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PRESS RELEASE

India will host the fourth India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV) on 31 May 2026 in New Delhi in collaboration with the African Union Commission. The IAFS-IV will bring together leaders from across the African continent, the African Union Commission, along with representatives from regional organizations to strengthen the enduring India-Africa partnership, and layout a roadmap for further expanding cooperation across diverse sectors.

2. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar unveiled the logo, theme and website (www.iafs2026.in) of the IAFS-IV on 23 April 2026 in New Delhi. The Summit will be held under the theme "IA SPIRIT: India Africa Strategic Partnership for Innovation, Resilience, and Inclusive Transformation", reflecting the comprehensive nature of the India-Africa partnership. In the lead-up to the Summit, a series of preparatory meetings will be held, including the India-Africa Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 29 May 2026, preceded by Senior Officials Meeting on May 28, which will deliberate on key areas of cooperation between India and Africa.

3. The India-Africa Forum Summit is an important platform for fostering dialogue with African countries and the AU Commission and advancing mutually beneficial collaboration, guided by the principles of mutual respect, equality, solidarity and shared prosperity. The last edition of the India-Africa Forum Summit resulted in a major expansion of Indian development assistance and capacity building programs for Africa.

4. The upcoming Summit will be a landmark engagement to further cement close ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Africa, and to strengthen partnership under the South-South framework. It will also be an occasion to showcase good governance and inclusive development initiatives developed over the last decade.

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