

Franco-zambian relations

The agreements

In the economic field

Many agreements were signed : fiscal (1953, currently being reviewed) ; air cooperation (15 December 1966, in effect in 1970, on over-flight, stopover and commercial exploitation rights), and mining cooperation (1983), not implemented anymore.

Aid agreements were also concluded : agreements on the consolidation of the Zambian debt towards France (1983, 1985, 1997, 1999, 2004 and 2005) ; grant/loan agreements (1190 and 1992) ; food assistance (1992).

A mixed committee was established in 1988 (not held since many years).

A foreign investment protection agreement has been signed in 2002 and entered into force in 2014.

The visit of President Lungu to France in February 2016 was an opportunity to sign 3 economic partnership agreements between France and Zambia :

- Residence agreement between Zambia and AFD.
- Agreement between the Zambian Development Agency (ZDA) and Business France.
- Agreement between the Hotel and Training Institute of Lusaka and the IREST (Institute for Research and Advanced Studies in Tourism) of the Paris-Sorbonne University.

Moreover, two recent declaration of intent were added :

On the occasion of Mrs Ségolène Royale's visit to Lusaka in August 2015, as Minister for Ecology, Energy and Maritime Affairs, a declaration of intent was signed, which aim is to develop a climate change and renewable energy partnership.

During Jean-Marie Le Guen's official visit to Lusaka as State Secretary for Development and Francophony in March 2017, a declaration of intent was signed concerning cooperation on the strengthening of Zambia's energy sector.

In the cultural field

Three agreements were signed during President Lungus's visit to France in February 2016 :

- Declaration of intent between the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum Board of Zambia.
- Agreement between the University of Zambia (UNZA) and the Ecole des Mines of Nantes-Bretagne Telecom. It was the first such agreement between France and Zambia.
- Agreement between the ZNBC (Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation) and France Médias Monde, on the broadcasting of France 24 in English in Zambia and cooperation trough french training sessions in Zambia.