

High Commission of India

Maputo

Visit of Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India to Mozambique

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Press Release

As a landmark in the India-Mozambique bilateral relations, H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, would visit Mozambique from April 13-15, 2023. This would be a historic moment, particularly as it will be the first visit of any External Affairs Minister of India to Mozambique since the independence of Mozambique in 1975. H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar had visited Mozambique in July 2016 in his capacity as the then Foreign Secretary of India as part of the delegation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, during his visit to Mozambique at that time.

The upcoming visit of the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India to Mozambique is a demonstration of the sustained and rapid increase in bilateral ties between India and Mozambique, particularly since the last decade. Both countries have had several Ministerial visits in the past and the upcoming visit of H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar to Mozambique reiterates our commitment to maintain the momentum of our bilateral cooperation and developmental partnership with Mozambique through interactions at the highest political levels.

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India during his upcoming visit to Mozambique will Call-On the Hon'ble President of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi as also on the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Ms. Esperança Bias. He would also meet his counterpart H.E. Ms. Verónica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo and co-chair the 5th India-Mozambique Joint Commission meeting on Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation with Hon'ble Minister, H.E. Ms. Macamo, where leaders of both sides will review the progress on the entire spectrum of the bilateral relations between the two countries and exchange views on both bilateral and multilateral issues.

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India would also visit the Mozambican Ports and Railways Authority (CFM) and interact with the Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Communications of Mozambique and the Chairman of CFM. He would also take a train ride in a Diesel Electric Motor Unit (DEMU) that has been sourced by CFM from India through M/s RITES under Government of India's concessional Line of Credit of USD 95 million.

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India would inspect the facilities of the Fabrica Nacional de Medicamentos (FNM) in Matola that has entered into a joint venture with the Serum Institute of India for manufacturing vaccines with technology transfer in Mozambique.

During his visit, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India would offer prayers at the historic and sacred 100-year old Salamanga Temple and at the Shiva Temple in Maputo, when he will also interact with the large Indian diaspora in Mozambique.

India and Mozambique have a strong and expanding partnership in diverse domains such as defence & security, trade & investment, agriculture & agro-industry, disaster management, health and pharmaceuticals, science & technology, and human resource development. Indian companies have substantial investments in Mozambique. Mozambique is also one of the important trading partners of India and acts as one of the principal exporters of Pigeon Peas, which is a staple diet in India.

The upcoming visit of the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, to Mozambique is expected to further stimulate and build upon the vibrant, versatile and robust bilateral cooperation between India and Mozambique as also lead to intensification of their collaboration at the multilateral fora by building on their mutual trust and understanding so that they can collectively voice the shared concerns and interests of the developing world in important international forums and resolve them.

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