

SACU AND INDIA SIGN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and the Republic of India signed the Terms of Reference (ToRs) to guide negotiations towards a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between the two Parties on the 12th August 2026, in New Delhi, India.
2. This marks a significant milestone in strengthening economic and trade relations between the two Parties. The conclusion of the ToRs reflects the shared commitment and strong political will of SACU and India to deepen their economic partnership and advance cooperation in areas of mutual interest.
3. The ToRs provide a structured basis for the PTA negotiations, setting out the parameters within which the Parties will engage as they pursue a balanced, mutually beneficial and development-oriented agreement. The Terms of Reference will guide discussions aimed at enhancing trade, promoting investment and strengthening economic cooperation between SACU and India.
4. SACU welcomes this important achievement, which encapsulates the progress made through constructive engagement between the Parties and demonstrates their shared ambition to expand economic opportunities and foster sustainable growth. SACU looks forward to working closely with India in advancing the negotiations towards a meaningful and mutually beneficial outcome that supports the development objectives of both Parties.
5. The ToRs were signed, on behalf of SACU, by the Executive Director of the Ministry of International Relations and Trade of the Republic of Namibia and Coordinator of SACU-India Matters, Ms. Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati, while the Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce of India, Mr. Shri Yashvir Singh, signed on behalf of the Republic of India.

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