

Brief Embassy Report on Bilateral Relations – ITJ Division, DGCIS, Kolkata.

India-Togo Bilateral Relations

A. Introduction

1. Indian Trade Journal (ITJ) division of the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) brings out weekly publication on Embassy Profile Report providing information on recent policy changes and happenings in other countries that may be of interest to the Indian trading community. This is the Embassy Profile Report for 17.06.2026 depicting the Embassy of Togo.

2. 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 affairs. India, in turn, opened its Embassy in Togo on 3 September 2020.

B. Commercial Relations (Trade and Foreign Investment) – Recent facts & figures

3. 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 as follows:

Figures in USD Million

Year	Export to Togo	Import from Togo	Total Trade
2021 - 2022	3012.08	376.85	3388.93
2022 - 2023	6048.07	540.81	6588.88
2023 - 2024	3229.01	850.39	4079.40
2024 - 2025	2522.05	925.13	3447.18
2025 - 2026	2512.36	851.27	3363.63

Source: DGCIS, GOI

4. 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.

C. Development Partnership

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

D. Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Program

8. India offers training in human resource development under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program. 368 officials from Togo have been trained under the ITEC (civilian) program 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 program. Since the FY 2021- 22, a total of 43 ITEC (defence) slots have been utilized by Togolese defence personnel. Under Special/Customized courses, 22 officials from various Ministries, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Togo have taken training during 2024-2025.

E. 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 from January 31 to February 15, 2026. 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. A 10-member Togolese cultural troupe “SITSOPE” 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 Program in October 2023.

F. Agreements/MoUs between India and Togo

- 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.
- 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.
- India and Togo signed the MoU on Foreign Office Consultations on 27 June 2024 in Lomé.
- India and Togo signed the Agreement on Reciprocal Visa Exemption for holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports on 27 June 2024 in Lomé.
- 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.

G. 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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