

## India Calling 2008 - India Canada Business Partnership Summit (Toronto, Vancouver)

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### Programme in Toronto

Saturday, June 14, 2008 Departure from Mumbai Arrival of Delegates in Toronto & Transfer to Hotel Delta Chelsea, Toronto

Gala Dinner organized by Indo Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Optional)

Sunday, June 15, 2008

9.00 am Tour to Niagara Falls & Winery (For Indian Delegates)

Monday, June 16, 2008 8.00 am Registration

9.00 - 10.30 am Inaugural Session

Mr. M N Chaini, President, IMC

Mr Satish Mehta, Consul General of India, Toronto

Hon'ble Harinder Takhar, Minister of Small Business & Entrepreneurship, Government of Ontario

Hon'ble Ms. Sandra Pupatello, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Government of Ontario

Mr. R.L. Narayan, High Commissioner, High Commission of India

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, MP & Former Union Minister of Power, Government of India

Mr Sam Pitroda, Chairman, Knowledge Commission, Government of India

Hon'ble Mr. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario

Hon'ble Mr. Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry

Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, The Aditya Birla Group

Mr Naresh Goyal, Chairman, Jet Airways

Mr. Anil Agarwal, Executive Chairman, Vedanta Resources plc

Mr. Shamrao G. Chougule, Chairman, Indage Group

Capt G R Gopinath, Executive Chairman, Deccan

Mr. Nikhil Gandhi, Group Chairman, Gujarat Positra Port Infrastructure Ltd.

Mr. D.P. Mhaskar, CMD - Ideal Road Builders Pvt.Ltd.

Ms. D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

Mr Kapil Sibal, Minister of Science & Technology & Ocean Development, Government of India

Mr Gul Kripalani, Vice President, IMC 10.30-11.00am Tea Break

11.00 - 12.30pm Break out Sessions (6 Sessions)

Education

Chairman

Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Vice Chancellor, University of Pune

Speaker 1

Dr. (Mrs.) Joyce Sankaran, IAS, Principal Secretary - Higher & Technical Education,  
Government of Maharashtra

Speaker 2

Ms Uma Prabhu

Speaker 3

Mr. Ashok Kumar, Principal, The Indian High School

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

Chairman

Mr. Atul Nishar, Executive Chairman, Hexaware Technologies Ltd

Speaker 1

Mr. Deepak Ghaisas, CEO, I-Flex Solutions

Speaker 2

Mr. Chandrashekhar Nene , Vice-President IT, Kingfisher Airlines Ltd.,  
Infrastructure & Financing of Infrastructure Projects

Chairman

Mr Uttam Khobragade, IAS, General Manager, Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply &  
Transport Undertaking

Speaker 1

Mr. G S Gill, IAS, Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO)

Speaker 2

Mr. B Rajaram, Former Chairman , Konkan Railway Corp

Speaker 3

Dr. Mohan Kaul, Director General, Commonwealth Business Council

Speaker 4

Mr. V K Jairath, Former Industry Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra

Finance, Banking & Insurance

Chairman

Ms Bhavna Doshi, Sr Advisor, KPMG India

Speaker 1

B K Badami, Head of risk Management, National Housing Bank

Speaker 2

Mr Suhas Kulkarni, Executive Director, UBS Investment Bank, UK

Speaker 3

Mr Prabodh Thakker, Chairman, Aon Global Insurance Services Pvt. Ltd.

Speaker 4

Mr Suneet Maheshwari, Chief Executive, L & T Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd.

Energy

Chairman

Dr. Partha Ghosh, Associate MIT, Boston & former MD, Mc Kinsey and Co

Speaker 1

Mr Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament & Former Union Minister of Power

Speaker 2

Mr Jayant Kawale, Joint Secretary- Hydro, Ministry of Power

Speaker 3

Mr. Surya P. Sethi, Sr. Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission

Speaker 4

Mr. Chintan Shah, Vice President, Suzlon Ltd

Life Science- Biotech, Pharma, Medical Instruments

Speaker 1

Mr. Harinder S. Sikka, Director , Nicholas Piramal India Ltd

Speaker 2

Mr. Sudhir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Logistics

Chairman

Mr.Mark S. Fernandes, Partner, Sylvester & Co., Sylvester

Speaker 1

Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar, Managing Director, ATC Clearing & Shipping Pvt.Ltd.

12.30 - 2.00 pm Luncheon Session

Mr Tony Valeri, Chairman, Hamilton Port

& Former Transport

Minister 2.00 pm onwards

Presentations

(Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Punjab)

Group meetings and One-on-One Business Meetings) 7.00 pm Cocktail Reception & Dinner Tuesday, June 17, 2008 9.00 pm Business Visits

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Toronto University

Schulich Business School

Sheridan College

Follow-up of individual meetings 4.00 pm Departure to Vancouver confirmation awaited

Programme in Vancouver

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Delegates Arrive from Toronto, San Diego, and India

18:00 - 20:00

Hospitality Suite at the Four Seasons Hotel Wednesday, June 18, 2008

8:00 - 9:00

Inaugural Session : Networking Breakfast and Official Opening

Ms. D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

Mr Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs

Mr. Colin Hansen, Minister Economic Development

9:00 - 10:00

Plenary Presentations:

Coal and Mining :

Speaker 1

Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Sterlite Industries

Speaker 2

Mr. J. McPhee, President, BC Mining Assoc

Alternative Energy:

Speaker 1

Mossadiq S. Umedaly, Chairman of Xantrex Corp. and Chairman of BC Hydro

Speaker 2

Dr. Partha Ghosh, Associate MIT, Boston & former MD, Mc Kinsey & Co

Speaker 3

Mr Jayant Kawale, Joint Secretary- Hydro, Ministry of Power

Speaker 4

Mr. Chintan Shah, Vice President, Suzlon Ltd

Global Warming:

Speaker 1

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament & Former Union Minister of Power

Speaker 2

Prof. Mark Jaccard, School of Resource and Environmental Management, SFU

Speaker 3

Mr. Graham Whitmarsh, Head, Climate Action Secretariat, Government of British Columbia  
10:00 - 10:15

Break  
10:15 - 12:00

Break Out Sectoral Sessions (all 5 sectors)  
12:00 - 1:00

Networking Lunch and Keynote Address 1:15 Buses leave from Hotel lobby for site visits and company presentations 1:30  
- 4:30 Site visits and presentations 5:00 Transport back to Hotel Four Seasons 6:30 - 8:00 Reception Dinner and Keynote  
Speech by

Speaker 1

Premier Gordon Campbell.

Speaker 2

Mr Ashok Kumar, Consul General, Consulate General Of India In Vancouver  
Thursday, June 19, 2008  
8.00 - 9.00 am Networking Breakfast Speech  
9.00 - 10.00 am

Plenary Presentations:  
Life Sciences

Speaker 1 Dr. David Dolphin, Vice-President, Technology Development at QLT Inc and Professor of Chemistry,  
UBC Speaker 2 Mr. Bill Hunter, CEO, Angiotech Speaker 3 Mr. Dilip Shanghvi, Chairman & MD, Sun Pharmaceutical  
Inds Ltd

Education

Guest of Honour

Ms. D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

Speaker 1

Dr. Michael Stevens, President, Simon Fraser University

Speaker 2

Dr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman Knowledge Commission

Speaker 3

Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Vice Chancellor, University of Pune

Speaker 4

Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriif of Mumbai

Speaker 5

Dr. (Mrs.) Joyce Sankaran, IAS, Principal Secretary - Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra  
ICT and New Media

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Mr. Pascal Spothelfer, President and CEO, BCTIA 10:00 - 10:15Break10:15 - 12:00Break Out Sectoral Sessions (all 5 sectors)12:00 - 1:00Networking Lunch and Keynote Address by

Dr. Carl Weiman, Nobel Laureate1:15Buses leave from Hotel lobby for site visits and company presentations1:30 - 3:30Site visits and presentations. Transport to Port of Vancouver4:00 - 6:00Port of Vancouver Boat Tour. Networking session. Food and refreshments served. 6.30 pmValedictory Session Mr Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology & Ocean Development, Govt. of India

Mr. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia OR

Mr David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver7.30 pm DinnerFriday, June 20, 2008

Optional Life Sciences and Biotech Program 9:00 - 12:00Meeting with BC biotech companies and touring of key sites in Vancouver and Burnabyconfirmation awaited

With 'India Calling 08'  
Beginning, It'll be Virtual IMC Week in Canada from June 14

Date: 11-Jun-2008  
The Indian Merchants' Chamber is all set for launching its weeklong "India Calling 2008" International Conference in Canada's two cities -- Toronto and Vancouver -- between June 14 and 20, 2008.

Considering the impressive list of VVIPs and top experts drawn from diverse fields and the meticulous preparations made for the event by the IMC in the past couple of months, it will be no exaggeration to see it as the 'IMC Week' in Canada starting from this Saturday.

IMC President, Mr M N Chaini, who presented details of this prestigious event at a press conference yesterday, said that Premiers of two States of Canada and top bureaucrats of their government would be addressing the conference.

Indeed, the recent directives of the Prime Minister of India about the need to observe austerity measures by curtailing foreign trips by government functionaries had somewhat reduced the number of Indian Ministers and officials going to the conference. "Yet, at least three Ministers from India -- two of them from Maharashtra -- will be coming there, along with top bureaucrats from key Ministries", Mr Chaini said.

The Chamber had registered 145 delegates from India, and of these 115 were representatives of key business sectors like Infrastructures, Education, ICT, Alternative Sources of Energy and Life Sciences. "Commercialization of Intellectual Property (IP) and incubation of new research-based enterprises in setting up and operating Science & Technology (R&D) Parks would also figure prominently in the conference", Mr Chaini said.

All the prominent speakers like Ontario's Minister for Industry, Mr David Emerson, Mr. Harinder S. Takhar, Minister for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman of Indian National Knowledge Commission, Mr Suresh Prabhu, Member of Indian Parliament & Former Union Minister of Power would all focus their speeches to these specific key issues, and avoid generalities.

He pointed out that Canadian and Indian businesses had strong complementary features enabling them to undertake joint venture projects. For example, India was strong in areas like management, IT support, ICT technology and specialized equipments, while Canada had strong expertise in engineering, equipment technology and environmental sciences.

Replying to a question, he said that the conference would also deliberate on increasing bilateral trade and investment by increased use of each other's logistic infrastructures like ports.

IMC's Vice-President Mr Gul Kripalani, who is also national president of Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said that the conference would, in general, strive to build an all round strategic business partnership between India and Canada, to project India and Canada as attractive investment destinations, to provide a unique platform for delegates from North America to explore opportunities offered by India, and to enable Indian businessmen to discover business opportunities in Canada and meet potential partners.

Mr Chaini said that facilities would be provided at the Toronto venue for prearranged business meetings between the delegates, in addition to arranging for business visits and on-site presentations.

Later at the Vancouver venue, the conference would, among other key issues, also discuss scope for Indo-Canadian collaborations in the alternative energy sectors like fuel cells, wind power, solar energy and bio fuel, in addition to subjects related to global warming.

Secretary General

Indian Merchant Chamber (Mumbai)