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& EXHIBITION ON AFRICA

A LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES

**THEME: UNLOCKING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
THROUGH AFRICA'S REGIONAL ECONOMICS COMMUNITIES**

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BACKGROUND

Africa is home to some of the world's fastest-growing economies and is undergoing a profound transformation driven by industrialization, digitalization, infrastructure development, demographic growth, and regional economic integration. The implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is creating a single continental market, reducing barriers to trade, and strengthening regional value chains. At the heart of this integration process are the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), recognized by the African Union as the foundation of Africa's economic architecture. These RECs promote regional trade, investment, customs cooperation, infrastructure connectivity, industrial development, and policy harmonization among their member states.

For Indian businesses, engaging with Africa through its Regional Economic Communities offers access to larger integrated markets, streamlined trade frameworks, diversified supply chains, and opportunities for long-term partnerships.

Against this backdrop, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) proposes to organize the 4th Annual International Conference & Exhibition on Africa: A Land of Opportunities as its flagship India–Africa business event in December 2026. The Conference will adopt a unique region-focused format, with dedicated sessions on each of Africa's major Regional Economic Communities, enabling participants to understand the economic landscape, investment climate, priority sectors, and business opportunities across the continent.

OBJECTIVES

The Conference aims to:

- Promote India's economic engagement with Africa through its Regional Economic Communities.
- Showcase trade, investment, and industrial opportunities across Africa's regional markets.
- Facilitate direct interaction between Indian businesses and African governments, RECs, investment promotion agencies, and private sector stakeholders.
- Promote partnerships in manufacturing, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, food processing, renewable energy, mining, ICT, infrastructure, logistics, education, and financial services.
- Facilitate B2B, B2G, and G2G engagements.
- Strengthen institutional partnerships between PHDCCI and African regional organizations.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Inaugural Session

India–Africa Partnership: Building New Economic Corridors through Regional Integration

The inaugural session will establish the strategic vision for India's evolving economic partnership with Africa by highlighting opportunities created through regional integration, cross-border infrastructure, industrial corridors, logistics connectivity, digital transformation, and sustainable development. The discussion will focus on strengthening resilient supply chains, promoting value-added manufacturing, enhancing investment cooperation, supporting MSMEs, and facilitating greater private sector participation across Africa's regional markets. The session will also set the tone for the conference's REC-focused discussions by emphasizing how India's engagement can complement Africa's regional integration agenda while creating inclusive and sustainable economic growth for both regions.

Session I : **EAST AFRICA**

Regional Focus : East African Community (EAC) & Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Countries : Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Eritrea

East Africa is one of Africa's fastest-growing regions, offering strong opportunities in agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, infrastructure, renewable energy, logistics, tourism, and the digital economy. Regional integration through the East African Community (EAC) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is enhancing trade, connectivity, and investment across the region. This session will explore opportunities to strengthen India–East Africa economic cooperation through trade, investment, technology partnerships, industrial collaboration, and sustainable development. Discussions will highlight emerging sectors, regional value chains, and strategies for expanding business engagement across East Africa.



Session II : SOUTHERN AFRICA

Regional Focus : Southern African Development Community (SADC)

Countries : South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, Lesotho, Eswatini, Madagascar, Comoros



Southern Africa is a resource-rich and industrially advanced region with strong potential in mining, critical minerals, manufacturing, renewable energy, agriculture, automotive, logistics, and infrastructure. Led by the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the region is promoting deeper economic integration, cross-border trade, and regional value chains, creating new opportunities for international partnerships. This session will examine opportunities to strengthen India–Southern Africa economic cooperation through trade, investment, technology transfer, industrial collaboration, and sustainable development. Discussions will focus on leveraging regional integration to enhance business partnerships, promote value addition, and unlock new avenues for growth across Southern Africa.

Session III : CENTRAL AFRICA

Regional Focus : Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)

Countries : Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, Chad, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé & Príncipe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda

Central Africa is endowed with abundant natural resources, vast forest reserves, critical minerals, and growing opportunities in mining, energy, agriculture, infrastructure, manufacturing, and healthcare. Through the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the region is advancing economic integration, trade facilitation, and regional connectivity to foster sustainable growth. This session will explore opportunities to deepen India–Central Africa economic cooperation through trade, investment, industrial partnerships, technology transfer, and capacity building. It will also highlight emerging sectors, regional value chains, and strategies for expanding business engagement across Central Africa.



DAY 2

Session IV : WEST AFRICA

Regional Focus : Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Countries : Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Mauritania, Benin, Togo, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Cabo Verde

West Africa is one of Africa's largest and fastest-growing markets, offering significant opportunities in agriculture, food processing, energy, manufacturing, healthcare, ICT, infrastructure, financial services, and consumer industries. Led by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the region is driving economic integration, trade liberalization, and cross-border connectivity to strengthen regional value chains. This session will examine opportunities to expand India–West Africa trade and investment through strategic partnerships, technology collaboration, industrial development, and sustainable business engagement. Discussions will focus on leveraging regional integration to unlock new opportunities for businesses across the ECOWAS region.



Session V : NORTH AFRICA

Regional Focus : Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)

Countries : Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Egypt

North Africa serves as a strategic gateway connecting Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, offering significant opportunities in manufacturing, renewable energy, automotive, agriculture, logistics, healthcare, tourism, and digital industries. The Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) provides a framework for enhancing regional economic cooperation and cross-border trade among its member countries. This session will explore opportunities to deepen India–North Africa trade and investment through industrial partnerships, technology collaboration, infrastructure development, and sustainable economic growth. Discussions will also focus on leveraging the region's strategic location to strengthen supply chains and expand business engagement across North Africa.



Session VI : REGIONAL TRADE AND MARKET INTEGRATION

Regional Focus:

- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Regional economic integration is transforming Africa into one of the world's largest unified markets, creating new opportunities for trade, investment, manufacturing, and regional value chains. COMESA and the AfCFTA are reducing trade barriers, improving market access, and fostering cross-border connectivity, making Africa an increasingly attractive destination for global businesses. This session will explore how Indian businesses can leverage these regional trade frameworks to expand exports, establish manufacturing and distribution hubs, strengthen supply chains, and build long-term partnerships across Africa. Discussions will focus on trade facilitation, investment opportunities, regional value chains, and strategies for maximizing the benefits of Africa's integrated market.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION FOCUS AREAS

- Healthcare & Pharma
- Medical Tourism
- Agriculture & Agri-Tech
- Renewable Energy
- Mining
- Infrastructure
- Digital Technologies
- Financial Institutions
- Logistics Companies
- Tourism Boards
- MSMEs and Start-ups

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Space Type	Minimum Area	INR	USD
Shell Space	4 sq mtr	10,000 per sq mtr	200 per sq mtr

*above rates are excluding of 18% GST

ABOUT PHDCCI

PHDCCI has been working as a catalyst for the promotion of Indian industry, trade and entrepreneurship for the past 121 years. It is a forward looking, proactive and dynamic PAN-India apex organization. As a partner in progress with industry and government, PHDCCI works at the grass roots level with strong national and international linkages for propelling progress, harmony and integrated development of the Indian economy.

PHDCCI, acting as the "Voice of Industry & Trade" reaching out to more than 1,50,000 large, medium and small industries, has forged ahead leveraging its legacy with the industry knowledge across multiple sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level.

At the global level, we have been working with the Embassies and High Commissions in India and overseas to bring in the International Best Practices and Business Opportunities.

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