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Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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Press Statement

IDC & FICCI Partnership towards Common Objectives

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has extended its support to the Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) to engage and work jointly towards building a beneficial and sustainable relationship with the Indian Diaspora for economic, social and cultural development of India, as well as host countries as well as the countries of origin where possible.

FICCI is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation based in India, the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India with its mission as “the voice of India’s business and industry”. Its history is closely interwoven with India’s struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies. FICCI has contributed to this historical process by encouraging debate, articulating the private sector’s views and influencing policy. FICCI draws its membership from the corporate sector, both private and public, and FICCI enjoys an indirect membership of over 2,50,000 companies from various regional chambers of commerce.

IDC with its headquarters in the United States, is a global non-profit advocacy organization in the service of the Indian Diaspora comprising Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) around the world, is an international non-profit organization established in 1997 with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity. It is a secular and non-political with a centrally located secretariat and global country wise network of chapters and affiliates, and collaborating with governments, institutions, organizations and agencies to achieve its objectives: To foster, develop and promote good citizenship, civic pride, social, technological and economic empowerment to achieve greater upliftment, understanding, cooperation, collaboration and support among and between people of Indian origin globally; to render constructive civic services for the promotion and welfare of the Indian Diaspora community and to inculcate civic consciousness by means of active participation in constructive projects which will improve local, regional and global Indian communities.

The partnership between FICCI and IDC will endeavour to work towards promoting and safeguarding interests of the Indian Diaspora comprising Non Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) in their respective countries of residence of origin.

Both organisations would endeavour to work towards following common objectives:

1. To work towards greater understanding, cooperation and collaboration among the Indian Diaspora globally;
2. To take advantage of the strength of Indian diaspora globally for economic, social and cultural development of their respective countries of origin;
3. To encourage active participation of Indian diaspora in the economic, social and cultural schemes of the Government of India and Indian State Governments to promote development of the regions and nation;
4. To support and organise mutually beneficial programmes and events in India and abroad targeted towards engagement with Indian Diaspora;

5. To work towards protecting and enhancing interests of Indian Diaspora in the host countries as well as the countries of origin;
6. To exchange and disseminate information on economic opportunities for the benefit of Indians living in and outside of India.

This partnership between FICCI to IDC reflects mutual interests to work towards achieving above objectives and also enhance the areas of cooperation and partnership in future as we move forward together.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.