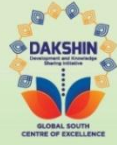




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9:30 AM | Tuesday, 26 May 2026

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**Tentative Agenda**

<b>09.30 AM – 10.00 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10.00 AM – 11.15 AM</b>	<p><i>Inaugural Session</i></p> <p><i>Welcome Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma</b>, Director General, RIS</li> </ul> <p><i>Initial Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Amitabh Mattoo</b>, Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> </ul> <p><i>Special Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Angela Lusigi</b>, Resident Representative, UNDP India</li> <li>• <b>Professor Ramesh Chand</b>, former Member, NITI Aayog</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Peter Munyiri</b>, High Commissioner of Kenya to India (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Vote of Thanks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor J.M. Moosa</b>, Professor, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU</li> </ul>
<b>11.15 AM – 11.20 AM</b>	<b>MoU Signing</b>

11.20 AM – 11.45 AM	Tea/Coffee Break
11.45 AM – 13.00 PM	<p><b><i>Session I: Deepening India-Africa Trade and Investment Partnership</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Rajat Kathuria, Dean</b>, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Co-Chair</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Mandira Sarma</b>, Chair person, Centre for the Study of the World Economy, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Speakers</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Tarun Sharma</b>, Deputy Managing Director, EXIM Bank</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Deepak Pareek</b>, Founder, Hny BTech-Incubations Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Amb. Abdoulie M. Touray</b>, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, SaHel Invest Management International (SIMI)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Moustafa Hiridjee, CEO</b>, VISEO Group and Managing Director, Ocean Trade</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</b>, Associate Professor, RIS</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Pankaj Vashisht</b>, Associate Professor, RIS</li> </ul>
13.00 PM – 14.00 PM	Lunch Break
14.00 PM – 16.00 PM	<b><i>Session II: Exploring Areas of Cooperation in Digital and Preventive Healthcare</i></b>
14.00 PM – 14.20 PM	<p><b><i>Setting the context</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Rajan Sudesh Ratna</b>, Coordinator, DAKSHIN, RIS</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Special Remarks</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Punya Salila Srivastava</b>, Secretary (H&amp;FW), Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Raji Tajudeen</b>, Deputy Director General, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa-CDC) (Online)</li> </ul>

<p><b>14.20 PM – 15.00 PM</b></p>	<p><b><i>Sharing of India’s experience</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Geetu Joshi</b>, Economic Adviser, Department of Health &amp; Family Welfare, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Monika Kochar</b>, Advisor-Health, DAKSHIN, RIS</li> </ul> <p><b><i>India’s Digital Public Infrastructure for Health</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kiran Gopal Vaska</b>, Joint Secretary, National Health Authority, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Telemedicine and Digital Access to Care</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Madhukar Kumar Bhagat</b>, Joint Secretary (ehealth), Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Traditional and Preventive Health Innovations</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Charu Lata</b>, Principal Scientist, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), New Delhi</li> </ul>
<p><b>15.00 PM – 15.45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Sharing of African experiences and exploring areas of cooperation</b></p>
<p><b>15.45 PM – 16.00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Open discussion on possible areas of cooperation</b></p>
<p><b>16.00 PM – 16.30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><i>Closing Remarks and Way Forward</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Pankaj Vashisht</b>, Associate Professor, RIS</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Monika Kochar</b>, Advisor-Health, DAKSHIN, RIS</li> </ul>