

MP-IDSA and Africa

MP-IDSA has engaged with experts, strategic thinkers and policy analysts in Africa to facilitate shared understanding and exchange of knowledge. It has regularly organised seminars, webinars, roundtable discussions, guest lectures and interactions with African delegations. African scholars have visited MP-IDSA from time to time, including for longer durations. These dialogues and events have provided well-established platforms to deliberate on India-Africa relations.

- Knowledge Partner for IADD: MP-IDSA participated as the Knowledge Partner at the first IADD held in 2020. For the IADD being held in 2022 too, MP-IDSA has been actively involved as the Knowledge Partner. It will conduct and facilitate the **'India-Africa Security Fellowship Programme at MP-IDSA'** announced by the Government of India as part of the Gandhinagar Declaration.
- India Africa Strategic Dialogue: The objective of this initiative is to encourage dialogue with experts from African countries on political and strategic issues. The institute has hosted over four India Africa Strategic dialogues. The dialogues were successful in bringing valuable inputs and perspectives to the table from Indian and African experts.
- Africa Trends: Africa Trends is an ISSN accredited Biannual Magazine on Africa published by MP-IDSA since 2012. The publication features commentaries and analyses of contemporary developments in Africa and a Book Review section.
- Commemorating Africa Day: MP-IDSA has annually conducted 'Africa Day Roundtables'. The panelists have included leading experts from India as well as African countries, practitioners and former ambassadors with participation from Indian and African think-tanks.
- Hosting delegations from African countries: MP-IDSA has hosted several delegation visiting India from African countries including delegation from National Defence Academies/Colleges who visit India on a study tour during their course of training.

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India-Africa Security Fellowship Programme at MP-IDSA



Fellowship Details

MP-IDSa invites applications for Fellows from Africa to engage with India's research community and to pursue research on topics that may enhance understanding of security challenges in Africa or possibilities of enhancing India-Africa Security cooperation. The fellowship is an opportunity to enhance mutual research capacities on strategic issues.

Eligibility: Scholars and researchers from reputed universities, think tanks, government officials, defence services officers and persons of eminence are welcome to apply.*

Program requirements: Fellows would be attached to MP-IDSa for a period of 1-3 months on a full-time basis.

- During the course of the fellowship, Fellows would be required to produce an Occasional Paper or a joint research publication with a MP-IDSa scholar as co-authors.

Facilities to be Provided: MP-IDSa will offer residential accommodation, office space, internet connectivity and other support facilities. A Fellowship amount of Rs. 50,000/- per month along with economy class airfare will be provided to the Fellows.

Application Process: Interested applicants may send an 800-word research proposal indicating the relevance of the proposal to the aims of the fellowship program, benefit to the institute, host (MP-IDSa), time-frame and the end product.

- Completed applications must be sent by post or email, at least three months prior to the intended date of start of fellowship to "The Director-General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSa)".
- Candidates would require a research visa for the duration of the Fellowship. If accepted, MP-IDSa will provide a letter of affiliation to enable this process.

For further details please check the MP-IDSa Website: <https://www.idsa.in/>

*MP-IDSa also retains the discretion to invite scholars to apply for the fellowship.

India-Africa Ties: Overview

India and Africa share time-tested ties. They are connected by their ancient maritime trade links, colonial past, struggle for freedom, similar aspirations as independent countries finding a voice in the divided international system, people-to-people ties, shared development as well as economic goals, efforts to positively utilise their demographic dividend and face a host of common security challenges. India's development partnership with Africa is built on a consultative process and guided by Africa's priorities.

The first India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) held in New Delhi in 2008 marked the beginning of a robust and contemporary partnership. The India-Africa friendship deepened further at the second IAFS held in Addis Ababa in May 2011. The third IAFS, held in New Delhi in October 2015, emphasized the renewed focus of India to strengthen and enhance its partnership with countries in the African continent.

Since 2014, India's partnership with Africa has further strengthened through intensifying political engagement including several visits at the level of Heads of State / Heads of Government and Vice President from India and numerous incoming visits by African leaders to India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Ten Guiding Principles of India's engagement with Africa have been serving as an instrument in India's multidimensional relationship with Africa in the changing world.

In recent years, important milestones in the India-Africa Partnership include the institutionalisation of the India Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) held along the sidelines of the DefExpo. The first edition referred to as the 'India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave (IADMC) was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in conjunction with DefExpo on February 06, 2020. This year, the second IADD is being held in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).