

INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TAMIL NADU BRANCH)

THE PLANNED PROGRAMMES FOR YEAR 2016-17

S. No.	Activities	Remarks
1.	Session on Challenges in setting up a Company in the US	Completed on December 13, 2016.
2.	Indo-US SME Summit:	This program will focus exclusively on SME sector. The Secretary, MSME, Tamilnadu Government will be presenting the details of various incentives offered by the Tamilnadu Government. We will also invite speakers from the Consulate, Banks and other agencies relevant to the SME sector. Date to be announced.
3.	Breakfast meetings to continue.	There will be parallel tracks. One as usual on Listen to the Leader. The other, to invite key functionaries from DGFT / Customs / IT / Port etc. to discuss the general problems faced by our members and to listen to their suggestions to reduce the difficulties.
4.	Indo-US Conclave	We are planning to have Indo-US Conclave during June/July 2017. This is a follow up of the Conclave we had last year towards improving Indo-US trade to US\$500 billion. The place, date and the venue will be informed soon.
5.	Regular programmes	The Secretariat will continue the various programs like Update on U.S. Visas, cross culture issues, etc. in Chennai as well as in key cities in Tamilnadu.
6	Forum of US companies	As you are aware IACC last year created a forum of US companies who are members of IACC. This forum will continue to be active. The forum will interact with the Industries Secretary and other local authorities towards solving some of the problems of the members of this forum.

7.	Welcome Kit for the US investors in Tamilnadu	A welcome kit is being prepared by the committee to provide relevant information to the US Companies which would like to invest in Tamilnadu. This will cover key Government regulations, information on Taxation, local approvals, organizations to be dealt with, etc., as a one stop manual. The first draft is likely to be ready in January 2017.
8.	The committee has formed Industry verticals based Sub-committees. These sub-committees are to interact with members in the respective verticals to understand the way forward to increase the Indo-US trade in these verticals and help drawing up certain action points for the Chamber as well as recommendations to the Government of Tamilnadu as well as the Government of United States.	<p>Initially the following Industry panels are being formed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Renewable Energy – Mr. A. Sekhar and will be supported by Mr. Miranda 2) Bio & Pharma – Mr. Jayaseelan and will be supported by Mr. Abhaya Kumar 3) Automotive & Manufacturing – Mr. S. Sundarram and will be supported by Mr. K. Ramasamy & Mr. P. Kailash 4) Aerospace & Defense – Mr. N. Ramachandran 5) Smart Cities – Mr. N.V. Venkatasubramanian 6) Apparels & Textiles – Mr. A. Sakthivel <p>We request the members to join these panels, as members, relevant to their business. We are enclosing a form along with this note. Please respond at the earliest.</p>
9.	Industry Academy interaction and Skill Development	<p>IACC is planning to interact with US Academic institutions and training institutions to help Indian Universities as well as the training centers to upgrade their content and infrastructure. This program will be coordinated by the Vice-Chairman Mr. A. Sakthivel. Dr. Sankaran Raghunathan will support him in this initiative. The team will identify 2-3 areas of real interest to Indo-US trade and work on these areas.</p> <p>Apart from this, Chamber will also host US delegations as and when they come and will also interact with the consulate on all these issues. The Chamber will support activities and seminars conducted by other Chambers which are relevant to the members of our Chamber, etc.</p>