



# Czech-African Partnership

## **Good and long-standing friends**

Czechia builds upon relationships established between the former Czechoslovakia and the countries of the African continent in the last century. We have a good mutual understanding and a sympathy for each other. We are strong believers in the bright future of Africa and want to be part of it.

## **Czechia's comprehensive offer for Africa**

Our African friends have a large choice of partnerships nowadays. Czechia nevertheless has a lot to offer: modern technologies, state-of-the-art defence and security projects, a expertise, in trade, investment, and development cooperation, and its own transformation experience.

## **Results-oriented partnership**

Czech companies are actively engaged in Africa, working in a variety of sectors, such as like healthcare, agriculture, water and sanitation, infrastructure, energy, mining, food industry, IT and cyber-security.

## **Partners who listen to each other**

The Czech-African partnerships are founded on shared values, a mutual respect, and a commitment to addressing global challenges together. It is a true partnership of equals who carefully listen to each other.

## **Focusing on critical areas of agriculture and climate change**

Czechia's long-standing commitment to developing projects in Africa reflects a shared dedication to enhancing the quality of life on the continent. These projects often focus on sustainable agriculture, rural development, responsible natural resource management and enhancing resilience to climate change, addressing critical challenges and contributing to Africa's progress.

## **Future belongs to the youth**

Cultural and student exchanges between Czechia and Africa enrich the relationship, creating opportunities for people-to-people contacts and a deeper understanding. We want young Africans to get to know Central Europe better.



# Ethiopia

- Within the framework of foreign **development cooperation (ODA)**, Czechia has been operating in Ethiopia to a greater extent since 2001.
- Since 2010, Ethiopia has been one of the **priority countries for Czech development cooperation**.
- **The main Czech development activities** are aimed at education, comprehensive rural development, including agriculture, while simultaneously protecting the landscape and sustainable management of natural resources, especially water.
- Following the decision of the Czech Government, a **Memorandum of Understanding on Development Cooperation** was signed on 16 February 2018 between the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.
- An integral part of the Memorandum is the bilateral **Development Cooperation Program for the period 2018-2023**.
- **The program aims** at the overall support and activation of the country's economic potential by creating sustainable growth through the support of agriculture and rural development and the introduction of sustainable land management.
- Another important point of cooperation is the promotion of **gender equality**, proper democratic governance and climate protection in the country.
- **Czech hydrogeologists have been actively involved** in Ethiopia since the 1970s, and they have created a unique hydrogeological map of the country.
- **Adolf Parlesák, is still popular in Ethiopia** thanks to the book "Abyssinian Odyssey", in which he authentically describes the events of the Ethiopian-Italian war in the 1930s.



# Kenya

- Czechia and Kenya enjoy **long-lasting cordial relations**.
- Partnership between Czechia and Kenya is anchored in **mutual respect, common interests and shared values**.
- **Trade** between Czechia and Kenya benefits from a long tradition of mutual relations. Kenya is **the gateway to the East African Community**.
- Kenya is **a key partner** in addressing regional conflicts and **common security challenges**.
- **Saving Northern White Rhinos:** Czechs experts from **ZOO Dvůr Králové** work side by side with **the Kenya Wildlife Service in preserving biodiversity**.
- Czech companies excel in **innovations**. **Prusa Research** is actively involved in development of **3D printing** in Kenya and its application in **healthcare and education** sectors.
- **Space cluster in Brno** and its leading company **TRL Space** in partnership with **Kenya Space Agency and Kenyatta University in Nairobi** explore ways of using satellite data for **smart agriculture** to increase Kenya's **resilience to climate change**.
- Czech companies offer unique and efficient solutions for **cybersecurity**.
- Kenya is **a leader in green energy**. Czech companies offer technologies securing power grid stability.
- Czech solutions **improve healthcare standards** in Kenya.
- **Academic Cooperation:** Summer School at the Faculty of Information Technology at **Brno University of Technology** is highly popular among students from **Strathmore University in Nairobi**, who make up to 40 % of participants.



# Ghana

- Czechia and Ghana are **bound by historical ties** that have never been broken even by changes of regimes on both sides. The Czechoslovak Republic played an important role in the early years of Ghana's independence, as evidenced by the first President Kwame Nkrumah's ties to our country.
- Czechia sees Ghana as a **pillar of stability in the neighborhood** of otherwise turbulent Sahel region and therefore seeks a strong security partnership both bilaterally and within multilateral structures.
- Since the beginning of bilateral relations, Czechia has worked for Ghana's **industrialisation and economic development, participated in the education of its technical intelligentsia** and is interested in further deepening cooperation in the areas of agriculture, infrastructure, health and security.
- Ghana is one of the **Czechia's top 5 trading partners** in sub-Saharan Africa, relations are developing also in cyber security, environment and climate.
- MEDEVAC missions are now in their fifth year - a strong partnership has been established with hospitals in Cape Coast and Tamale. **Czech doctors have operated on hundreds of Ghanaian patients** and are training their Ghanaian colleagues in Czech hospitals.
- Czechia is building a **unique water purification plant in Kade**, based entirely on Czech technology, which will provide drinking water for the entire community from the heavily polluted Birim River. This is a pilot project applicable to other countries in Africa.
- In collaboration with the University of Sunyani, the CAS operates a **unique meteorological station** to measure climate change, the first in Africa.
- Cooperation between Czech and Ghanaian universities (Mendel University, Hradec Králové University, University of Ghana) is developing.
- Ghana, as a non-permanent member of the UNSC, **has supported UN resolutions against Russian aggression in Ukraine** and is a supporter of democratic values and mutual respect at all levels.



# Côte d'Ivoire

- Côte d'Ivoire is a country with a **rich history, cultural diversity and a dynamic economy**, which in recent years has been an example of development and stability in West Africa.
- Czechia perceives Côte d'Ivoire as a **country that has had above-average economic growth for a long time** and we want to contribute to its further development with the help of Czech companies.
- Since the end of the civil war, it has made **great strides in its efforts to foster unity, peace and social justice in the country** and has shown great courage in managing complex reforms and transition.
- Czechia perceives Côte d'Ivoire as a **country with above-average economic growth over the long term**. It wants to contribute to its further development and is ready to share its experience in agriculture, health, transport, mining and energy.
- One of the largest contracts in recent years was the **delivery of IVECO buses** to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire's largest city.
- Cooperation is also taking place in the **health sector**. The Czech company Linet supplies the Treichville Hospital in Abidjan with equipment - medical beds.
- Both Czechia and Côte d'Ivoire, which has itself been the target of terrorist attacks, are **interested in strengthening the security** of the Sahel and perceive the threat of terrorism spilling over from this region to the coastal states of the Gulf of Guinea.
- Relations are also increasingly **developing in the field of sport** and there is an exchange of Czech and Ivorian artists (Creative Africa).



# Nigeria

- Czechia is perceived as a **friendly country** in Nigeria.
- Nigeria is one of the most **economically powerful countries in Africa**.
- Nigeria is the **second-largest trading partner for Czechia** in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Imports mainly focus on oil, sesame seeds, cashew nuts, and ginger.
- Economic opportunities also exist in healthcare/medicine production, education, agribusiness, transportation, and infrastructure development, including ICT.
- In 2022, the first branch of a **Czech trader**, the manufacturer of sewing machines from Boskovice, wholesale textile and footwear production, “GARUDAN,” was opened in Lagos, Nigeria.
- **Security cooperation**, which began in the 1960s in the field of military aviation, is also important.
- Czech companies in the defense and security industry are regarded as **reliable and relevant partners** in several sub-Saharan African countries.
- Prime Minister Petr Fiala briefly met with Nigerian President Buhari during the EU-African Union summit in Brussels in 2022.
- Representatives from Nigeria also participated in the **study trip for young African leaders called COOL CZECHIA**.
- Collaboration and the exchange of expertise also take place in the field of **museum management**.