

Brief on India-Togo Relations

Political Relations

India and Togo enjoy cordial and friendly bilateral relations. India recognized the Togolese Republic since it attained Independence in 1960. Togo opened its Embassy in New Delhi in 2010 and since then is headed by a Charge d'Affaires. India, in turn, opened its Embassy in Togo on 3 September 2020.

Visits from Togo

Togolese President Mr. Gnassingbe Eyadema paid a State visit to India from 26 to 29 September 1994. Being the first visit by a President of Togo, this opened a new chapter in mutual relations and added an impetus to bilateral cooperation between the two countries. (Earlier in 1989, President Eyadema had made a brief stopover in Calcutta on his way to China).

Togo signed and ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and at the joint invitation extended by Prime Minister Modi and French President Macron, President Faure Gnassingbe participated in the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference held in New Delhi on 11 March 2018. The Togolese President had a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister.

3rd IAFS Participation

The Togolese Foreign Minister Prof. Robert Dussey led the Togolese delegation to the IAFS-III Summit in New Delhi (27-30 October 2015) and he had a bilateral meeting with then EAM on 28 October. The Togolese Minister of Commerce, Industry and Private Sector Promotion Ms. Essossima Legzim Balouki also visited India to take part in the Trade Ministers' Meet on the sidelines of IAFS-III on 23-24 October 2015.

Participation in CII India Africa Business Conclave (CII-Exim Bank Conclaves): Togo's participation at the annual Conclave has been at high level.

S.No.	Details of Conclave	Togolese participation details
1.	9 th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held in March 2013 in New Delhi	Minister of Commerce, Industry and Private Sector Promotion, Ms. Essossimna Legzim-Baloukim, led the Togolese delegation
2.	16 th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held virtually on 13-15 July 2021	Minister of Commerce, Industry and Local Consumption Mr. Kodjo Adedze took part.
3.	17 th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held on 19-20 July 2022 in Delhi	Minister of Investment Promotion Ms. Rose Kayi Mivedor led a 28-member business delegation.

Earlier, Prime Minister, Mr. Gilbert Fousson Houngbo led a Togolese delegation to the 6th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave in India in March 2010 and the 12th Regional Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership in Accra on 3 June 2010. He again visited India leading a 50-member delegation in March 2011 for the 7th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Partnership. Minister of Cooperation and NEPAD of Togo led the Togolese delegation for the CII Conclave in October 2006.

High level government and the business delegations participated in the CII–EXIM Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership held in November 2005 and in May 2006 in Accra.

Ministerial visits:

- Ms. Cina Lawson, Minister of Public Service Efficiency and Digital Transformation, led a delegation to participate in the India AI Impact Summit being held in Delhi on 16-20 February 2026.
- A 14-member Parliamentary delegation, including three Cabinet Ministers, visited India from 29 July to 2 August 2024 to familiarize themselves with Indian Parliamentary procedures and functioning of Democratic Institutions as Togo is switching on to the Parliamentary model of Government from May 2025.
- Minister of Investment Promotion Ms. Manuella Santos led a Togolese delegation to New Delhi on 13-14 December 2023 to participate in the World Investment Conference. She held a bilateral meeting with Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary.
- Minister of Higher Education and Research of Togo Prof. Ihou Wateba visited India from 2 – 10 October 2022 under Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP) of ICCR. During the visit, Minister Wateba visited various academic institutes in India.
- Mr. Mustafa Mijiyawa, Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Government of Togo, attended the Fourth India-Africa Health Forum organized in Mumbai on 16 March, 2018. H.E. Mr. Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni, Minister of Water Sanitation and Village Hydraulics, led a five-member delegation to attend the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention held in New Delhi from 29 September to 2 October 2018. Mr Marc Dederiwe Aply Bidamon, Minister of Mines and Energy, led a delegation for the 1st General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance held in New Delhi from 2-5 October 2018.

Other visits:

- As part of a familiarization visit to India for Media Editors/Journalists from Africa, Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands countries organized by the Ministry, Ms. Memede Ambroisine Azododassi, Managing Director of Savoir News, visited India from 13-22 January 2026.
- Togo was represented by Ms. Malessinani Akaolo, Head of the Division in charge of Disarmament and Peacekeeping Issues in MoFA at the International Conference on ‘50 years of the BWC: Strengthening Biosecurity for the Global South’ held in New Delhi on 1-2 December 2025.
- In the second edition of the Policymakers’ Visit to India from 16-19 June 2025 organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the two Togolese delegates, namely Dr. Mamessile Assih, Director General of the Central Procurement Agency for Essential (CAMEG), and Dr. Koboyo Malou, Head of the Traditional Medicine and Pharmacopoeia Division, Directorate of Pharmacy, Medicines and Laboratories (DPML), participated.
- The two Togolese content creators, namely, Mr. Kodjo Agbenohevi and Ms. Valentine Taou, visited India as part of familiarization visit of Content Creators/Social Media Influencers from countries of Central and Western Africa region to India from 21-29 May 2025.
- In the first edition of the World Audiovisual and Entertainment Summit held from 1-4 May 2025 at Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Mr. Kokou Missite, Director of Cabinet in the Ministry of Communication, Media and Culture of Togo represented the Minister of Communication, Media and Culture of Togo.

- As part of familiarization tour of media journalists from Central and West Africa region organized by the Ministry, two journalists from Togo visited India from 23-30 October 2024. They were taken to different places as part of their visit. In their debrief, they have recommended that there is a need for Togo to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to meet challenges of Climate Change and Disasters.
- Dr. Douti, Director General of Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research (ITRA), led a delegation to attend the CII Enclave on 20-22 August 2024 to discuss areas of collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research. An MoU is under advance stages of finalization.
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- Dr. Dare Ikpindi Honorine, Director of Procurement, led a delegation of four Togolese companies on 28-30 August to discuss areas of collaboration for procurement of medicines directly into Togo as currently most of the medicines are routed through French distribution networks.
- A Togolese delegation led by Lt. Col. Yao Banja took part in Chiefs' Conclave held on the margins of AFINDEX in March 2023.
- Togolese Chief of Army Staff Colonel Kassawa Kolemega visited India from 18-22 October 2022 to take part in DefExpo.
- Two officials from Ministry of Health of Togo Dr Malou Koboyo, head of traditional medicine division in Ministry of Health and Prof. Diallo Aboudoulatif took part in the inaugural ceremony of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar on 19 April 2022 and the World Summit of Investment and Innovation of AYUSH held in Ahmedabad on 21-22 April, 2022.
- Togolese Navy Chief Captain Kossi Mayo visited India from 25 February to 1 March 2022 to participate in MILAN 2022. On the margins of the event, he held a meeting with Chief of Navy Staff of India.
- 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.

Visits from India

Ministerial-level visits

- Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan visited Togo from 5-6 September 2019. During the visit, MoS called on H.E. President, had a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister, Minister of Mines and Energy, and Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation. He also delivered an address at the Diplomatic Club of Lomé and interacted with the Indian community.
- MoS Defence, Dr Subash Bhamre, visited Togo to participate in the AU Extraordinary Summit on Maritime Safety and Security in October 2016. India had gifted US\$100,000 for hosting of the Summit in response to request made by Togolese Foreign Minister to EAM on the margins of 3rd IAFS in October 2015.
- MoS for Agriculture Shri Mohanbhai Kundariya visited Togo from 7-8 July 2015 as the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to deliver the invitation to the President and Prime

Minister of Togo for the IAFS-III Summit. He called on the Prime Minister of Togo Dr. Komi Selom Klassou during the visit.

- Shri Anand Sharma, MoS (AS), met the President of Togo on 7 March 2007 in Accra during the visit to Ghana to participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Ghana's independence and discussed with him various issues of mutual interest.
- Lok Sabha Speaker, Dr. Balram Jakhar, visited Lomé in 1985 for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

Other visits:

- A two-member delegation, led by Shri Sevala Naik Mude, Additional Secretary (C&WA) visited Togo on 27-28 June 2024 for Foreign Office Consultations. During the visit, MOU on FOCs and Agreement on Waiver of Visa to Diplomatic and Official/Service Passport Holders were signed. An India-Togo Business Forum comprising 15 companies from India and 55 companies from Togo was held in Lomé coinciding with the visit of AS (C&WA).
- A three-member delegation, led by Shri P. Kumaran, Special Secretary (Economic Relations and Development Partnership Administration), visited Lomé to attend the ECOWAS Investment Forum from 4-5 April 2024.
- A three-member delegation, led by Director General, International Solar Alliance (ISA) Dr. Ajay Mathur, visited Lomé on 3-5 July 2023 to take part in the "Infrastructure for Africa" Forum hosted by Africa50 in collaboration with the Government of Togo.
- A four-member delegation from International Solar Alliance (ISA) and NTPC visited Lomé on 18-20 March 2022 and met the head of AT2ER, the national focal point of ISA as well as Ministry of Energy and Mines of Togo.
- A delegation led by Secretary (Fertilizers) visited Togo on 10-11 July 2013. A 3-member delegation led by Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education, visited Togo in December 2013.
- Shri Kailash Satyarthi, the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner and honorary President of the Global March against Child Labour, was received by the Speaker of Togolese Parliament in March 2018.

Agreements/MoUs between India and Togo

- i. India and Togo signed the MOU between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Togolese Institute of Agronomic Research (ITRA) for Cooperation in Agricultural Research and Education on 11 September 2025.
- ii. FACT (Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited) and SNPT (Société Nouvelle des Phosphates du Togo), the state-owned phosphate company of Togo, signed a Cooperation Framework Agreement for the regular supply of rock phosphate in February 2025.
- iii. India and Togo signed the MoU on Foreign Office Consultations on 27 June 2024 in Lomé.
- iv. India and Togo signed the Agreement on Reciprocal Visa Exemption for holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports on 27 June 2024 in Lomé.
- v. Togo signed and ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference held in New Delhi on 11 March 2018.

Economic and Commercial Relations:

India is among the top trading partners of Togo. Togo is one of the beneficiaries of the Duty-Free Trade Preference scheme. According to available statistics, total bilateral trade between the two countries for the last few years is follows:

Figures in USD Million

Year	Export to Togo	Import from Togo	Total Trade	Balance of Trade
2021 - 2022	3,012.08	510.93	3,523.01	2,501.15
2022 - 2023	6,048.07	452.81	6,500.88	5,595.26
2023 - 2024	3,229.01	642.29	3,971.30	2,586.72
2024 - 2025	2,521.35	689.81	3,211.16	1,831.54
April 2025- January 2026	2133.75	767.89	2,901.64	1,665.86

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

India's major items of export to Togo include mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; cereals, mainly rice; engineering goods; man-made filaments; man-made yarn, fabrics, made-ups; pharmaceuticals; plastic articles; paper articles, cotton; transport equipment; etc. Major import items from Togo are natural phosphates, nuts, oilseeds, waste and scrap, wood articles, and cotton.

Development Partnership

India has extended seven Lines of Credit (LOCs) worth around US \$183 million bilaterally to Togo for various projects. The projects implemented/ signed/approved are: (i) Rural Electrification Project in 2011; (ii) Farming and cultivation of rice, maize and sorghum in 2012; (iii) Supply and installation of equipment for health facilities (iv) Rural Electrification to cover 150 localities in 2016; (v) Setting-up of 161 KV power transmission line in 2016; (vi) project to support electrification of 350 villages through deployment of solar photovoltaic systems in June 2021; and (vii) Electric power distribution network rehabilitation and extension.

On 15 July 2019, a project to promote biodiversity friendly livelihoods in the Fazao-Malfakassa National Park (North-Togo), funded by the Government of India through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for US \$1 million, was launched in Lomé. The project, which got completed in October 2022, was implemented by UNESCO. The project consisted of setting up a biosphere reserve around the Fazao-Malfakassa National Park. The project, which reflects the dynamism of South-South Cooperation, aimed at preserving biodiversity and the problems of deforestation, land degradation and the decline of agricultural production. It has helped establish alternative livelihoods to beneficiaries in 22 villages around the Fazao-Malfakassa National Park by reinforcing rural communities with equipment and infrastructure enabling them to carry out activities such as development of Shea butter, sheep and goat breeding and beekeeping. On 18th April 2024, a GoI grant of US \$2 million from the India-UN Development Partnership Fund was approved to strengthen the resilience of the remaining local communities (37 villages) around the Fazao-Malfakassa National Park.

India has provided economic assistance to Togo in the form of tractors (60), water pump, sewing machine, ambulance, transport vehicles, corn-grinding machine etc. On the request from Togolese Government, India extended grant assistance that included supply of indelible ink in 2002 for the elections held in Togo; India rendered humanitarian assistance in the form of medicines to ameliorate the suffering of the victims of the floods in 2008; Togolese Government approached India for support in organizing the AU Maritime Security Summit in Lomé in October 2016 and India extended an assistance of US \$100,000 for this purpose.

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme

India offers training in human resource development under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme. 372 officials from Togo have been trained under the ITEC (civilian) programme in the last 15 years. Until 2020, India-Togo defence cooperation was limited to capacity building, and seven Togolese defence personnel took part in various courses between 2018-19 and 2019-20, namely, UNSLOC, UNCAP-III, UNMCOC and CUNPK. Our capacity building has intensified as Togo has been utilizing defence slots under the ITEC programme. Since the FY 2021-22, a total of 43 ITEC (defence) slots have been utilized by Togolese defence personnel. Under Special/Customized courses, 18 officials from various Ministries, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Togo have taken training during 2024-2025.

Cultural and Educational Relations:

- Prior to the 2022-23 academic year, Togo had utilized 12 ICCR scholarships. In the 2022-23 academic year, Togo utilized all five slots. Based on Mission's recommendations, ICCR has increased the number of scholarship slots for Togo from 5 to 8 beginning in the 2024-25 academic year, and further to 15 from the 2026-27 academic year onward.
- There has been regular participation of cultural troupes from Togo in various fairs in India. A 20-member Togolese cultural troupe 'ADEPOMA' participated in the 39th Surajkund International Crafts Mela. In the 38th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela, the 20-member Togolese cultural troupe 'Zogbeadji' participated from 7-23 February 2025. In the 37th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela, the Togolese cultural troupe namely, Gazo Oyeye, took part from 2-18 February 2024. Another 10-member Togolese cultural troupe also took part in Chhattisgarh National Tribal Dance Festival held in Raipur on 1-3 November 2022.
- To mark Freedom India@70 celebrations, a performance by an Odissi Dance troupe sponsored by Ministry of Culture (GOL) was organized on 09th August 2017. An Indian dance ensemble had earlier visited Togo in 1984.
- The International Day of Yoga is organized every year by the Mission. The 11th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21 June 2025.
- Four India Education Fairs (Study in India Fairs) with participation of over 30 universities were held in Lomé in April 2022, February 2023, February 2024 and April 2025. Director of Directorate of Internships and Scholarships Mr. Jervis Zogbema visited India under ICCR's Academic Visitors Programme in October 2023.

Indian Community:

Indian community in Togo is relatively small, comprising approximately 1,200 Indians residing in the country. The community has an Association called 'Indian Association of Togo', which serves as a platform for cultural, social, and community engagement. While many members of the Indian community are involved in trading or operate retail grocery stores and restaurants, some run large business enterprises, including groups of companies. The top 10 major Indian-owned businesses in Togo collectively employ over 4,000 local workers.

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