

## Press Release

### **Visit of Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation to Kenya**

Hon'ble Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation visited Kenya from 22-25 August 2018 to co-chair the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee Meeting in Nairobi. He was accompanied by senior official and business delegation.

2. During the visit, Mr. Suresh Prabhu called on Kenyan President H. E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta and Deputy President H. E. Mr. William Ruto. He co-chaired the Joint Trade Committee Meeting with his counterpart H. E. Mr. Peter Munya, Cabinet Secretary (Minister) for Industry, Trade and Cooperatives. Hon'ble Ababu Namwamba, Chief Administrative Secretary (Minister of State) for Foreign Affairs called on Mr. Suresh Prabhu.



3. The substantive discussions during the meetings with Kenyan dignitaries covered India's contribution in implementation of Kenya's Big Four Agenda – food security, affordable housing, universal healthcare and manufacturing; expansion and diversification of bilateral trade; Kenya's readiness to join the International Solar Alliance; implementation of Lines of Credit (over US\$ 220 million) extended by Government of India in power transmission, SMEs development, revival of iconic Rivatex factory and agricultural mechanization; implementation of decisions taken during the high level exchanges; cooperation in health, blue economy, agro-processing sectors and WTO related issues; and training & capacity building programmes offered by India.



4. Kenyan leaders appreciated India for extension of concessional loans to the Government of Kenya and India's continued support in capacity building in Kenya. The Joint Trade Committee meeting reviewed the entire gamut of India-Kenya economic and commercial partnership. A detailed 'Agreed Minutes of the Meeting' was signed by both Ministers. A meeting of India-Kenya Joint Business Council was held on the side-lines of the Joint Trade Committee meeting. In his address to the Kenyan and Indian business leaders, Mr. Suresh Prabhu emphasized on research and design in products specific to Kenyan needs and urged Indian businesses to carry out a market study to identify priority areas for bilateral cooperation.



5. Mr. Suresh Prabhu also interacted with the members of Indian diaspora and apprised them on various developmental initiatives and achievements of the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



6. India and Kenya are Indian Ocean neighbours and share longstanding trade & people-to-people contacts. At present, India is one of Kenya's largest trade partners and the second largest foreign investor in Kenya. Indians are the third-largest group of tourists to Kenya. The last meeting of Joint Trade Committee was held in New Delhi in February 2015.

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