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International Relations

India and Africa

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Former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, once said, “India and South Africa are two countries held so closely by bonds of sentiment, common values, and shared experience, by the affinity of cultures and traditions and by geography”.

Recent Context

5-8th July 2023-- India’s External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar made a visit to Republic of Tanzania.

- EAM visited the water project in Kibama district, supported by India. It was said this is reflection of GOI’s Jal Jeewan Mission.
- Tanzania is India’s the fourth-largest trade partner in Africa and the biggest development partner of India in the continent.
- Inauguration of 1st ever global campus of IIT in Zanzibar.

- EAM also held meetings with prominent leaders in Zanzibar and attended a reception on board the Indian Naval Ship Trishul, which is currently visiting Tanzania. (indicative of SAGAR initiative)
- EAM addressed the Indian diaspora and inaugurated the bust of Swami Vivekananda in Dar es Salaam.
- Earlier this year, India and Tanzania held the second edition of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Arusha, Tanzania, on June 28 and 29. During the meeting, the two countries engaged in discussions aimed at strengthening security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

2) April 2023----India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar went for 2 nation trip to Uganda and Mozambique in an attempt to bolster bilateral economic and defence ties.

Earlier in 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uganda , during which India's overarching policy towards Africa, popularly known as the **Kampala principles** were also enunciated.

These principles contain elements that are indicative of both the continuity and change in India's approach towards the continent.

Mozambique, lies on the extensive Indian Ocean coastline and is of strategic importance to India. Reasons---

- ✓ After Mauritius, Mozambique is India's second-largest destination for Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) into Africa.
- ✓ It is a vital partner for India to shore up its energy security by importing Liquefied Natural Gas.
- ✓ India has also exported many of its "Made in India" self-defence indigenous equipment like fast interceptor boats and armoured vehicles to boost Mozambique's defence preparedness and military capabilities.

Why this visit matters

- ✓ **The visit comes at a time when Africa's other international development partners, such as the United States (US), China, Turkey, Japan, and the European Union (EU), have conducted their own editions of Africa + 1 summit in recent years.**

✓ Africa's immense natural resources, demographic dividends, and growing integration through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) have made the continent the 'go-to' destination for global powers.

✓ India's equivalent to these summits, known as the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS). (Three India Africa Forum Summits held in 2008, 2011 and 2015---the fourth has been delayed due to the pandemic. **It is said that best way to enhance G20 presidency and to strengthen global South cooperation is to hold 4th IAFS during India's G20 presidency in 2023)**

Outcomes at Uganda

✓ The inauguration of India's National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in collaboration with Ugandan People's Defence Force (UPDF) in Jinja province, Uganda.

✓ Dr Jaishankar also inaugurated the construction of a solar water pump project, which, upon completion, is expected to provide access to clean water to over half a million Ugandans spread across 20 districts.

Outcomes at Mozambique

- ✓ Expanding train networks, waterways connectivity, and electric mobility were discussed with the Mozambican transport minister.
- ✓ The Buzi Bridge was inaugurated by Dr Jaishankar. This bridge is expected to improve connectivity between Mozambique's capital, Maputo, and the port city of Beira, and spur socio-economic development and free movement of goods and services.

3) 25th November 2022---The Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar while addressing the valedictory session of UNESCO India Africa Hackathon underscored the civilizational connect and shared historical bond between India and Africa, and said that “**we are neighbours across the Indian ocean**”

4)October 2022---The Indian Defence Minister addressed the second India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD). This was held on the sidelines of **DefExpo 2022** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.

Theme: “Adopting strategies for synergising and strengthening defence and security cooperation”.

Gandhinagar Declaration:

- ✓ Gandhinagar Declaration was adopted to enhance cooperation in the fields of training & military exercises.
- ✓ increasing training slots and deputation of training teams,
- ✓ empowerment and capability building of the defence forces of Africa,
- ✓ participation in exercises, and providing humanitarian assistance during natural disasters.

- **Areas of cooperation:**
 - Capacity building,
 - Training cyber security,
 - Maritime security and
 - Counter-terrorism.
- **Africa India Field Training Exercise:**
 - India has held African partners set up Defence training institutions and extended help for counter-insurgency training.
- **Expansion of UNSC**

India said it does not believe in a "hierarchical world order" where a few countries are considered superior to others.

Do you know?

Importance of 3rd IAFS 2015

For the first time, the India-Africa summit has done away with the practice of following Banjul Formula.

What is Banjul Formula?

- *Adopted by the African Union (AU) in 2006*
- *According to this, India could invite only 15 heads of state or government through the African Union.*

However, in 3rd IAFS 2015 all the 54 heads of state and government were invited and out of which , 40 were heads of state.

What is the significance of India-Africa Relationship? Or Significance of Africa to India

- **Resource rich region**
- **Energy Security**
- **Strategic Interests**



- **Investment Opportunities**

- **Exports**

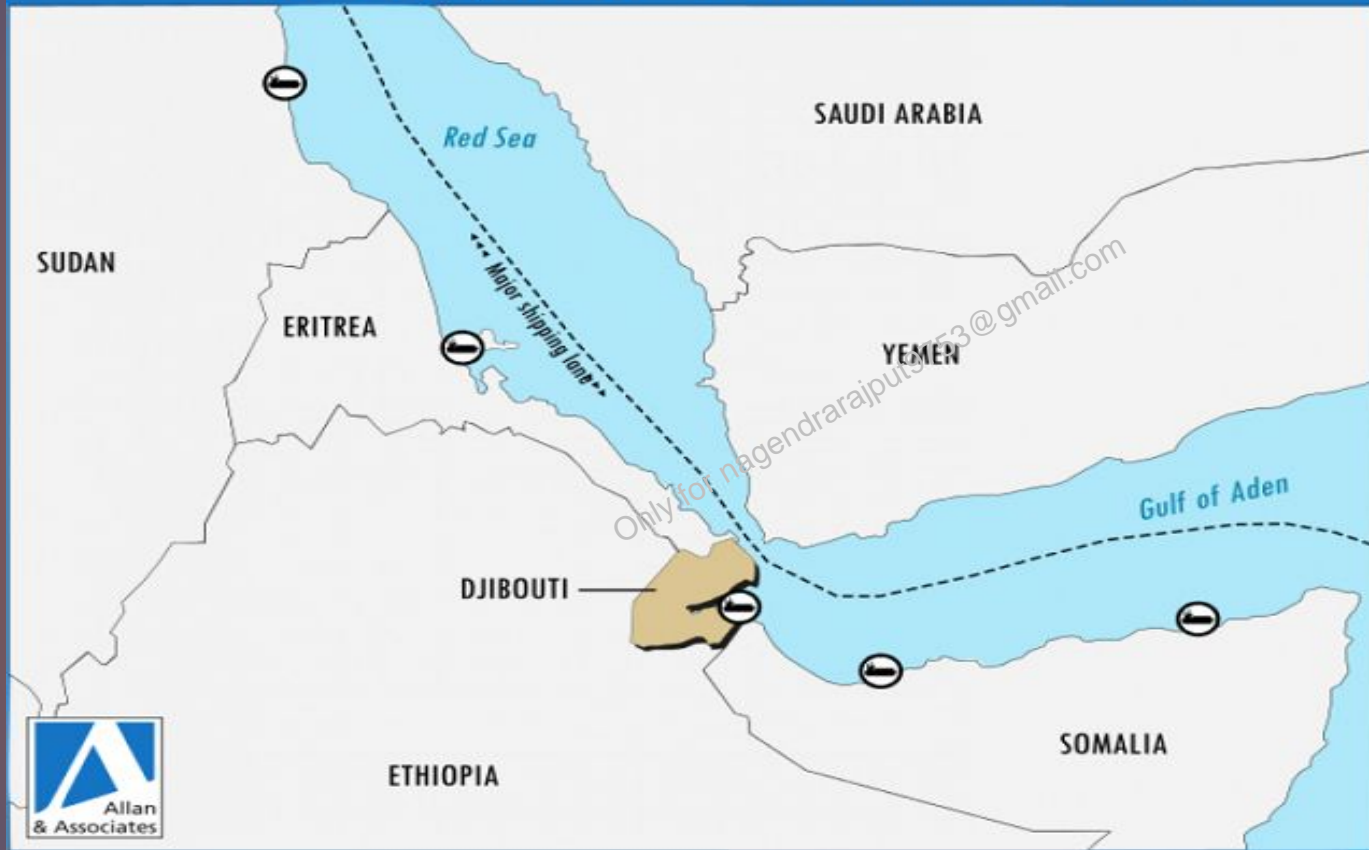
- **Potential of huge Economic Growth**

(The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides a wide scope to create the largest free trade area in the world)

- **Soft Power**



Commercial ports in the Horn of Africa region



Indo African ties: Kampala Principles

2018---Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a set of 10 guiding principles that will dictate India's engagement with Africa.

In a speech to the Ugandan parliament, PM of India outlined a vision for not just a bilateral relationship with Africa but also a partnership at the global level.

10 guiding points under Kampala Principles:

1)Africa will be at the top of our priorities. We will continue to intensify and deepen our engagement with Africa. As we have shown, it will be sustained and regular.

2)Our development partnership will be guided by your priorities. We will build as much local capacity and create as much local opportunities as possible. It will be on terms that will be comfortable for you, that will liberate your potential and not constrain your future. We will build as much local capacity and create as much local opportunities as possible.

(3) We will keep our markets open and make it easier and more attractive to trade with India. We will support our industry to invest in Africa.

(4) We will harness India's experience with the digital revolution to support Africa's development; improve delivery of public services; extend education and health; spread digital literacy; expand financial inclusion; and mainstream the marginalised.

(5) Africa has 60% of the world's arable land, but produces just 10% of the global output. We will work with you to improve Africa's agriculture.

(6) Our partnership will address the challenges of climate change.

(7) We will strengthen our cooperation and mutual capabilities in combating terrorism and extremism; keeping our cyberspace safe and secure; and, supporting the UN in advancing and keeping peace.

8) We will work with African nations to keep the oceans open and free for the benefit of all nations. The world needs cooperation and not competition in the eastern shores of Africa and the eastern Indian Ocean.

9) As global engagement in Africa increases, we must all work together to ensure that Africa does not once again turn into a theatre of rival ambitions, but becomes a nursery for the aspirations of Africa's youth.

10) Just as India and Africa fought colonialism together, we will work together for a just, representative and democratic global order that has a voice and a role for one-third of humanity that lives in Africa and India.

Areas of cooperation

1) Trade

India is looking for a **Pan-Africa Free Trade Agreement**.

- During his 4 day visit to Tanzania in July 2023, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar while addressing the Indian diaspora in Tanzania said, “**India’s trade is \$98 billion with Africa. India’s investments are \$75 billion, and we are expecting both this trade and investments in Africa to grow, so there is a pan-African larger continental Free Trade arrangement in the making.**”
- A month ago, India has stated that it was open to FTA with Africa as a whole or with individual countries.

2) Defence and Security

- ✓ April 2023--- Recently, India has extended a line of credit touching nearly \$14 billion to 42 nations out of 55 nations in the African Union.
- ✓ India is projecting itself as a value of money-defense supplier. Countries like Egypt, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Mauritius, Seychelles, have already started buying Indian defense equipment.
- ✓ India and the African nations last also conducted a joint army exercise — the Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023).

3) Education

April 2023 (Education diplomacy)

- ✓ Establishment of the first foreign campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Tanzania.
- ✓ The overseas campus of India's National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) has been inaugurated in Jinja, Uganda by India's foreign minister, Dr S Jaishankar.

4) Food Security

5) Cooperation with Africa for Reform in Global institutions(UN, WTO,IMF)

India has requested to the leaders of the G20 nations proposing the African Union be given full, permanent membership of the diplomatic group at its upcoming summit in India.

6) Development initiatives

- Africa is becoming the second-largest recipient of credit from India. (serves as a tool for India's "economic diplomacy")
- 42 African nations have received almost \$32 billion which means little less than 40 per cent of all credit extended by India during the last decade.
- In this way India is trying to counter China which has a deep imprint across Africa primarily through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Development Initiatives by India in Africa

- **Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)**
- **Pan-African e-network**
- Cooperation with **African Development Bank (AfDB)**, and \$10 billion line of credit to help financing the projects in African countries.
- **Supporting Indian Trade and Investment for Africa (SITA)**
- **Techno-Economic Approach for Africa–India Movement (TEAM-9) –**
- **Training institutes**
- **India Africa Forum Summit** –Official platform for the African Indian relations. It is held once in every three years, beginning from 2008.

- **Medical Field** – Indian-manufactured drugs has also been essential in the fight against the HIV and AIDS pandemic in Africa.

COVID 19Response – India has used its economic capacity, medical equipment, and medicine, to assist African countries.

- **Asia-Africa Growth Corridor** – an economic cooperation agreement between India and Japan that envisages closer engagement between Asia and Africa for “sustainable and innovative development”
- **Peace keeping operation** – India is the largest contributor to -mandated peacekeeping and other operations in Africa. More than 30,000 personnel are involved in 17 of 22 total missions in the region since 1960.

7) Maritime Cooperation

8) Cooperation to tackle terrorism

9) Common Agendas (Like climate change---[Climate diplomacy](#))

It focuses on two India-led multi-stakeholder global partnership organisations—i.e., the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

What are the challenges associated with India-Africa relationship?

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What steps can be taken to enhance India-Africa Relationship?

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Thanks

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