

Conference
on
India and Africa: Forging New Pathways for
strategic Partnership

‘Leveraging India’s Maritime
strength with African Nations’

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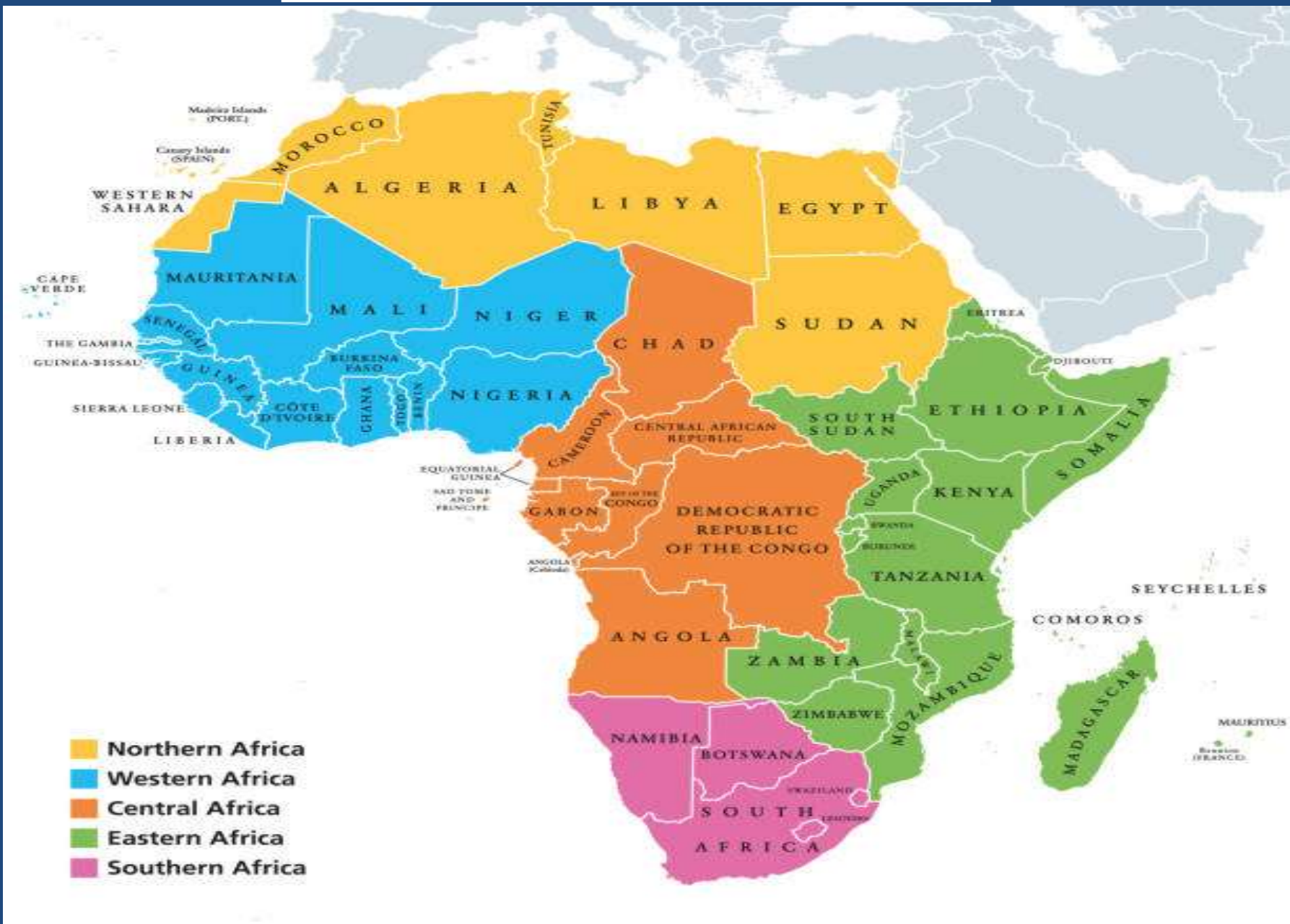
LOOKING WESTWARD – THE SOUTH SOUTH CONNECTION



GATEWAY TO MARITIME SECURITY



Africa: the continent of the future



India's Maritime Strength

- ❑ 3rd/ 4th Largest Trading Partner.
- ❑ Indian Navy – Ranking 10th
- ❑ Indian Coast Guard – Ranking 4th
- ❑ Merchant Fleet– Ranking top 20 (Fleet, Dwt, Reg, Value)
- ❑ Maritime Education and Training
- ❑ Ship Managers
- ❑ Indian Register of Shipping– Member of IACS
- ❑ Blue Economy / Marine Spatial Planning
- ❑ Off shore Industry – ONGC Videsh in 5 African countries
- ❑ Renewable Energy – Marine solar panels
- ❑ Logistics – LPI India Ranking 38th
- ❑ Data Management – CSIR/ NIO, NIOT/ MOES
- ❑ India Ports Global Limited (IPGL)

Understanding Africa from Maritime Perspective

- ❑ 5 Regions – Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, Southern Africa.
World's fastest growing region in 2026.
- ❑ Competing Forces/Trade shifts/ New Tariffs- competition for Critical Minerals intensifying/ Green Drive
- ❑ Regional Integration
- ❑ Africa's Digital Economy
- ❑ Politics, Elections and Gen Z –
- ❑ Population 2025 – 1.56 Billion, 18.83% of the world's population
 2050 – 2.5 Billion
- ❑ Africa's Mining Review 2025 (USGS)
- ❑ Africa accounts for 79.3% of PGM
 61.7% of Chromium
 54.5% of Cobalt
 36.5% of Manganese
- ❑ Second largest and second most population continent
- ❑ History of maritime trade - 1498 Stormy Cape
- ❑ Geography, Climate, Corruption, Colonialism, Cold war and Neo Colonialism



Africa's Development Needs

- Energy**
- Housing**
- Transport Infrastructure**
- Poverty/ Income Inequality**
- Access to Health Care**
- Education**
- Climate Change – Drought and Floods**
- Food Security/ Threatens livelihood**

Maritime Initiatives

- ❑ IORA -
- ❑ SAGAR -
- ❑ MAHASAGAR -
- ❑ Bharat Container Shipping Line – BCSL (SCI/CONCOR)
- ❑ 100 Container Ships/ 3 Million containers?
- ❑ Service to Asia, West Asia and Red Sea
- ❑ Potential for Africa– Cape town/ Tangiers Med/ Mombasa/ Nigeria
- ❑ To connect South America- Fortaleza in Brazil , Argentina, Guyana.



Challenges to Overcome

- ❑ Diverse States / Diverse Objectives
- ❑ The China Factor
- ❑ Big Players already exist in
 - Mining
 - Oil Industry
 - Shipping Lines
 - Ports and Terminals
- ❑ Economies of Scale – Size and Population
- ❑ Governance and Political Instability
- ❑ Diaspora – Trust, Attitude and Confidence Building Measures
- ❑ Labour Market Tensions' – Africanisation
- ❑ Way ahead – Give Back to Africa and to the Africans

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