

Franco-zambian relations

Visits

As the mouthpiece of the Organization of African Unity, President Levy Mwanawasa had been welcomed to Paris in February 2002 by President Chirac.

In January 2003, Renaud Muselier, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, travelled to Zambia. It was the first French ministerial visit in Zambia since 1993.

In February 2005, Xavier Darcos, State Secretary for Cooperation, Development and Francophony, came to Lusaka in order to sign an agreement on development aid coordination in Zambia.

In December 2013, Edgar Lungu, at that time Minister of Defence and Justice, attended the Elysée summit.

Following its first election as President in January 2015, President Lungu travelled to France in February 2016 for an official visit to meet President Hollande. It was the first visit of a Zambian Head of State to France since 1983.

Ségolène Royale, Minister for Ecology, Energy and Maritime Affairs responsible for international climate relations, travelled to Zambia in August 2015 for an official visit to prepare COP21.

The Zambian Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Maxas Bweupe Ng'onga, came to France in February 2016 in order to visit the Paris International Agricultural Show.

Ségolène Royale came back to visit Zambia in May 2016.

The former Zambian Minister of Finance, Felix Mutati, travelled to Paris on the 23rd January 2017 and met with his counterpart Michel Sapin.

The State Secretary for Development and Francophony, Jean-Marie Le Guen, came to Lusaka on an official visit on the 2nd and 3rd March 2017 and met with Vice-President Inonge Wina and the Minister of Finance, Felix Mutati.

In February 2018, the Zambian Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Kampamba Mulenga, attended Paris' International Agricultural Show.