



## 5<sup>th</sup> CII India Africa Conclave

New Delhi, India

22 - 24 March 2009

The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Executive Secretary, Ms. Tswelopele C. Moremi attended the 5<sup>th</sup> CII India Africa Conclave held in New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The theme of the Conclave was “Celebrating Partnerships”. The conclave discussed a number of contemporary issues affecting African Countries including the **Impact of the Global Financial Crisis, Strengthening Regional Integration, Energy problems in Africa, Agro-Processing - SMMES in Africa, Infrastructure problems In Africa, Building Human capital and Creating a spirit of Entrepreneurship.**

The Conclave brought together African and Indian Ministers and Senior Government Officials, Business Leaders and Chief Executives of the Regional Organizations. The Executive Secretary participated in a Panel discussion on Market Access: Strengthening Regional Engagement and presented a paper.

The India - Africa Conclave is an annual event organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry to discuss current developments in Africa and to provide for an opportunity for networking between the Indian and African Business Leaders.

Following the Conclave, the Executive Secretary also held meetings, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009, with the High Commissioners of Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa, based in India, and briefed them on the latest developments in SACU.

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