



High Commission of India
Pretoria

INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT 2018
“United by Legacy, Unified for Prosperity”

An India-South Africa Business Summit will be held on 29-30 April 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg. The Summit has the tag line *“United by Legacy, Unified for Prosperity”* and seeks to maximize the potential of the economic & commercial partnership between the two countries. The event is being organized by the High Commission of India, Pretoria in partnership with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, the Department of Trade & Industry, South Africa, Invest India, the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency.

The two-day business event will spotlight Start Ups; Automotives; Health Care & Pharma; Mining; Agro Processing; Women in Business and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, all of which are sectors which have scope and potential for growth in a bilateral context. The event will open with a Dinner and with a tribute to Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi choreographed by UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Gavin Rajah on 29 April 2018, followed by a Plenary, 8 Breakaway Sessions and a Closing Session on 30 April 2018, all of which seek to chart the way forward for the India-South Africa relationship. From India, the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry will lead business delegations to the event. Investors from both countries will have exhibition booths at the Sandton Convention Centre. B2B meetings for interested companies will be facilitated on-site. In gist, the Summit seeks to maximize bilateral economic cooperation, leveraging both the ‘Invest India’ and ‘Invest SA’ initiatives.

The Keynote Addresses at the Summit will be delivered by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Dr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, Government of South Africa. The Summit will also see the participation of the Premier of the Gauteng Province, Mr. David Makhura as well as Ministers, CEOs and industry specialists from both India and South Africa.

India and South Africa share a strategic partnership that is over 200 years old. There are over 130 Indian companies in South Africa which have invested about US \$ 8 billion into South Africa, employing approximately 18,000 South Africans. South African investment into India is approximately US \$ 1 billion inclusive of companies such as Sanlam, FNB, Old Mutual, Life Healthcare amongst others. 2018 marks a significant year in India-South Africa relations, being the 25th year of establishment of diplomatic relations; 125 years of the Pietermaritzburg train ‘incident’ and the centenary of President Nelson Mandela.

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