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Mr Vikram Doraiswami is currently Consul General of India in Johannesburg. He has served in India's Foreign Ministry for 19 years. His previous postings include assignments in Hong Kong, Beijing, India's Mission to the United Nations in New York as Political Counsellor, before being assigned to the Indian Consulate in Johannesburg two years ago. In India, he was Deputy Chief of Protocol and thereafter was on deputation in the office of the Prime Minister of India for over four years, two of which were spent as Private Secretary to the current Prime Minister.

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His Excellency Virendra Gupta is High Commissioner of India to South Africa. He obtained his Masters degree in Physics from University of Allahabad. After a short stint with the State Bank of India, he joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1977. Before taking up his present assignment as High Commissioner of India to South Africa, he served as Director-General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi. He had earlier served as High Commissioner of India to Tanzania (1998-2001) and to Trinidad and Tobago (2001-2005). He has also held various other diplomatic positions which include serving at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York, where he was Rapporteur of the UN Special Committee against Apartheid. High Commissioner Gupta is experienced in a number of wide-ranging global issues including international security, southern Africa, disarmament, trade and investment promotion, energy security and multilateral affairs.

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Sunil Joshi took up his position as Managing Director and CEO of South African telecoms company, Neotel (Pty) Limited in April 2011. Prior to joining Tata Communications in 2007, he was based in New Zealand and Australia for over 12 years, working in various capacities with IBM New Zealand Limited, IBM Australia Limited, and TelstraClear Limited where, as Head of Business Markets, he focused on sales, service, solutions, product development and marketing for the business segment. He has over 22 years of experience in the Information Technology and Telecommunications industry. His expertise is in cross-leveraging Tata Communications' resources across the world's fastest growing markets as well as driving the group's Global Enterprise Solutions practice and earlier, its emerging markets strategy across Asia, Middle East, North Africa and India for both Carrier as well as Enterprise segments. He holds an MBA and a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications together with a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Medical).

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Ambassador H. H. S. Viswanathan has a long and distinguished career in international diplomacy. As a member of the Indian foreign service for more than 34 years, his assignments included postings in Belgium, Zaire, Czechoslovakia, Germany, China, Italy, Cote d'Ivoire, USA and Nigeria. He was the Head of Mission in Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria with concurrent accreditation to Niger, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe. Experienced in multilateral diplomacy, Ambassador Viswanathan has represented India in the African Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). He was also Observer at the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Apart from Indian languages like Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi he speaks French and Italian. He is currently Distinguished Fellow at ORF's Centre for International Relations.