**State Visit of the President of United Republic of Tanzania to India**

H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania will pay a State Visit to India from 17-21 June 2015. He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers and senior officials. A senior business delegation will also accompany the President.

President of Tanzania has earlier visited India in 2008 in his capacity as the Chairperson of the African Union on the occasion of the first India-Africa Forum Summit.

During the forthcoming visit, President Kikwete will call on Hon’ble President and meet Hon’ble Vice-President of India. He will hold bilateral talks with Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. President Kikwete will also have a daylong visit to Jaipur. The President will host a banquet in honour of the visiting guest.

India and Tanzania have historically enjoyed close and friendly relations anchored on mutually beneficial commercial exchanges and extensive people to people contacts. India is the largest trading partner of Tanzania with bilateral trade in 2013-14 being more than US$ 4 billion. Apart from trade relations, India is also the important destination for Tanzanians seeking high quality health care and education.

Indians form the largest expatriate community in Tanzania and their positive contribution in the progress and development of their host country is well recognized and appreciated. There are over approximately 50,000 to 60000 PIOs living and working in Tanzania. In addition there are approximately 10000 Indian expatriates.

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