



**Embassy of India
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Press Release

The 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit – October 2015

The 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit will be hosted in New Delhi, India from 26th to 29th October, 2015. This will be the largest-ever international conference hosted by the Government of India with all the countries of the African continent with which India has diplomatic relations invited to participate in it. The first India-Africa Forum Summit was held in New Delhi in 2008 followed by the second Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2011.

2. India's friendship with Africa is of long date. Right from India's independence, India has strongly supported and worked to ensuring the success of the anti-colonial struggle in African nations. Indian leaders have had close personal relations with African leaders and continue to attach great importance to India's partnership with Africa.

3. India and Africa have emerged from a similar colonial part and now share a similar desire for sustainable development and inclusive economic growth for our peoples. We also share concerns on regional and global issues such as global governance, climate change and the international financial architecture.

4. India has extended support consistently to African countries through scholarships, training, capacity-building efforts and development assistance. With Tunisia too, India has provided short-term and long-term scholarships to Tunisian students since decade. Tunisia is linked with India under the aegis of the India-Africa Science & Technology Initiative, as Tunisia hosts one of the three scientific institutes of Africa selected by the African Union, to collaborate closely with a premier scientific institution of India: the Institut Pasteur of Tunis is working with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, to control infectious diseases like malaria and leishmaniasis, development of vaccines and capacity building. Many Tunisian students, themselves highly proficient and skilled in advanced science and technology, have also studied in India under the CV Raman Fellowship scheme which is granted for advanced research in science.

5. The pre-Summit meetings will be held on 26th and 27th October, while the Summit will be held on 29th October. We are proud that Tunisia will be represented at a high level at this Summit. On to a new India-Africa partnership!

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