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Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses  
(MP-IDSA)  
**Africa Day 2026**

**India- Africa Partnership: Towards a Common Future**

**19 May, 2026 from 0930 – 1330hrs**



**Programme Schedule**

<b><u>Registration</u></b>	0930–1000hrs
<b><u>Inaugural Session</u></b>	1000– 1100hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome Remarks:</b> Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA</li></ul>	1000–1010hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Inaugural Address:</b> Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State of External Affairs and Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change</li></ul>	1010–1030hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Special Remarks:</b> H.E. Mohamed Maliki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco &amp; Dean of the African and Arab Diplomatic Corps in New Delhi</li></ul>	1030 –1050hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Dr Abhishek Mishra, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA</li></ul>	1050-1100hrs
<b>High Tea</b>	1100–1130hrs
<b>Panel Discussion: Africa-India in a World in Flux</b>	1130 – 1330hrs
<b>Moderator:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, at Gateway House &amp; Former Indian High Commissioner to Kenya and South Africa</li></ul>	
<b>Speakers:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mohammed Abdalla Ali Eltom, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan</li><li>• H.E. Sheilabai Bappoo, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mauritius</li><li>• H.E. Abdoulaye Barro, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal</li><li>• Ambassador Gurjit Singh, Former Ambassador of India to Germany, Indonesia, Ethiopia, ASEAN and the African Union</li><li>• Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations &amp; Former Indian High Commissioner to South Africa</li></ul>	
<i>(Each speaker: 12–15 minutes followed by moderated interaction and audience Q&amp;A)</i>	
<b>Lunch</b>	1330–1430hrs