

Organised by Indo-African Chambers of Commerce and Industries (IACCI), the **Africa Day** celebration on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat provided an opportunity to KPP to present its achievements in connecting with Africa through knowledge sharing partnership.

The African Union (AU), comprising of 53 member states, has brought together the continent of Africa to collectively to address the challenges it has faced, such as armed conflict, climate change, and poverty.



In line with the AU 2015 theme – Women Empowerment and Development Towards Agenda 2063 - KPP focused on the success stories with regard to women empowerment especially the initiative taken on replication of successful Self Help Group (SHG) model, Kudumbashree from India in Ethiopia, and also touched upon other programmes on empowering women. Implemented by IPE Global Pvt. Ltd and supported by Government of UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), KPP was the Knowledge Partner of the entire event.

KPP presentation was well received and few ambassadors from other countries expressed the desire to partner with KPP, on similar lines like Ethiopia, as the concerns are common across Sub-Saharan & West Africa. It was also discussed how knowledge partnership can be strengthened with other African countries on areas of women empowerment, entrepreneurship, market assets, food security, skill development & capacity building.

Ambassadors and diplomats which included ambassadors from Kenya, Benin, Ghana, Uganda, Togo, Gambia participated in the event. Most of the diplomats felt that KPP was amongst a few programmes which have the potential for knowledge sharing, cross learning and adopting best practices, all in one.

