





Two Decades of Dialogue, Development, and Enterprise

(The India-Africa Conclave at 20)

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As the world pivots toward the Global South, India and Africa are forging a future built on mutual trust, driven by technology, and sustained by inclusive prosperity.





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India–Africa Strategic Relationship & Conclave Evolution

India–Africa Relations: A Growing Strategic and Economic Bond



Bilateral trade rose from USD 25 bn to USD 83 bn from 2006-2024



India ranks among Africa's Top Five Trading Partners



Engagement spans to **Trade**, **Investment**, **Technology**, **Value Chains**, **and Development**



Cooperation in Energy, Health, Digital Public Goods, Skills, Agriculture and Education



India's support for the AU at the G-20, reflects our shared commitment to an Inclusive Global South







20 Years of India-Africa Partnership in Action: Our Conclave Journey



From a Development led Initiative to Thought Leadership and Dynamic Business Networking



Platform for Enterprise Driven Partnerships



Most Sustained and Continuous Forum for India-Africa Businesses, Policy, Trade and Investment



Enabler for Long-Term Collaborations, and Joint Ventures



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Thematic Areas of Collaboration

Building Blocks of the India–Africa Partnership

India and Africa are charting a dynamic partnership grounded in mutual growth and transformation. As the 20th CII India Africa Business Conclave marks two decades of collaboration, it highlights **Eight core Pillars** that reflect the evolving priorities of both regions

A++ Approach for MSMEs:

Affordability, Adaptability, and Access

- Access to Market
- Access to Finance
- Access to Technology







Thematic Pillars of the 20th Conclave



Trade & Investment

From traditional commodity exchanges to integrated value chains



Education, Skills and Capacity Building

Human centric approach to empower Africa's demographic dividend



Digital & Physical Infrastructure

Partnerships in clean energy, mobility, broadband access, and urban development



MSME Collaboration

Driving employment and innovation by connecting small businesses and entrepreneurs across borders

Financial Systems



Unlocking capital for African infrastructure, manufacturing and public goods through banking partnerships and fintech innovation

Inclusion

Capitalising Africa's growth through Gender Inclusion, Technology Adoption and Youth led Entrepreneurship

Sustainability and Climate



Fostering green growth via renewable energy, water conservation, climate-smart agriculture, and circular economy solutions

Manufacturing & Industrialization



Learning from India's cluster-based models, SEZs, and SME formalization to strengthen Africa's production capacities

Strategic Focus & Forward Outlook

As the India–Africa Conclave celebrates its 20th edition, the road ahead is paved with potential. The platform will continue to serve as a strategic bridge for high-impact, scalable, and inclusive India–Africa cooperation across business, policy, and society





The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organisation, with around 9,700 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 365,000 enterprises from 318 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

For more 130 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. CII charts change by working closely with the Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness, and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialised services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Through its dedicated Centres of Excellence and Industry competitiveness initiatives, promotion of innovation and technology adoption, and partnerships for sustainability, CII plays a transformative part in shaping the future of the nation. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes across diverse domains, including affirmative action, livelihoods, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and sustainable development, to name a few.

For 2025-26, CII has identified "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust" as its theme, prioritising five key pillars. During the year, CII will align its initiatives to drive strategic action aimed at enhancing India's competitiveness by promoting global engagement, inclusive growth, sustainable practices, and a foundation of trust.

With 70 offices, including 12 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 9 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with about 250 counterpart organisations in almost 100 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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