

## **ICCI welcomes appointment of Nisha Biswal as the new President of US India Business Council**

**NEW DELHI, 11 October 2017:** FICCI welcomes the appointment of Ms. Nisha Biswal as the new President of US India Business Council (USIBC). The Chamber had a tremendous working relationship with USIBC in the past with all its Presidents and Chairmen. FICCI is proud to be one of the founding members of USIBC along with the US chambers in March 1975.

Given Ms. Biswal's vast experience and understanding of the administrative and corporate working cultures, she is the right fit to carry on the growth agenda of USIBC. FICCI looks forward to working with USIBC and, in particular, with Ms. Biswal for promoting US-India bilateral trade and investment relationship.

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## **Nisha Biswal Profile**

**Biswal served as Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs in the U.S. Department of State from 2013 to 2017, where she oversaw the U.S.-India strategic partnership during a period of unprecedented cooperation, including launching the U.S.-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue. In recognition of her efforts, Biswal was awarded the prestigious Samman Award by the President of India in January 2017. She previously served as Assistant Administrator for Asia at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Biswal also spent over ten years on Capitol Hill, serving as staff director on the State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee and the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives.**

**Most recently, she was a senior advisor with the Albright Stonebridge Group, where she helped expand the firm's India and South Asia practice.**

**Biswal has served on the board of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, and is a current member of the U.S. Institute of Peace International Advisory Council and the Institute for Sustainable Communities Board of Directors.**

**Biswal will join the U.S. Chamber beginning October 23, 2017.**

**Formed in 1975 at the request of the U.S. and Indian governments, the U.S.-India Business Council is the premier business advocacy organization, comprised of 350 top-tier U.S. and Indian companies advancing U.S.-India commercial ties. USIBC is the largest bilateral trade association in the United States, with liaison presence in New York, Silicon Valley, and New Delhi.**

**The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations. Its International Affairs division includes more than 70 regional and policy experts and 25 country- and region-specific business councils and initiatives. The U.S. Chamber also works closely with 117 American Chambers of Commerce abroad.**

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