



INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

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India celebrates 72nd Independence Day on 15 August 2018



Prime Minister of India H.E Mr. Narendra Modi



President of India H.E Mr. Ram Nath Kovind



External Affairs Minister Mrs. Sushma Swaraj



Prime Minister meets João Lourenço, President of Angola during Tenth BRICS Summit in South Africa (July 26, 2018)



AFRICA-INDIA-ANGOLA TIES

Relations between India and Angola, one of the major oil producers in Africa, are underpinned by a vibrant energy partnership and date back to pre-independence era of Angola. In an act of solidarity, India supported Angolan freedom struggle against the Portuguese colonial rule till the country attained independence in 1975. Since then, the Indian leadership has retained robust ties with Angola. India established diplomatic relations with Angola in 1985.

The first high level visit from India took place in May 1986 with the visit of Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Angola which was reciprocated by President of Angola José Eduardo dos Santos in April 1987. Recently during the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, President of Angola Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço met Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi and discussed ways to enhance trade and investment between the two countries and also to deepen cooperation in sectors like Energy, Agriculture and Food processing and Pharmaceuticals.

Energy forms the heart of India-Angola partnership, with Angola emerging as second largest African oil supplier to India, after Nigeria in sub-Saharan Africa. In the non-oil sector, a number of projects are being undertaken by Indian companies in retail, hospitality, agriculture plastics, scrap metal, steel, trading, and other services.

India-Africa engagement

A new spirit of awakening and cooperation defines the India-Africa partnership. It is estimated that by the year 2050, the combined GDP of India and Africa would add up to \$35 trillion while the combined population of the two regions would have surpassed 4 billion.

Key points from Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address to the Parliament of Uganda on 25 July 2018.

- ❖ *The dawn of the new opportunities and the unity of aspirations of our young population connect us*
- ❖ *Story of India's own freedom struggle is intimately linked to Africa*
- ❖ *For India, moral principles of independence movement were not just confined to the boundaries of India. It was a universal quest for liberty, dignity, equality and opportunity for every human being*
- ❖ *India's principled support to Africa's liberation movements often came at cost to our nation's trade. This mattered nothing in comparison to Africa's freedom*
- ❖ *Today, India & Africa stand on threshold of a future of great promise*
- ❖ *India is proud to be Africa's partner*
- ❖ *We are proud of the work of Indian peacekeepers in over a dozen UN peacekeeping missions in Africa*
- ❖ *In all UN peacekeeping Missions, 163 Indians have made the supreme sacrifice. This is the highest number for any country*
- ❖ *India will work with you and for you. Our partnership will build instruments of empowerment in Africa*

- On January 30, 2017, India and Angola signed an Agreement for the establishment of the Bilateral Commission.
- The Angola-India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIA) was inaugurated on October 9, 2017
- India has become 3rd largest trading partner sharing about 10% of Angola's external trade mainly on account of bulk crude oil purchase.
- Government of India has extended 3 Lines of Credit (LOC) of value aggregating US\$ 85 million - US\$ 40 million for financing Railway Rehabilitation in Angola; US\$ 30 million for setting up an Industrial Park in Angola; US\$ 15 million for setting up a Textile Project in Angola.
- India provides training to Angolan professionals in various sectors.
- Strength of Indian community in Angola is about 5000 - mainly businessmen engaged in catering, retail, trading and other services; in industries dealing in plastics, metal, steel, garments, etc and professionals working in offshore oil fields. Angola LNG project in Soyo Province also employs several Indians.
- About 2500 People of Indian-origin in Angola hold passports of different nationalities mostly engaged in trading & construction