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Deepak Obhrai returns from successful visits to Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and South Africa

Deepak Obhrai joined Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, and Governor General David Johnston on a trip to Africa focused on Canada's interest in increasing trade and engagement with Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana and South Africa.

Mr. Obhrai participated in meetings with government officials in Ghana – one of the world's fastest-growing economies - where it was agreed that finalizing a foreign investment promotion and protection agreement as a matter of priority between the two countries.

In Kenya, the Parliamentary Secretary along with Minister Baird, met with the new Kenyan Foreign Secretary Amina Mohammed, and participated in roundtable discussions with business leaders that highlighted that greater commercial engagement and people-to-people ties comes with the opportunity and responsibility to engage on protection and promoting Canadian values.

Mr. Obhrai travelled to Tanzania with Minister Baird, where a FIPA between the two countries was signed. The agreement will strengthen economic ties between the two countries and help Canadian companies invest with greater confidence in the respective markets. Facilitating two-way investment helps generate jobs, growth and long-term prosperity for Canadians and Tanzanians. Mr. Obhrai also hosted a roundtable with business leaders in both Arusha and Dar es Salaam.

In South Africa, he joined the official delegation of the Governor General where they underlined the strengths of the respective economies and lay the foundations for future commercial exchanges to bolster growth and build confidence in Canada and South Africa as investment destinations.

Lastly, the Parliamentary Secretary attended the African Union Summit celebrating 50 years since its establishment, congratulating its members and reinforcing Canada's strong foreign policy in Africa as an area of focus.

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