H.P. Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI & Former CMD, NSIC

Panelists:

- **H.E. Ms. Francisca Tatchouop Belobe**, Commissioner for Economic Development, Tourism, Trade, Industries, Minerals (ETTİM), African Union
- **Dr. George Elombi**, President & Chairman, African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK)
- **Dr. Rajneesh (AS & DC)**, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India
- **Ms. Harsha Bangari**, Managing Director, India Exim Bank
- **Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya**, CMD, NSIC
- **Mr. Manoj Mittal**, CMD, SIDBI
- **Mr. Anil Khaitan**, Former President, PHDCCI & CMD, Sunil Healthcare Limited