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A SOUTH-SOUTH AID FOR TRADE INITIATIVE

Why SITA?

India is a repository of innovative solutions, from its globally competitive industries in agriculture, manufacturing and services. Africa is an important trade and investment partner for India with potential for further growth. However, to date, India’s trade with Africa has been concentrated in a limited number of sectors and countries. SITA seeks to increase and diversify exports and attract investment as a vehicle for promoting value addition and setting the ground for sustainable socio-economic development.

SITA IN NUMBERS:

- Investment flows from India facilitated (at different stages of maturity) - $90m
- Additional trade flows facilitated - $43m
- Farmers trained directly – and 16,000 indirectly - 642
- Women entrepreneurs supported - 250
- Trade and investment support institutions strengthened - 16
- Policy recommendations recognised by governments - 19

SITA AT A GLANCE

Funder: Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland through the Department for International Development (DFID)

Time-Frame: 2014-2020

Design Phase: March 2014

Implementation Phase: April 2015 to March 2020

Country Coverage: Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania

Beneficiaries:

- East African businesses
- Indian companies importing from or investing in Africa
- National, regional and sector-specific trade and investment support institutions (TISIs)

Objective: Increased value of business transactions between India and select East African countries by creating productive capacities, enhancing incomes, and promoting investment.

Strategy: The objective will be achieved by enabling access to markets in India and other countries, and by facilitating partnerships including investment and transfer of knowledge, expertise and technology from India to East Africa by:

- Creating trade and investment linkages
- Promoting public-private dialogue and partnerships
- Improving capacities of East African companies and TISIs

Expected results:

- Enhanced competitiveness of East African businesses
- Greater export flows from East Africa to international markets
- Increased investments, knowledge and technology transfer from India to East Africa
- Improved business-development services provided by regional and national TISIs
- Improved business environment fostered through public-private dialogue and partnerships

A South-South aid for trade initiative

‘An Indian-African partnership underpinned by “jugaad” - will result in opportunities arising from adversity: the ability to do more with less; to think and act flexibly to find simple solutions for increasingly complex problems; and most of all, practicality that helps eliminate complexity.’

Arancha Gonzalez,
Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Address delivered on 9 March 2014 at the 10th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership, New Delhi, India

* Jugaad is a colloquial Hindi word that roughly translates as ‘an innovative fix; an improvised solution born from ingenuity and cleverness’, according to the book Jugaad Innovation by Navi Radjou, Jaideep Prabhu and Simone Ahuja.