

India - Cameroon Bilateral Relations

Political Relations

India and Cameroon have friendly and cordial relations dating back to the independence of the latter in 1960. India opened its resident High Commission in Yaoundé in 2019. Earlier, Cameroon was being looked after by the Indian Mission in Nigeria. An Honorary Consul is functioning in Douala since 2008. Cameroon has also opened its Resident Mission in India in 2023.

Visits at the level of Head of State / Government

His Excellency, President Mr. Paul Biya visited India in March 1983 to attend the NAM Summit.

Third India-Africa Forum Summit III Participation

Minister for External Relations, Mr. Mbella Mbella Lejeune, led the Cameroonian delegation that participated in the India-Africa Summit-III from 26 – 30 October 2015.

Other Bilateral Visits

(I) From Cameroon to India

Cameroon has maintained active diplomatic and economic engagement with India through multiple high-level visits. In March 2013, Prime Minister Philomen Yang, accompanied by seven ministers and a business delegation, attended the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on Africa. Earlier, in March 2012, Defence Minister Edger Alain Mebe Ngo'o participated in DefExpo India 2012 in New Delhi, while in September 2012, Ministers Emmanuel Nganou Dogmas and Bankang Mbock Catherine visited India to sign a \$42 million credit line for the Cassava Plantation Project. Minister of Economy Louis Paul Motaze led delegations in 2017 to sign a \$93.5 million loan agreement for transmission line projects and later attended the AfDB meeting in Ahmedabad. Deputy Speaker Emilia Mojowa Lifaka represented Cameroon at Commonwealth Parliamentary and Youth Parliament meetings in 2017 and 2019. Minister Delegate Felix Mbayu has attended the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave regularly since 2022.

Hon'ble Minister of Public Health of Cameroon, Dr. Manaouda Malachie, attended Health Ministers' session of Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS), organized virtually in January 2023, and Prof. Wilfred N. Gabsa, Secretary General of Ministry of Higher Education, attended the second one held in November 2023. Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Mme. Minette Libom Li Likeng, visited India to attend the ITU-WTSA Assembly, held from 15 – 24 October, 2024. Minister of Public Health attended the WHO Summit on

Traditional Medicines in December 2025. A delegation led by First Vice President of Senate, Mr. Aboubakary Abdoulaye, attended the Commonwealth Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers in January 2026.

(II) **From India to Cameroon**

India and Cameroon have maintained consistent diplomatic interactions over the years. The External Affairs Minister of India met the Cameroonian Foreign Minister in New York in September 2002, followed by a meeting between Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Anand Sharma and the Cameroonian Foreign Minister at the AU Summit in Sharm el Sheikh in June 2008. A 60-member Indian Parliamentary delegation attended the 60th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Yaoundé from October 2-10, 2014. Special Envoy Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria visited Cameroon in July 2015 to hand over an invitation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to President Paul Biya for IAFS-III. Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri M. Muraleedharan visited Yaoundé in September 2019, while Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar met Minister Delegate Mr. Adoum Gargoum in October 2019 during the NAM Ministerial Meeting in Baku. The 3rd Round of Foreign Office Consultations between the two countries was held on August 7, 2023, led by Shri Sevala Naik Mude from the Indian side.

Participation in CII – India Africa Business Conclaves

Prime Minister Philomen Yang visited India in March 2013 with seven ministers and a business delegation to attend the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on Africa. Since 2022, Minister Delegate in the Ministry of External Relations, Mr. Felix Mbayu, has regularly attended the Conclave. During his visit in August 2025, Minister Delegate Mr. Felix Mbyau met with Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relationship.

Trade and Commercial Relations

India and Cameroon signed a Trade Agreement in February 1968, thus laying the foundations for bilateral trade arrangements. India was the third largest buyer of Cameroonian products in 2023-24. The figures for bilateral trade in the last few years are given below:

India – Cameroon Bilateral Trade Statistics (Value in US \$ million)

Year	Exports to Cameroon	Imports from Cameroon	Total Trade
2023-24	454	788	1242
2024-25	596	337	933
2025-26 (uptoDec 2025)	441.62	218.87	660.49

M/S Jindal Group, through its subsidiary Camina S.A., is developing the Ngovayang iron ore project in southern Cameroon. There are around 60 small entrepreneurs / companies in Cameroon from India, operated in sectors including pharmaceutical, retail plastics, carton, biscuits, bottling and distribution of alcohol, etc. Tata Power, L&T, MBH, Transrail and Kalpataru have presence in the power sector.

Projects and related activities

In 2007, Government of India gifted 60 tractors and agricultural implements to Government of Cameroon.

Development Cooperation

(I) Lines of Credit & Commercial Loan Agreements

India has extended Lines of Credit (LoC) to Cameroon to support agriculture and infrastructure development. A US\$ 37.65 million LoC operationalized in 2009 financed rice and maize plantation projects, completed in 2017, while a further US\$ 42 million LoC supported procurement of agricultural machinery from India for a cassava plantation project, with equipment supplied in 2024. Additionally, during the 2017 visit of Cameroon's Minister of Economy to New Delhi, a US\$ 93.5 million Buyers' Credit under India's National Export Insurance Account was signed with Exim Bank of India for construction of 225 kV transmission lines (Nkongsamba-Bafoussam and Yaoundé-Abong Mbang), executed by Kalpataru Projects International Limited and completed in November 2022.

(II) India-UN Development Partnership Fund

A US\$ 1 million project on rural households' use of renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies, funded under the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, was implemented in Cameroon's North and Far North regions and completed in December 2022. Another project, worth US\$ 850,000 to be implemented by FAO, to develop value chains for banana, pineapple and cassava sectors has been approved in January 2026.

(III) Capacity Building

India has been supporting Cameroon's capacity-building efforts under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme since 1964 and currently offers over 180 ITEC training slots annually. In addition, seven scholarships were allocated to Cameroon under the ICCR's Africa Scholarship Scheme in 2025, which have been increased to ten for 2026.

(IV) Trilateral project

A Triangular Development Cooperation Pilot Project involving GIZ

(Germany), University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot (India) and IARD (Cameroon) on Potato Seed Production through Rooted Apical Cuttings (RAC) Technology was carried out in 2023. A second phase of the project is being planned.

(V) Humanitarian Assistance

In 2025, India provided humanitarian aid to Cameroon, including 1000 MT of rice, medicines, and essential items, in response to devastating floods in the Far North region. The rice donation was formally accepted by Mr. Paul Atanga Nji, Minister of Territorial Administration, on 23 June, 2025, who expressed gratitude for both the current and previous assistance.

Defence Sector Cooperation

A three-member team from Cameroon Defence forces led by a Senior Army officer attended the Aero show in Bengaluru in February 2023. General Nouma Donatien of the Cameroon Air Force led a delegation of 3 defence force officers to India to attend Aero India 2025. A first-ever delegation of the International War College, comprising 70 members including participants from Cameroon, visited India from 3–12 July 2025 as part of a study tour.

International Solar Alliance (ISA)

Cameroon joined the International Solar Alliance, an inter-governmental organization established in India, in 2022.

Culture

The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually across Cameroon, including in Buea, Yaoundé and Douala in 2025, with senior Cameroonian dignitaries participating in the Yaoundé event at the Palais des Congrès de Yaoundé. The High Commission also marked the World Meditation Day in 2024 and 2025 in association with UNESCO. Cultural exchanges remain active, including participation of Cameroonian troupes in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela and performances such as Kathak exponent Ms. Divya Raturi at Republic Day 2025 celebrations.

Indian Community

There are about 1200 Indian expatriates in Cameroon, contributing actively socially and economically.

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