

India-Nauru Bilateral Relations

Background

The Indian High Commissioner to Fiji is concurrently accredited to Nauru since 2011, earlier it was covered by High Commission of India, Wellington.

High-Level Exchanges

FIPIC: The Forum for India-Pacific Island Countries was inaugurated on 19 November 2014 at Suva. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India also hosted the First Summit of the Forum in Suva (Fiji) during his historic visit to Fiji on 19 November 2014. The Forum saw participation of 14 Pacific Island Countries. Nauru delegation led by the former President Hon. Baron Waqa attended the Summit.

FIPIC-II: As a follow-up of the historic first FIPIC Summit in 2014, India organized the second FIPIC at Jaipur on 21 August 2015, which was hosted by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Building upon the success of the first FIPIC, India announced major initiatives to boost cooperation with the 14 Pacific Island countries. Nauru delegation led by former President Hon. Baron Waqa, attended the Forum.

Interaction with PSIDS at New York: On 24 September 2019, on the sidelines of the UNGA, Prime Minister of India Hon. Narendra Modi held an interaction, first of its kind, with the leaders of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS). This high-level exchange will be followed up with the third Summit meeting of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC), which is scheduled to be held in the first half of 2020.

India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference (IPISDC): Government of India organized the India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference (IPISDC) at Suva, Fiji on 25-26 May 2017. Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. (Dr.) V.K.Singh (Retd.) hosted the event. Former President H.E. Mr. Baron Waqa led the Nauruan delegation for the Conference.

Visit of President of Nauru to India for ISA Founding Conference: Nauru has become one of the first Founding Members of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) – a joint initiative of the Governments of India and France to promote solar energy. Former President Waqa participated in the Founding Conference of the ISA held in New Delhi on 11 March 2018.

Other Important Visits/Exchanges:

- Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Hon. Minister of State for Defence visited Nauru on 16-18 May 2018. Dr. Bhamre was the Chief Guest at Nauru's Constitution Day celebrations.
- Former President Marcus Stephen visited India in October 2010 for the New Delhi Commonwealth Games. Nauru won a gold and a silver medal in weightlifting at the Games. [Nauru has won medals in every Commonwealth Game since it started participating in 1990, including 15 medals (10 by women lifters) in weightlifting at the 2002 Manchester Games. President Marcus Stephen had won 7 gold and 3 silver medals in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games.]
- A Nauru delegation led by Mr. David Adeang, Minister for Justice, Border and Control, visited India in connection with the Second High Level Meeting (HLM) on South-South Cooperation for Child Rights in Asia and the Pacific, held in New Delhi on 23-25 October 2013.
- Hon. David Adeang, as Vice-President, led a 3-member delegation, to India from 29th June to 2nd July 2014 in connection with cooperation in IT and Tourism sectors. During the visit, he paid courtesy call on the Chief Minister and the Minister of Tourism of Kerala.
- Hon. Rennier Gadabu, Minister of Climate Change, Infrastructure Development and Commerce, Industry and Environment visited New Delhi to attend the Second General Assembly of the ISA on 31 October 2019.

Development Partnership Assistance

Government of India provides annual grants for community development projects in Nauru. In addition, training slots are offered to Nauru under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme of the Government of India. Diplomats are also offered training at the Foreign Service Institute of India. In 2018, India handed over 22 Mahindra SUVs to Nauru as assistance towards hosting of the 49th Pacific Islands Forum in Nauru.

Establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Excellence in IT: Government of India has established a Centre of Excellence in IT at Nauru. The project has been implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under an MoU signed between the Governments of India and Nauru.

Commercial and Economic Relations

The bilateral trade figures of the last three financial years (1 April-31 March) are as under:

Year	Exports to India	Import from India	Balance of Trade
2016-17	2.53	0.04	2.49
2017-18	1.36	0.01	1.35
2018-19	0.53	0.16	0.37

(Source: Department of Commerce, Government of India) in US\$ Millions

Cultural Relations

The **International Day of Yoga** is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Nauru every year with participation from high dignitaries, including the Nauruan President and the First Lady. As part of **Namaste Pacifika Festival of India**, Bollywood Dance Group Centrestage led by Shri Rishi Sharma visited and performed in Nauru in January 2018 on the Independence Day celebrations of Nauru.

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