

## **CHIEF EDITOR'S NOTE**

The present issue of the Indian Journal of African Studies celebrates the inclusion of the African Union as the permanent member of the G20 in the 18th Summit meeting in New Delhi under India's Presidency. This will help to ensure more inclusive and more representative global order with 55 countries of the AU giving more legitimacy to this global organisation. The perception of Africa is changing from being a passive continent to a Union that is effectively partnering in global decision making. The flagging role of international organisations such as the UN and the NAM on economic policy making has provided active space for other organisations such as G20. The present international organisational structures have become obsolete as they do not reflect the changing global scenario. Whether the modification of the old or establishing of the new such structures are created, the main aim is to address the issue of non-inclusiveness and lacking representativeness of many countries of the Global South. Besides positioning itself at the international platforms, it is imperative for Africa to bring about transformative change to address the challenges and issues it is facing. Africa needs reliable partners for her development cooperation. India has had sustained relationship with Africa in dealing with all the significant challenges it faces such as poverty, climate change, food insecurity, diseases, conflicts, climate change. The different articles published in this issue present an Indian view point on the themes including India-Africa collaborative initiatives, governance, economy, polity, society, migration and energy security. It is hoped that readers will enrich their knowledge and are able to understand Africa better.

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