

Malta and Africa Strategy For Partnership: 2020 – 2025

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Malta launched a Malta and Africa strategy for partnership 2020 – 2025, for public consultation, at the start of 2020. This strategic approach to Africa reflects the growing importance of this continent in relation to trade, development and diplomatic objectives.

The African Continent in the Modern World

The Maltese Government views Africa as a vital strategic partner for the future. It is an emerging economic force of more than fifty countries and Malta's strategy focuses on trade, diplomacy, development, exchange of wealth and creating opportunities between Malta and the African continent. Building Malta's strong relationships with Africa will help to create new investment and trade which will be mutually beneficial to both countries.

Malta's Strategy

In the opening speech at the presentation of the Malta and Africa strategy. Ex-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion, Carmelo Abela, highlighted the message that Africa is an emerging economic force. He remarked that Malta's national strategy serves as a guide for the development of Malta's relations with Africa, ensuring that Malta is not simply a passive player in a changing world, but an active contributor to solutions, and a worthy proponent of policy and opportunities for growth.

As an EU Member State, Malta has an important role to play in the formulation of EU policy leading to job creation and improved livelihoods.

Planned Trade Delegations

As a part of the Africa strategy, in 2020 the Ministry responsible for Trade Promotion will be leading trade delegations to; Ghana, Ethiopia and Ivory Coast, as well as an exploratory visit to Rwanda. The opening of the first 'Maltese Diplomatic Mission' in Africa, in Ghana will also take place in 2020.

Additional Information

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