

Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce AustCham India



Networking Lunch with Global Victoria – Chennai | 28 April 2025

In collaboration with Global Victoria, the trade arm of the Victorian Government, IACC–AustCham India hosted an exclusive industrial associations networking lunch in Chennai. Ms. Michelle Wade, Commissioner - South Asia at Global Victoria, State Government of Victoria, Australia, presented an overview of Victoria’s trade priorities and engagement with India. Mr. Vidyand Sagaram, Director – Strategy, Strategic Projects, Victorian Government Trade and Investment, shared insights on the upcoming 14th World Chambers Congress, scheduled to be held in Melbourne from 2–4 September 2025. Leaders from key regional chambers—including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Hindustan Chamber, Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), Tamil Chamber, and Andhra Chamber—joined in a thought-provoking conversation on the evolving role of chambers in fostering global partnerships. Ms. Merin Devassia, CEO, AustCham India, set the context for the dialogue and thanked participants for their active engagement.

Industry Roundtable with University of Western Australia – Chennai | 5 May 2025

AustCham India hosted an exclusive roundtable in honour of the visiting delegation from the University of Western Australia. Dr. Diane Smith-Gander AO, Chancellor of UWA, delivered the keynote address, outlining the university’s expansion plans in Mumbai and Chennai with a strong focus on research and innovation. Professor Jennifer Howell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), UWA, also engaged with industry participants, discussing opportunities for deeper academic collaboration and student mobility between India and Australia. The dialogue underscored corporate support for global education, especially through student sponsorships and industry-led research projects. Valuable insights were shared by Aruna Thalapuram (TCS) and Saurabh Jain (FCPA Global), highlighting the importance of academia–industry partnerships.



India–Australia Business Session – Mumbai | 29 May 2025

In collaboration with the Australian Consulate General, Mumbai AustCham India hosted a high-impact session in Mumbai featuring key insights on trade, investment, and economic trends. Mr. Abhishek Poddar (Macquarie Group) opened the session, followed by a keynote from Mr. Paul Murphy, Australian Consul General, Mumbai who outlined Australia’s new Economic Roadmap.

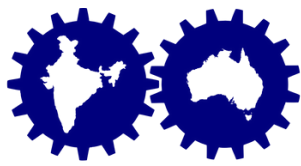
A fireside chat with Mr. Dhiraj Nim (ANZ) and Mr. Aditya Suresh (Macquarie) explored India’s investment outlook. Industry viewpoints were shared by Ms. Lina Ashar (Dreamtime Learning), Mr. Arindham Ghosh (Alphaniti), and Ms. Priya Nair (Tata BlueScope Steel).

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Government Meeting – Bangalore | 11 June 2025

AustCham India President Mr. Gaven Standon and CEO Ms. Merin Devassia met with Dr. S. Selvakumar IAS, Principal Secretary – Commerce & Industries, and Ms. Gunjan Krishna IAS, Commissioner for Industrial Development, Government of Karnataka. The meeting focused on collaborative economic initiatives and industrial partnerships for trade and commerce facilitation in Karnataka.

Indo–Australia Trade Facilitation Roadshow – Coimbatore | 20 June 2025

The first edition of AustCham India’s 8-city roadshow series was launched in Coimbatore with strong participation from business leaders and institutional partners. Mr. Jonah Stephen (Carisma Solutions) welcomed the gathering, followed by a keynote from Mr. David Eggleston, Australian Deputy Consul-General, Chennai.

Special addresses were delivered by Mr. Vik Singh (Austrade), Mr. Manikandan S (SICCI Coimbatore), Dr. Arenla Jamir (Invest India), Mr. Vikranth Sakthi (Guidance Tamil Nadu), and Ms. Lisa Rodrigues (Investment NSW). The session concluded with remarks by Ms. Merin Devassia, CEO, IACC and networking over lunch.



Indo–Australia Trade Facilitation Roadshow – New Delhi | 26 June 2025

This high-profile dialogue was marked by the participation of H.E. Philip Green OAM, Australian High Commissioner to India, who delivered the keynote address. Mr. Gaven Standon, President of AustCham India, opened the session highlighting the growing Indo–Australia partnership.

Key interventions included Mr. Anil Wadhwa (Chair – Northern India Chapter, AustCham India), Mr. Andrew Carter (Austrade), and Mr. Tilak Pati (Invest India). A panel discussion moderated by Mr. Standon featured:

- Mr. Ravin Mirchandani, Ador Powertron
- Mr. Ajay Sethi, Baker Tilly ASA India
- Mr. Mridul Dasgupta, Anko Sourcing
- Mr. Dipankar Chakraborty, UNSW South Asia

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Merin Devassia, CEO, IACC and a networking dinner.



Coming Up Next

The roadshow continues to Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Pune, and Hyderabad in July 2025. We look forward to further strengthening bilateral partnerships.



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