

Sri Lanka to increase engagement with African countries - High Commissioner Moragoda

Continuing the series of engagements with concurrently accredited Diplomatic Missions to Sri Lanka from New Delhi, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India Milinda Moragoda interacted with a group of African Heads of Mission, and briefed them on the present developments in Sri Lanka. The interaction was also to increase Sri Lanka's engagement with the states in the African continent, particularly in trade and economic spheres.

This group of Heads of Mission included two Ambassadors, two High Commissioners and five chargés d' affaires who are concurrently accredited or designated to Sri Lanka from New Delhi. A second group of African Heads of Mission is to be hosted at the next interac-

tive session. The Ambassadors of Ethiopia and Mali along with the High Commissioners of Botswana and the Gambia as well as the chargés d' affaires of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Lesotho and Malawi attended this meeting.

High Commissioner

Moragoda welcomed the invited Heads of Mission and expressed his keenness in further strengthening Sri Lanka's relations with their respective countries, particularly in the trade and economic spheres. He also pledged all possible support of his Office to them in carrying

out their duties. He briefed the Heads of Mission on the current economic and political developments in Sri Lanka, in particular the plans for the stabilization and recovery of the Sri Lankan economy. A detailed discussion followed, with the Heads of Mission pos-

ing several questions to High Commissioner Moragoda. The diplomatic staff of the High Commission of Sri Lanka also attended this interactive session.

This was the fifth time that High Commissioner Moragoda interacted with concurrently accredited Heads of Mission in this manner since assuming office in New Delhi. Previously, he had interacted with a group of European Heads of Mission and a group of Latin American and Caribbean Heads of Mission on June 21 and July 19, 2022, respectively.

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi functions as the main coordinating point between the concurrently accredited 94 Foreign Missions and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.



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