



## **27 – 29 August 2025, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi**

### **Programme**

*as on 28 August 2025*

**(All timings are in IST)**

#### **DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2025**

**Exhibition, B2B & CII India Africa Marketplace (Durbar Hall)**

**1200 – 1330 hrs**  
*Raja/Rani Bagh*      **Networking Lunch**

**1400- 1500 hrs**  
*Shahjehan Hall*      **INAUGURAL SESSION: Synergies towards Co-Creating a SHARED Future**

**Moderator: Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII**

- **H.E. Gen. (Retd) Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga**, Vice President, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh**, Minister of State for External Affairs, **Government of India**
- **Mr Rajiv Memani**, President, **Confederation of Indian Industry** and Chairman and CEO, **EY India**
- **Mr Sudarshan Venu**, Chairman, **TVS Motor Company**

**1500 - 1530 hrs**  
*Shahjehan Hall*      **SPECIAL SESSION by B20 Global Institute: Bridging Perspectives: B20 South Africa's Priorities**

- **H.E. Mr. Kenny Morolong**, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Mr. Cas Coovadia**, Sherpa, **B20 South Africa**
- **Mr R Mukundan**, President Designate, **CII** and MD & CEO, **Tata Chemicals Ltd.**

**1530 - 1630 hrs**  
*Shahjehan Hall*      **Session I: The Future of Energy: Shifting to Sustainable and Clean Energy Solutions**

*Africa holds immense renewable energy potential particularly in solar, wind, and hydro yet faces energy access gaps and underinvestment. At the same time, the transition to clean energy presents opportunities for new industries, green jobs, and climate resilience. India's renewable energy journey offers models in grid expansion, solar parks, and decentralized solutions. This session will explore joint opportunities for technology exchange, project development, and policy support to accelerate clean energy adoption and ensure energy security for all.*

**Moderator: Mr. R. Mukundan**, President Designate, **CII** and MD & CEO, **Tata Chemicals Ltd.**

- **H.E. Ms. Yeukai Simbanegavi**, Deputy Minister for Energy and Power Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ouhmed**, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy Transition, **Kingdom of Morocco**
- **H.E. Mr. Thierno Illiassa Balde**, Advisor to the Prime Minister in Charge of Trade, Industry, Foresight and Financial resource mobilization, **Republic of Guinea**
- **H.E. Alderman André Truter**, Executive Mayor, Saldanha Bay, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Dr J S Chandok**, Head- International Business, **NTPC Ltd**
- **Dr. Barakat Ahmed**, Regional Head, Africa Region, **International Solar Alliance**
- **Mr Raman Rajagopalan**, Deputy Managing Director, **Transrail Lighting Limited**

**1630 - 1730 hrs**  
**Shahjehan Hall**

**SESSION II: Exploring New Avenues for Financial Partnerships and Strong Banking Services**

*Africa faces an annual SME financing gap of US \$331 billion, alongside a much larger overall SDG funding shortfall. With 57% of adults lacking formal banking access, there is a pressing need for inclusive financial systems. Building on India's US \$12.37 billion in concessional credit and its digital finance innovations, this session explores Indo-African partnerships to strengthen banking services and mobilise capital through green bonds, diaspora finance, blended finance, interoperable payments, and local-currency trade settlement.*

**Moderator: Mr. Nadeem Panjetan**, Executive Vice-President-Emerging Markets Business Centre (EMBC), Shapoorji Pallonji Group

- **H.E. Dr Mrs Jyoti Jeetun**, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, **Republic of Mauritius**
- **H.E. Evelyn Anite**, Minister of Privatization and Investment, **Republic of Uganda**
- **Mr Saurav Chatterjee**, CEO, **CARE Ratings (Africa) Private Limited**
- **Mr. Ameya Prabhu**, Founder & CEO, **NAFA Capital Advisors & Co-chairman, CII International Council**
- **Mr Vinesh Kassen**, Head-India Client Coverage, Absa Bank Group, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Mr. Ankur Singhal**, CEO, **RMB India**

*MOU signing between CareEdge Global IFSC Limited and the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)*

**1730 – 1830 hrs**  
**Shahjehan Hall**

**Session III: Building Smart Supply Chains: Unlocking India Africa Trade and Industrial Synergies**

*Regional value chains and efficient logistics systems can boost African exports in sectors like Argo-Processing and textiles. India and Africa share complementary strengths in production, technology, and human capital. This session will examine ways to foster joint supply chain development through bilateral cooperation, digital platforms, and investment in logistics corridors and trade infrastructure.*

**Moderator: Mr. R. Mukundan**, President Designate, CII and MD & CEO, **Tata Chemicals Ltd.**

- **H.E. Francis Mwebesa**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, **Republic of Uganda**
- **H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu**, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations, **Republic of Cameroon**
- **Dr. Edward Sandy**, President, **ECOWAS TPO**, Executive Director, **National Investment Board (NIB) of Sierra Leone**
- **Mr Gaurav Aggarwal**, Head of Business, Gabon Special Economic Zone SA, **Arise IIP**
- **Mrs Adesuwa Ladoja**, MD & CEO, Lagos Free Zone, **Federal Republic of Nigeria**
- **Mr Firdhose Coovadia**, Chief Value Officer, **Newlyn Group**

**1830 – 1930 hrs**  
**Shahjehan Hall**

**Cultural Programme**

**1930 hrs**  
**Raja/Rani Bagh**

**Networking Dinner**

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## DAY TWO: THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2025

Exhibition, B2B & CII India Africa Marketplace (Durbar Hall)

1000 – 1100 hrs  
Shahjehan Hall

### Session IV: Exploring Frontiers of Private Sector Expansion in Africa

*Africa's dynamic markets present vast opportunities for private sector-led growth across manufacturing, services, technology, and infrastructure. With rising consumer demand, regional trade integration, and a push for industrial diversification, the continent is poised for transformative business partnerships. This session will explore strategies to unlock investment potential through innovation, ease of doing business reforms, cross-border collaboration, and sector-specific opportunities, drawing on India's experience in entrepreneurship, SME growth, and large-scale project development.*

**Moderator: Mr. R. Mukundan**, President Designate, CII and MD & CEO, Tata Chemicals Ltd.

- **H.E. Francis Mwebesa**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, **Republic of Uganda**
- **H.E. Alderman André Truter**, Executive Mayor, Saldanha Bay, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Shri Ajay Bhadoo**, Additional Secretary, **Department of Commerce, Government of India**
- **Mr Jeevaraj Pillai**, Director- Sustainability & President- Flexible Packaging and New Product Development, **Uflex Ltd**
- **Mr Chidi Iwuchukwu**, Head, Investment Banking and Director, **Rand Merchant Bank**
- **Mr Bobby Selwan**, Head- International, **Mahindra**

1000 – 1100 hrs  
Mumtaz Hall

### "Deepening the South Africa–India Strategic Partnership."

- **H.E. Mr. Parks Mpho Tau**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, **Republic of South Africa**
- **H.E. Mr. Kenny Morolong**, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, **Republic of South Africa**
- **H.E. Prof A. Sooklal**, High Commissioner of South Africa to India
- **Mr Rajiv Memani**, President, **Confederation of Indian Industry** and Chairman and CEO, **EY India**
- **Mr Neville Matjie**, CEO, **Brand South Africa**
- **Mr Yunus Hoosen** – Head, **InvestSA**
- **Mr Rajendra Balmakhun**, Founder & CEO, **Newlyn Group**
- **Ms Stieneke Jensma** Chief Operations Officer-Industrial Zones, **Independent Development Corporation**
- **Mr. Ashwin Lakhan**, Co-Head- Investment Banking, **RMB**
- **Ms Toni Gumede**, **Brand South Africa**

1115 – 1215 hrs  
Shahjehan Hall

### SESSION V: Harnessing Critical Minerals for Sustainable Future

*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.*

**Moderator: Mr Nishant Arya, Vice Chairman, JBM Group**

- **H.E. Dr. Ken Zikhale Ng'oma**, Minister of Mines, **Republic of Malawi**
- **H.E. Mr. Joseph Nelson**, Western Regional Minister, **Republic of Ghana**
- **H.E. Mr. Kenny Morolong**, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Shri Sevala Naik Mude**, Additional Secretary (Central & West Africa), **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**
- **Mr Sidi Mohamed Kaem**, President, **National Federation of Gold Mines in Mauritania** and Board Member of the Mauritanian **PATRONAT**
- **Mr. Deepak Rathod**, Principal Consultant, **Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited**

**1115 – 1215 hrs**      **Cameroon Country Session**  
*Mumtaz Hall*

**Moderator: Mr. Nadeem Panjetan**, Executive Vice-President-Emerging Markets Business Centre (EMBC), Shapoorji Pallonji Group

- **H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu**, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations, **Republic of Cameroon**
- **H.E. Ms. Sylvie Mpon**, Charge d'Affaires, **Cameroon High Commission**
- **Mr. Donatus Boma**, Director General, **Investment Promotion Agency Cameroon**
- **Mr. Lalit Boop**, President, **AMBAD Industry and Manufacturers Association**
- **Mr. Eric Dikoko Manga**, Head of the Directorate of Land Affairs, Monitoring and Control of Port Activities, **Port Authority of Kirbi**
- **Mr. Christol Georges Manon**, General Manager, **Industrial Zones Development and Management Authority (MAGZI)**
- **Mr. Nishant Thakkar**, President, **Thakker Group**

**1230 – 1330 hrs**      **Session VI: Driving Africa's Future with Affordable and Sustainable Mobility Solutions**  
*Shahjehan Hall*

*Africa's mobility sector is poised for expansion. However, high costs, limited charging infrastructure, and lack of enabling policies pose significant challenges. India offers a scalable model, its electric two-wheeler segment grew 36% in 2023 alone, with national support via the FAME-II scheme and robust battery-swapping networks. India is also investing in lithium sourcing and cell manufacturing areas ripe for Indo-African collaboration. This session will focus on collaborative models for EV manufacturing, affordable transport innovations, urban logistics, and sustainable fuel adoption, including CNG and ethanol blends.*

**Moderator: Mr Nishant Arya, Vice Chairman, JBM Group**

- **H.E. Prof. Paul Mavima**, Minister of Skills Audit and Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Sampson Ahi's (MP)**, Deputy Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, **Republic of Ghana**
- **Mr Rahul Nayak**, Senior Vice President - International Business, **TVS Motor Company**

- **Mr Bobby Selwan**, Head- International, **Mahindra**

**1330 – 1430 hrs**      **Networking Lunch**  
*Raja/Rani Bagh*

**1430 - 1530 hrs**      **Session VII: Advancing the Next Generation for Equitable Development of Human Capital**  
*Shahjehan Hall*

*Africa's youthful population presents a significant opportunity to drive long-term growth and innovation. However, there remains an urgent need to scale up education, skills training, and entrepreneurship support. This session will feature insights from CII Centers of Excellence and explore India–Africa collaboration to develop workforce readiness, vocational training systems, digital literacy, and leadership development. The focus will be on creating inclusive ecosystems that equip youth with the tools and opportunities to thrive in a changing global economy.*

**Moderator: Mr Gurjit Singh**, Former Ambassador to Germany, Indonesia, Ethiopia, ASEAN & African Union

- **H.E. Dr Abdul-Rashid Hassan Pelpuo**, Minister of Labour, Jobs and Employment, **Republic of Ghana**
- **H.E. Mr. S. Sibanda**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary, Science and Technology Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Ms Fatoumata Toure**, Chief of Staff-Ministry of planning and International Cooperation, **Republic of Guinea**
- **Mr Ajit Chauhan**, Chairman, **Amity University Online**
- **Dr. Buddha Chandrasekhar**, CCO, **AICTE** & CEO, **Anuvadini AI**
- **Mr. Suresh T**, Co-Founder, **Poornatha**

**1545 - 1645 hrs**      **Session VIII: Accelerating Africa's Digital Future through Innovation and R&D**  
*Shahjehan Hall*

*With internet penetration in Africa reaching around 43% in 2024 and mobile broadband subscriptions growing at over 10% annually, the continent is poised for digital transformation. Yet, the digital divide remains stark; rural access to connectivity lags significantly behind urban areas, and digital literacy rates vary widely across regions. India's experience in building digital public infrastructure, such as UPI and Aadhaar, offers replicable models for inclusion and scale. This session will explore how India and Africa can collaborate on R&D, digital skilling, innovation hubs, and public–private models to drive digital empowerment and bridge access gaps.*

**Moderator: Shri Sevala Naik Mude**, Additional Secretary (Central & West Africa), **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**

- **H.E. Ms Savannah Mazia**, Minister of Information, Communications & Technology, **Kingdom of Eswatini**
- **Dr. D. Murekachiro**, Chief Director, **Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation Science and Technology Development, Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Mr Niro Cooke**, Partner, **Shoretree Holdings**
- **Mr K Balachandran**, Chief Executive Officer, **IRIS Business Services**

**1545 – 1645 hrs**      **Country Session- Zimbabwe**  
*Mumtaz Hall*

**Moderator: Amb. Ajit Kumar**, Head of Corporate Affairs, **Hinduja Group**

- **H.E. Gen. (Retd) Dr. C.G.D.N. Chiwenga**, Vice President, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Prof. Paul Mavima**, Minister of Skills Audit and Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Ms. Yeukai Simbanegavi**, Deputy Minister for Energy and Power Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**

- **H.E. Mr. S. Sibanda**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary, Science and Technology Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. S.T. Kwidini**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Childcare, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos**, Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **Dr. Gloria Magombo**, Secretary, **Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Republic of Zimbabwe**

**1700 - 1800 hrs**  
*Shahjehan Hall*

### **Session IX: Strengthening Healthcare Capacity and Affordable Access in Africa**

*Africa bears 24% of the global disease burden but has access to only about 3% of the world's health workforce and less than 1% of global health expenditure. India's role in generic medicines, digital health systems can contribute significantly to capacity-building and local production. This session will highlight opportunities for co-developing healthcare infrastructure, pharmaceutical production, skill transfer, and innovative delivery models, including mobile health and telemedicine platforms.*

**Moderator: Dr Sandeep Dewan**, Director & HOD Critical Care-**Fortis Memorial Research Institute & Founder and MD- eNext ICU Telehealth Services**

- **H.E. Mr. S.T. Kwidini**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Childcare, **Republic of Zimbabwe**
- **H.E. Mr. Alderman André Truter**, Executive Mayor, Saldanha Bay, **Republic of South Africa**
- **Mr. Praveen Kumar**, Chairman and Managing Director, **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)**
- **Ms Nabila Benyghzer**, CEO, **Saidal Group Algeria**
- **Mr. Satyam Shivam Sundaram**, Partner, Strategy & Transactions-Government & Public Sector, **EY India**
- **Mr Godfrey Earnest**, Director, **BMEC Imaging**

**1800 hrs**

### **Gala Dinner**

*Raja/Rani Bagh*

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## DAY THREE: FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 2025

### Exhibition, B2B & CII India Africa Marketplace (Durbar Hall)

1000 – 1100 hrs  
Shahjehan Hall

#### SESSION X: From Farm to Future: Sharing India's Experience

*Agriculture remains the backbone of many African economies, yet productivity challenges, climate change, and market access gaps persist. India's journey from food scarcity to becoming a global agricultural leader offers valuable lessons in mechanisation, irrigation, crop diversification, and Agri-Tech innovation. This session will highlight opportunities for India–Africa collaboration in sustainable farming practices, post-harvest management, value addition, and agri-entrepreneurship, paving the way for resilient food systems and rural prosperity.*

**Moderator: Mr. R. Mukundan**, President Designate, CII and MD & CEO, **Tata Chemicals Ltd.**

- **Shri Nayab Singh Saini**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana
- **H.E. John Michael Tzoun Sao Yeung Sik Yuen**, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, Republic of Mauritius
- **H.E. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos**, Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Republic of Zimbabwe
- **Mr. Vikramjit Singh Sahney**, Chairman, **Sun International Limited**
- **Dr Soji Abraham**, CEO, **Rinac**
- **Mr Abhimanyu Sharaff**, Chairman, CII Haryana and Managing Director, Sanden Vikas (India) Pvt Ltd.

1100 – 1230 hrs  
Durbar Hall

#### Tea/Coffee & Networking Break

1230 - 1330 hrs  
Shahjehan Hall

#### VALEDICTORY SESSION: Way Forward towards CO-Creating a SHARED Future

**Moderator: Mr R Mukundan**, President Designate, CII and MD & CEO, **Tata Chemicals Ltd.**

- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Government of India**
- **H.E. Mr Guibolo Fanga Mathieu**, Minister of Industry and Commerce, **Republic of Chad**
- **H.E. Mr. Baboucarr O. Joof**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Employment, **Republic of The Gambia**
- **H.E. Mr. John Michael Tzoun Sao Yeung Sik Yuen**, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, Republic of Mauritius
- **H.E. Mr. Francis Mwebesa**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, **Republic of Uganda**
- **Mr Rajiv Memani**, President, **Confederation of Indian Industry** and Chairman and CEO, **EY India**

1330 hrs  
Raja/Rani Bagh

#### Networking Lunch

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