

India - Equatorial Guinea Relations

India and Equatorial Guinea have enjoyed warm and friendly relations with Equatorial Guinea. No high level visits have taken place between the two countries, but leaders have met at international fora such as UN, NAM etc. In April 2004, Shri E. Barwa, Joint Secretary (West Africa) visited Malabo (Equatorial Guinea) and called on the President and some Ministers and senior officials of Equatorial Guinea Government. An Indian Company, M/S Angelique International Limited undertook the task of purifying and distributing stream water to villages in EG. In May 2011 MoS (IT & Telecom) Shri Sachin Pilot visited Equatorial Guinea prior to the Summit, as the Special Envoy of the PM. He called on President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo and handed over a letter of invitation from PM to attend the IAFS-II Summit. Shri Pilot held discussions on the current state of world affairs with the President and reviewed bilateral ties with Foreign Minister Pastor Micha Ondo Bile. The President of EG attended the IAFSII in Addisababa where he met the Hon'ble PM of India. A 4-member delegation led by Shri Rajinder Bhagat, Joint Secretary (WA), MEA accompanied by Shri B S Bishnoi, PR of India to AU, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and A. Chakraborty, Cd'A, Embassy of India, Luanda, Angola attended the 19th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the AU in June 2011 held in Malabo, EG.

Bilateral agreements:

There are no agreements signed by India with Equatorial Guinea nor any agreements are pending. There are proposals for setting up JCM and a General Cooperation Agreement have been mooted.

Trade and Economic Relations:

Latest data on bilateral trade during the last five years are given below:
(in US\$ million)

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Export	4.77	11.07	6.42	7.66	11.17
Import	0.11	167.55	0.20	269.09	0.12
Total Trade	4.87	178.62	6.61	276.74	11.29

Main items of India's exports to Equatorial Guinea are fish and crustaceans, and iron & steel. Main items of India's imports are wood and wood products, paper board, metals, machinery, oil seeds and olea, medicinal plants, ore, slag and ash, natural or cultured pearls, stones, imitation jewellery.

Indian Community:

About 100 Indian nationals are working in Malabo in departmental stores, hotels, etc. There is a limited Indian community in Malabo, capital of Equatorial Guinea, confined to trading and services. A few Indian technicians are also working in offshore oil installations on short term assignments.

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