Speech by Amb. Abhishek Singh, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria on India–Nigeria Trade Webinar on Renewable Energy on 15.09.2026 at 11:00 PM

Dear Exporters, Importers, Investors from India & Nigeria a very Good morning/afternoon to you all.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this India–Nigeria Trade Webinar on Renewable Energy.

Today, we are not just discussing trade. We are discussing energy security, jobs, climate action, and the future of our two economies.

India and Nigeria face a similar challenge, which is how to power rapid growth with clean, affordable, and reliable energy. Let me share that as per data India is the 4th largest in renewable energy capacity in the world. We have over 180 GW of renewable capacity and a target of 500 GW by 2030. From solar parks in Rajasthan to wind farms in Gujarat, to green hydrogen and bioenergy, India has built expertise at scale and at low cost.

Nigeria has some of the best solar irradiation in the world, huge wind potential, and vast biomass. With the Energy Transition Plan and the goal to achieve Net Zero by 2060, Nigeria is making renewable energy a national priority. The target of 30 GW of electricity by 2030, with 30% from renewables, presents a massive opportunity.

So where and how can Indian and Nigerian exporters and importers partner in this venture.

In my opinion, first is **Solar Energy**. This is the biggest immediate opportunity. India is a world leader in manufacturing solar panels, inverters, solar pumps, and rooftop solutions. Nigerian importers need affordable, durable equipment for homes, SMEs, hospitals, and schools. Indian exporters can offer competitive pricing, financing models, and after-sales service. Our Indian companies such as African Industries Group(AIG) and SIMBA Group are already active in this sector.

Second is **Wind, Hydro & Bioenergy**. Beyond solar, there is scope for small hydro, biomass to power, and biogas for cooking. Indian firms have experience in biomass briquettes, waste-to-energy, and small wind turbines suitable for Nigerian communities.

Third is **Green Hydrogen & Storage**. As the next frontier, India has launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission. Battery storage, BESS, and EV charging infrastructure are areas where Indian manufacturers can become suppliers to Nigerian projects.

Fourth is **capacity & skills development**. Through ITEC and partnerships with IITs and NISE, India can train Nigerian technicians and engineers in solar installation and maintenance. Let me inform you that under ITEC, every year, India offers 250 fully paid slots to Nigerians for training in India.

We understand the challenges of forex for equipment imports, local content rules, port clearance, and grid integration. The High Commission is ready to work closely with NERC, NCDMB, and the Standards Organization of Nigeria to ease these. We have already launched an **India–Nigeria Business Connect Group** on WhatsApp to connect exporters, importers, and EPCs directly. In addition to this, High Commission is conducting Trade Webinars like this one, twice a month on potential sectors to boost the India-Nigeria bilateral trade. Today’s webinar will have company pitches and possible options of B2B slots immediately after.

In Conclusion, the energy transition is not a cost. It is an investment in growth. India believes Nigeria can leapfrog to clean energy and India is ready to be Nigeria’s partner in that journey — as a supplier, investor, and technology partner.

Let us use this platform to move from discussion to deployment. I assure you of the full support of the High Commission of India.

Thank you, and I wish this Webinar productive deals and lasting partnerships.

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