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India-Togo Bilateral Brief

Political relations

India and Togo have cordial bilateral relations. There is an Indian Honorary Consul in Lomé. Togo opened a resident Mission in New Delhi in October 2010. India has decided to open a Mission in Togo.

Visits from Togo

Togolese President Mr. Gnassingbe Eyadema visited India in September 1994. This first state visit by a President of Togo gave an impetus to bilateral cooperation when India announced a grant of Rs. 10 crore for setting up an agricultural project in Togo. India and Togo also decided to set up a Joint Commission. President Faure Gnassingbe participated in the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference held in New Delhi on 11 March 2018.

The senior diplomatic Advisor to the President, Mr. Koffi Esaw, visited India in October, 2010 in connection with inauguration of the resident Mission of Togo in India. Togolese Foreign Minister Mr. Robert Dussey led Togolese delegation to the IAFS-III Summit in New Delhi (27-30 October 2015) and had a bilateral meeting with EAM. The Togolese Minister of Trade, Private Sector Promotion Ms. Essosimna Legzim-Balouki also visited India to take part in the Trade Ministers meet on the sidelines of IAFS-III on 23-24 October 2015. Minister of Health and Social Protection, Mr. Mustafa Mijiyawa, attended the Fourth India-Africa Health Forum at Mumbai (16 May 2018). Minister of Water Sanitation and Village Hydraulics, Mr. Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni, led a five-member delegation to attend Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention at New Delhi from 29 September-2 October, 2018. The Togolese Minister of Mines and Energy, Mr. Marc Dèdèriwè Ably-Bidamon, led a three member delegation to attend the 1st General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance held at New Delhi from 2-5 October, 2018.

Togo has been regularly participating at highlevel at the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave. Prime Minister Mr. Gilbert Fousson Hounbo participated at the 6th CII-Exim Bank Conclave in India in March 2010 & led a 50-member delegation for 7th CII-Exim Bank Conclave in March 2011. The Minister of Commerce & Private Sector Promotion led a 7-member delegation to the 10th EXIM Bank – CII Conclave held in New Delhi in March 2014. Ms. Balouki Epse Legzim Essosimna, Minister of Commerce and Private Sector Promotion led Togolese delegation for the 11th CII Exim Bank conclave in 2016 and the 12th Conclave in 2017; she led a 5-member delegation to India to attend the 13th CII-Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership held at New Delhi from 25-27 March, 2018. Ambassador of Togo to Nigeria, accompanied by Mr. Mensah Koffi Vinyo, Director of Private Sector Promotion attended the CII-EXIM Bank India-West Africa Regional Conclave held at Abuja, Nigeria on 8-9 October, 2018.

Visits from India

Lok Sabha Speaker, Dr. Balram Jakhar, visited Lome in 1985, for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. MOS for Agriculture Shri Mohanbhai Kundariya visited Togo from 7-8 July 2015,

as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to deliver the invitation for the IAFS –III Summit to the President and Prime Minister of Togo. MOS for Defence, Dr. Bhamre, accompanied by a four-member delegation, visited Togo on 14-16 October 2016, for the AU Summit on Maritime Security & Safety.

Two Togolese journalists visited India on a Familiarization Visit to India from 19-25 August 2018 which was organised by the XP Division, MEA, as part of India's commitment under the Third India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) for journalists from francophone countries in Africa.

Commercial relations

India has been provided economic assistance to Togo. On the request from the Togolese government, Indelible ink was supplied in 2002 for the elections held in Togo. India sent a consignment of medicines required by the floods affected people in 2008. Government of India provided a financial support of US\$ 100,000 to the Togolese Government for the organizing of the AU Maritime Security Summit in Lomé in October 2016.

India has extended four Lines of Credit (LOCs) totaling US\$ 144.35 million through EBID and bilaterally) to Togo for various projects, some of which have been completed and some are under implementation. These include 'Project Health Equipment'; project to Upgrade the Power Generation and Distribution Capacity of CCET; Rural Electrification; Transmission Lines in Kara-Mango-Dapong and financing "Farming and Cultivation of Rice, Maize and Sorghum".

According to available statistics, total bilateral trade between the two countries in 2017-18 was US\$ 536.24 million. Trade had grown steadily between 2013-14 to 2015-16, reaching US \$ 884 million in 2014-15. The trade figures for the past five years are as follows:

(Figures in USD million)

Year	Export to Togo	Import from Togo	Total Trade
2013-14	443.93	156.34	600.27
2014-15	688.42	195.65	884.07
2015-16	532.19	225.09	757.28
2016-17	284.05	138.42	422.47
2017-18	382.72	153.52	536.24

(Source: Department of Commerce, GoI)

India's major exports to Togo include mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; cereals and preparation of cereals cotton; articles of apparel and clothing; iron and steel articles; man-made filaments; man-made staple fibers; drugs and pharmaceuticals; machinery & mechanical appliances; plastic and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof; vehicles and parts and accessories thereof, etc. Imports from Togo include natural phosphates, ferrous and copper waste and scrap; wood and articles of wood; other metal scrap; oil seeds; coconuts & brazil nuts etc..

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

India offers training in human resource development under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme. In the last couple of years, Togo has expressed strong

interest in the capacity building modules under the ITEC programme. Togo has been utilising slots under ITEC and CV Raman Research Fellowships Scheme. Twenty Four Togolese scientists have travelled to India so far for research studies under the CV Raman Research Fellowships Scheme.

Cultural relations

The International Day of Yoga is being organized every year since 2015. To mark Freedom 70/India@70 celebrations, a performance by an Odissi Dance troupe sponsored by Ministry of Culture (GoI) was organized on 9th August, 2017 at Lome.

Indian community

Indian community in Togo is small and there are about 200-300 Indians living in the country. Most of them are businessmen engaged in trading, assembling, running super markets, hotels etc. The community has an Association though not very active due to the small size of the community.

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Recommended Reading References

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