

India-Guinea Bilateral Brief

Relations between India and the Republic of Guinea have been cordial and friendly. India had opened its Embassy in Conakry earlier but closed it in 1988 after more than two decades. Guinea opened its Embassy in New Delhi in April 2012 and India opened its Embassy in Guinea in 2019. India has extended developmental assistance under various schemes to Guinea over the years. Guinea too has been very supportive of India's line on various international issues and candidates at multilateral international bodies. Bilateral relations between India and Guinea are strengthening continuously.

Bilateral visits:

Major visits from India to Guinea:

- i MOS External Affairs, Mrs. Preneet Kaur visited Guinea in January 2014. This was the first Ministerial visit after the closure of Indian Embassy in Conakry in 1988. Two agreements were signed with the Foreign Minister of Guinea, during the visit, namely, Establishment of Joint Commission between the Foreign Ministries of two countries and an MoU on Foreign Office Consultations.
- ii State visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind to Guinea from 1-3 August 2019 during which the following MOUs were signed:
 1. MoU on Co-operation in the Field of Traditional System of Medicine and Homeopathy;
 2. MoU on the Co-operation in the Field of Renewable Energy; and
 3. MoU for participation in the e-VBAB Network Project (Technology Up-gradation of Pan Africa e-Network Project).

The Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind was accompanied by Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, MoS for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Shri Dilip Gosh, MP, Lok Sabha.
- iii The 1st India - Guinea Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) was held at Conakry from 18-19 October 2024. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Sevala Naik Mude, Additional Secretary(C&WA) and the Guinean Delegation was led by Ambassador Abdoulaye Youla, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Guineans Abroad. The visit was the first High level exchange to review of relations after five years of opening of the Mission.

The major visits from Guinea to India in recent years:

- i) Prof. Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea, visited India to participate in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015.

- ii) Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamadi Toure visited India on 6 November 2017 and also in March 2018 to attend the Founding Members Conference of ISA. He visited again in December 2019.
- iii) Prime Minister, Dr. Ibrahima Kassory Fofana attended the 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave in March 2019. He was one of the Guests of Honour at the Conclave.
- iv) Chief of Staff-General Deputy of Armed Forces, Mr. Mohamed Bangoura and Mr. Alpha Souleymane Sow, Lieutenant Colonel represented Guinea in the DefExpo 2020.
- v) Mrs. Hadja Safiatou Diallo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development participated in the Voice of Global South Summit on 12 January 2023 virtually.
- vi) Dr. Mamdou P. Diallo, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene, Guinea, to attend the event titled 'ONE EARTH ONE HEALTH - The 6th Edition of Advantage Healthcare India' organized in collaboration with FICCI from 26th to 28th April 2023 at New Delhi.
- vii) Mr. Ahmed Sekou Keita Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Energy, Hydraulic and Hydrocarbons along with Mr. Ismael Nabe, Advisor to the Prime Minister in charge of Investments and Public-Private Partnerships attended the 18th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership held from 14 -16 June 2023 at New Delhi.
- viii) Mrs. Louopou Lamah, Minister of Commerce, Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises along with Adviser to Prime Minister visited Delhi from 21-24 August 2023. During the visit H.E. Mrs. Lamah held bilateral meeting with Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry.
- ix) Mr. Ahmed Sekou Keita, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy, Hydraulics and Hydrocarbons along with Mr. Karim Kamara attended the 6th Session of International Solar Alliance Assembly from 30 October to 01 November 2023 at New Delhi.
- x) Mr. Ahmed Sekou Keita, Secretary General represented H.E. Aly Seydouba Soumah, Minister of Energy, Hydraulics and Hydrocarbons, Republic of Guinea in the Voice of Global South Summit 2.0 (VoGSS2.0) held on 17 November 2023 virtually.
- xi) Mr. Mohamed Billy Kaba, Secretary General (Deputy Minister), Ministry of Youth and Sports attended the Youth Ministers' Session of the 3rd VOGSS on 17 August 2024 on the theme, "Youth Engagement for a Better Future."
- xii) A government delegation led by Mr. Ismael Nabe, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, including Mr. Mahamadou Abdoulaye Diallo, Minister of Transport, Mr. Oumar Diouhe Bah, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene and Mr. Ousmane Gaoual Diallo, Minister of Infrastructure and Public Works participated in the 19th CII-Africa Business Conclave from 20 to 22 August 2024 at Delhi.

- xiii) First ever familiarization visit of two journalists from the Republic of Guinea took place from 24-30 October 2024.
- xiv) A two member Guinean delegation led by Dr Dia Balde, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development had attended the first meeting of the Assembly (the apex body) of International Big Cat Alliance which was held on 16 June, 2025 at New Delhi.
- xv) Mr. Karim Camara, National Focal Point, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Guinea participated in the Eighth Session of International Solar Alliance Assembly which was held from 27-30 October 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- xvi) Professor Sanaba Boumbaly, Director of the Virology Research Center (CRV) / National Laboratory for Hemorrhagic Fever represented Guinea in the 'International Conference on '50 Years of Biological Weapons Convention (BWC): Strengthening Biosecurity in the Global South' which was held on 1-2 December 2025 in New Delhi.
- xvii) Admiral Mamdou Yaya Diallo, Chief of Staff of Guinean Navy and Lieutenant Boubacar Barry, Commander, participated in the International Fleet Review in Vishakhapatnam on February 16-17, 2026.

Bilateral mechanism and agreements

Joint Mechanisms: Two bilateral arrangements, viz., (1) a Joint Commission and (2) Protocol for Consultations between Foreign Ministries exist between the two countries.

International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Agreement

On April 7, 2025, Guinea had signed the 'Framework Agreement on the establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)' and become the seventh country to join it alongwith, Republic of Nicaragua, Kingdom of Eswatini, Republic of India, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of Liberia and Kingdom of Cambodia.

Trade and Commerce:

The overall bilateral trade between India and Guinea has been substantial and India's export has been rising every year. Major Indian exports include rice (other than basmati), two and three wheelers, engineering goods, drugs & pharmaceuticals, textile, transport equipment, iron & steel, ceramics & allied products and construction equipment. Major Indian imports include gold, aluminum, pearls/stones/jewelry, cashew, scrap metals, Coffee, etc.

Bilateral trade statistics during the last five years are as follows:

Year	Exports	Imports	Total(In million USD)
2020 - 2021	501.77	1,631.02	2,132.79
2021 - 2022	561.53	3,616.56	4,178.09

2022 - 2023	631.93	2,082.84	2,714.77
2023 - 2024	696.48	1,385.72	2,082.20
2024 - 2025	901.08	679.96	1,581.04
2025- 2026(April to January)	733.03	1190.95	1923.98

Investment of Indian Companies in Guinea

There is no major investment from India in this country yet. A few private companies viz. Topaz Group of Companies, Jaguar Industries, Odhav Multi Industries, M/s Volta Impex, Ashapura Mining, Dynamic Mining, Bombay Industries, Diamond Cements, Goldmine Global Medicare Pvt ltd etc. have invested in Guinea. These are mainly involved in mining sector and import/export of goods such as automobiles, textiles, food products, plastic, sanitary items, cookware, soaps and detergents, cashews etc. There is a great scope of business opportunities in Guinea in varied sectors including mining, health, agriculture, infrastructure, retail/wholesale trade etc. The Mission has been assisting many other prominent Indian entrepreneurs who have approached the Embassy seeking ministerial level meetings to establish their businesses in Guinea.

Concessional Loans:

Government of India has extended Lines of Credit (LOCs) to the Government of the Republic of Guinea, of which the following are operational till date. However, disbursements have not yet been made:

- i Line of Credit (LOC) of US \$ 170 million for strengthening the drinking water supply of Grand Conakry-Horizon 2040.
- ii Line of Credit (LOC) of US \$ 20.22 million for the following two solar projects:
 - a) Solar project for supply of Electricity and Drinking Water for 7 public universities in Guinea at a cost of US \$ 14.40 million.
 - b) Solar Project for electrification and refrigeration in 200 health infrastructures in Guinea at a cost of US \$ 5.82 million.

Humanitarian Aid/Donations:

- ☐ Guinea had availed Indian LOC of US\$ 28.51 million through ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for importing 100 buses from India (US\$ 8.1 million) and for rehabilitation and extension of the electricity networks in Guinea (US\$ 20 million).
- ☐ GOI extended bilateral assistance of US\$ 50,000 to Guinea to fight Ebola in 2014. In addition, GOI provided cash assistance of US\$ 500,000 to WHO as well as contribution of US\$ 10 million to UN Fund for Ebola and additional US\$ 2 million for purchase of

protective gear to tackle Ebola for the three Ebola affected countries of West Africa including Guinea.

- ☐ GOI extended six tons of critical medical assistance to the Republic of Guinea in July 2020, to fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Capacity Building/Scholarships from India

- ☐ **ICCR:** The ICCR has allocated one slot to the Republic of Guinea under Africa Scholarship Scheme (ASS). The Mission utilized the slot by sending one Guinean applicant to India to avail of the ICCR scholarship during the Academic Years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26.
- ☐ **ITEC:** The Ministry has allocated 40 Civilian ITEC slots to the Republic of Guinea. Mission had utilized 17 slots in FY 2025-2026.

Special Course for diplomats: Ministry had organized the 1st Special Course for Diplomats from Central and West African Countries at SSIFS from 16-25 July 2025. 15 Guinean diplomats had attended the training for this special course. Another batch of 15 diplomats will go to India this year.

Cultural Relations:

In February 2013, ICCR sponsored 8-member cultural troupe from Guinea to participate in Surajkund Art and Craft Mela. A Folk-Dance Troupe from Arunachal Pradesh visited Guinea and gave a performance in Conakry on 27 October 2017. This was the first ever visit by any cultural troupe from India.

A 15-member cultural troupe from Guinea visited India to participate in 38th edition of Surajkund Art and Craft Mela from 09 to 23 February 2025.

Indian Community:

The Indian community in Guinea is estimated to be around 2500 persons. They are mainly involved in mining and industries, import and export of goods such as automobiles, textiles, food products, sanitary items, cookware, soaps and detergents, cashews etc.

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