

SOUTH AFRICA



1. Country brief with reference to its people

South Africa, with its rich history and multitude of cultures, is a land of possibility and opportunity. Its biggest asset is undoubtedly its diverse mix of people proud of their heritage and the country's remarkable achievements during the First Decade of Freedom. There were 44 819 778 people in South Africa in 2001. Of these, 79% classified themselves as African; 9.6% as White; 8.9% as Coloured; and 2.5% as Indian/Asian (census 2001).

According to Statistics South Africa, there were an estimated 46 429 823 people in South Africa in 2003 (Mid-Year Estimates, 2003). Of these, 36 914 284 were Black, 4 131 096 Coloured, while some 1 140 097 classified themselves as Indian and 4 244 346 as White.

The South African population consists of the following groups: the Nguni (consisting of the Zulu, Xhosa, Ndebele and Swazi people); the Sotho-Tswana, who include the Southern, Northern and Western Sotho (Tswana people); the Tsonga; Venda; Afrikaners; English; Coloureds; Indians; and those who have immigrated to South Africa from the rest of Africa, Europe and Asia and maintain

a strong cultural identity. A few members of the Khoi and the San also live in South Africa.

Almost 80% of South Africa's population follows the Christian faith. Other major religious groups are the Hindus, Muslims and Jews. A minority of South Africa's population does not belong to any of the major religions, but regard themselves as traditionalists or of no specific religious affiliation.

2. Nature and Demographic Profile of Indian Diaspora

Most Asians in South Africa are descended from indentured Indian labourers who were brought by the British from India in the 19th century, mostly to work in what is now the province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). The rest are descended from Indian traders who migrated to South Africa at around the same time, many from the Gujarat area. The city of Durban, has the largest Asian population in sub-Saharan Africa, and the Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi worked as a lawyer in the city in the early 1900s.

Most Indians are either Hindu or Muslim, and while a few still speak Indian languages like Telugu, Tamil and Gujarati, which have constitutional protection, almost all younger Indians speak English exclusively, and use Afrikaans or Zulu as a second language.

During the period of Apartheid, Indians were discriminated by Apartheid legislations like the Group Areas Act where Indians were forcibly moved into Indian townships, and had their movements restricted. They were not allowed to reside in the Orange Free State, and needed special permission to enter that province. They were also, as a matter of state policy, given an inferior education compared to white South Africans. The University of Durban-Westville (now part of the University of KwaZulu-Natal) was created for Indian students in the 1970s. Indians in South Africa were (and sometimes still are) commonly referred to by the racial epithet coolie by racists who were white.

In 1983, the Constitution was reformed to allow the Coloured and Indian minorities a limited participation in separate and subordinate Houses of a tricameral Parliament, a development which enjoyed limited support. The Indian house was called the House of Delegates. Some aspects of Indian life were

regulated by this house, including education. The theory was that the Indian minority could be allowed limited rights, but the Black majority was to become citizens of independent homelands. These separate arrangements were removed by the negotiations which took place from 1990 to provide all South Africans with the vote.

Indians played an important role in the anti-apartheid struggle, and a few rose to positions of power after the 1994 elections in South Africa. After the end of apartheid, it seemed like many Indians, particularly the poor, had begun to support formerly white parties such as the Democratic Alliance and New National Party, as they felt threatened by the policies of the ruling African National Congress. This trend appeared to have been reversed in the 2004 elections, with most historically Indian areas voting for the ANC.

Following the end of apartheid, a new wave of South Asian immigration commenced, with the new immigrants moving into Indian areas, where, presumably they will be less conspicuous to authorities, as many are illegal immigrants.

3. Known Distinguished Diaspora

(To be explored)

4. Concerns and Problems of Indian Diaspora

(Information to be collected from Indian High Commission at Johannesburg)

5. Major Diaspora Associations

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6. Bilateral Relations/Agreements

India has been in the forefront of the international community in supporting the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa ever since Mahatma Gandhi started his Satyagraha movement in this country a century ago. India was the first country to sever trade relations with the apartheid Government in 1946, and imposed a complete - diplomatic, commercial, cultural and sports- sanction on South Africa. India worked consistently to put the issue of apartheid on the agenda of the UN, NAM and other multilateral organisations and for the imposition of comprehensive international sanctions against South Africa. The ANC maintained a representative office in New Delhi from the 1960s onwards.

Following the commencement of talks between the South African Government and the ANC, India's relations with South Africa were restored after a gap of over four decades, with the opening of a Cultural Centre in Johannesburg in May 1993. Formal diplomatic and consular relations with South Africa were restored in November 1993 during the visit to India of the then South African FM, Pik Botha. A Consulate General was thereafter established in Johannesburg. The Indian High Commission in Pretoria was opened in May 1994, followed by the opening of the Consulate General in Durban in the same month. Since Parliament in South Africa meets in Cape Town, a permanent office of the High Commission was opened there in 1996.

Bilateral Agreements

DATUM	TITLE OF THE AGREEMENT
19110309	Parcel post agreement
19110616	Agreement between Postal Administrations (Money orders)
19930720	Exchange of Notes concerning the establishment of a cultural centre by the Republic of India in South Africa and a Liaison Office by the Republic of South Africa in India
19931122	Protocol on the Establishment of Consular Relations Between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of India
19931122	Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of India
19940822	Trade Agreement
19950125	Agreement on the Intergovernmental Joint Commission for Political Trade, Economic, Cultural Scientific and Technical Co-operation

- 19950125 Protocol on Co-operation between the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India
- 19950125 Treaty of the Principles of Inter-state Relations
- 19950719 Agreement on Co-operation in the fields of Science and Technology
- 19961204 *Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect of Taxes on Income*
- 19961204 Agreement on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Arts, Culture and Sports
- 19970328 Red Fort Declaration
- 19971007 Agreement in the Field of Tourism
- 19971007 Agreement on Co-operation in the Fields of Geology and Mineral Resources
- 19981205 Bilateral Air Transport Agreement
- 19981209 Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Co-operation in Telecommunications
- 19991109 Protocol of the Second Meeting of the India-South African Working Group on Geology and Mineral Resources of the Joint Commission for Political, Trade, Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technical Co-operation
- 20000927 Agreement on Defence Co-operation
- 20010315 Executive Programme for Cultural Co-operation for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003
- 20010430 Declaration of Intent in the Field of Health and Medicine
- 20021205 Memorandum of Understanding on Antarctic Co-operation