

Brief on India – Chad Relations

Political Relations

Bilateral relations between India and Chad remain cordial. India enjoys great goodwill and admiration in the Republic of Chad. High level contacts and cooperation between the two countries have picked up since 2011 with several bilateral visits and high-level interactions.

India's first Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Chad joined the Mission in N'Djamena on 01 May 2023. Earlier, the High Commission of India in Abuja was concurrently accredited to Chad.

Visits from Chad

VVIP Visits

In a historic first meeting, Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno met Hon'ble PM of India on the sidelines of India Africa Forum Summit -II in Addis Ababa in May 2011. He expressed his wish to pay a bilateral visit to India which was accepted by the Hon'ble PM.

Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno visited New Delhi for the India-Africa Summit-III from October 26-30, 2015. Apart from Summit level meeting, President Deby held bilateral meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The relations assumed a boost in recent times with the visit of Chadian Prime Minister Mr. Pahimi Padacke Albert to New Delhi from 10-13 March 2018 to attend the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Solar Summit in New Delhi on 11 March 2018. Prime Minister of Chad also held a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Modi on the sidelines of ISA.

Participation in CII- India Africa Business Conclaves

Chadian participation to the CII-India Africa Business Conclaves has been encouraging. Chadian Commerce and Industry Minister Mr. Guibolo Fanga Mathieu visited India to attend the 19th CII India-Africa Conclave held in New Delhi from 20-22 August 2024. He was accompanied by a 5-member official delegation and 20-member business delegation.

Other Ministerial Visits

Foreign Minister Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat visited New Delhi in August 2013 and held bilateral discussions with both EAM and MOS (PK).

Minister of Petrol, Energy and in-charge of Promotion of Renewable Energy Mr. Bechir Madet visited India from 5-7 December 2016 to attend the 12th edition of Petro-Tech 2016. During the visit, he met MoS (IC) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.

Minister of Economy, Planning & Development Mr. Ngueto Tiraina Yambaye, accompanied by three senior officials, visited India to attend African Development Bank (AfDB) meeting held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 22-26 May 2017.

Minister of Telecommunication & Digital Economy Mr. Mahamat Allahou Taher visited India from May 20-24, 2023. During the visit he met Shri Ashvini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Communication & Electronics and Information Technology.

Other Visits

Recently, A 4-member defence delegation led by Chief of Staff visited India from 10-17 February 2025 to participate in AERO India 2025 at the invitation of our Defence Minister. The delegation also visited Bangalore, Pune, Kanpur and Delhi during their stay in India.

Virtual Participation from Chad

On 12 January 2023, Minister of Finance and Budget of the Republic of Chad Mr. Tahid Hamid Nguilin participated virtually in Finance Ministers' Session of **Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS)** on theme '*Financing People Centric Development*' which was hosted by Finance Ministers of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

Minister of Public Health & Prevention Dr. Abdel Madjid Abderahim participated in the Health Ministers' Session of the **2nd Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS)** held on 17 November 2023 under the theme "*Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust*".

Minister of Environment, Fisheries and Sustainable Development Dr. Idriss Saleh Bachar participated in the Environment Ministers' Session of **Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS 3.0)** as the first speaker held on 17 August 2024.

Visits from India

Special Envoy to Prime Minister, Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria, Hon'ble Minister of State for HRD visited Chad on July 13-14, 2015 to handover invitation letter from Hon'ble Prime Minister to Chadian President to attend India-Africa Summit III in New Delhi.

Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs):

The 1st round of India-Chad Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) were held on February 13, 2025 in N'Djamena, co-chaired by Shri Sevala Naik Mude, Additional Secretary (Central and West Africa), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Mrs. Fatime Aldjineh Garfa, Minister delegate for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Chad.

Economic and Commercial Relations:

Chad is a member of TEAM-9 Initiative (Techno-Economic Approach for African Movement) comprising eight West and Central African countries seeking to benefit in technical and economic spheres through cooperation with India. There is considerable untapped potential for mutually beneficial co-operation in hydrocarbons, mining, agriculture, health and infrastructure sectors.

India's direct bilateral trade with Chad has surged from small base during past few years, but remains much below the potentials. During 2018-19, our bilateral trade with Chad was USD 513.59 million. The increase in the import of crude oil was the main reason for the significant increase in bilateral trade. After a sharp decline during Corona pandemic, the bilateral trade has started growing gradually since 2022-23. The bilateral trade figures for the past 7 years are given below:

India – Chad Bilateral Trade Statistics:

(In US \$ million)

Year	India's Import	India's Exports	Total Trade	Balance Trade
2018-19	476.13	37.46	513.59	- 438.67
2019-20	270.75	58.69	329.44	- 212.06
2020-21	50.00	59.23	109.23	- 9.23
2021-22	3.00	52.94	55.94	- 49.94
2022-23	6.01	52.21	58.22	- 46.20
2023-24	3.64	79.84	83.48	- 76.20
2024-25 (Apr.-Nov.)	15.57	46.16	61.73	- 30.59

(Source: Department of Commerce, GoI)

Indian economic presence in Chad received a boost through Airtel's US\$ 1 billion acquisition of Zain Telecom, Chad's biggest network, in June 2010. Airtel has invested additional US\$ 400 million to expand its network in the country and to improve its quality since 2014.

Some Indian private companies are in the process of starting ventures in the pharmaceutical, foodstuffs, restaurants, and edible oil, etc. sectors in Chad. Several Indian companies based in Nigeria and Tanzania are also exploring opportunities for investment in Chad. Bharat Heavy Industries have supplied 331 Kilometres of pipes for the oil refinery project. A delegation from BHEL visited Chad in August 2018 to explore project exports.

Development Partnership:

Under its Developmental Partnership initiative, GoI has extended the following three Lines of Credit (LoC) of worth US\$72.02 to Chad.

(i) EXIM Bank has extended a GoI-LoC of US\$ 50 million to Govt. of Chad for financing a Cotton Yarn Plant, a Bicycle Plant, an Industrial transport equipment and rolling plant, Agro-processing plants for Tomato and Mango, and Irrigation equipment in Chad.

(ii) EXIM Bank has extended a GoI-LoC of US\$ 15.9 million to Govt. of Chad for financing the 'Extension of Spinning Mill' [addition of weaving and processing capacities].

Humanitarian Assistance:

Govt. of India donated 5,000 metric tons of rice to Chad in 2004. During Covid-19 pandemic, India donated a 6 tons consignment of essential medicines, including HCQS and antibiotics, to the Republic of Chad in July 2020. In May 2022, Chad approved the reciprocal Mutual Recognition of COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates (MRVC) issued by each other's health authorities. Now Chad has been included by India in list of exempted countries.

India extended humanitarian assistance to victims of fire incident erupted in June 2024 at the military ammunition depot in Chad's Capital by sending approx. 2300 kg consisting of essential life saving antibiotics and general medicines. The consignment was handed over to Chadian

Minister of Health by Ambassador of India in N'Djamena on 26 September 2024.

Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programmes, and Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarships:

Chad's ITEC slots' utilization has increased with the establishment of Mission in N'Djamena. During 2024-25, the ITEC slots have been increased to 15 slots and ICCR Scholarships to 25 slots from 8. During 2024-25 session, 5 Chadians have joined the Kendriya Hindi Sansathan, Agra for year-long Hindi language course.

Cultural Relations:

A 6-member ICCR Odissi Dance group from Kaishiki Dance Academy, performed in N'Djamena in January 2020, which was attended by the Chadian Minister of Culture, and Minister of Youth promotion.

Chadians trained in Hindi language formed 'Yarana Association', which is promoting Hindi language by running weekly Hindi classes, and Indian culture through celebration of Indian festivals.

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the Mission in N'Djamena organized a cultural event "*Namaste India*" in July 2023.

The Mission organized IDY 2023 for the first time in N'Djamena at the iconic location of Cultural Palace which was participated by 200 Chadians and Indians. In 2024, the Mission organized two IDY events with participation of Chadians, Indians, officials of International Organisations in Chad in encouraging numbers.

Indian Community:

There are about 250 Indians and 45 Indian companies in Chad working mostly in oil projects, international organizations, missionaries. Many are engaged in trade in Chad.

In May 2023, the Mission in N'Djamena facilitated evacuation of over 20 Indians from neighboring Sudan following the outbreak of war there.

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