



**FIRST (1st) SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL JOINT COMMISSION FOR
BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AND
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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DAKAR, 9 AND 10 APRIL 2025

1. The First (1st) Session of the Ministerial Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation between the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa was held in Dakar on 9 and 10 April 2025.
2. The Senegalese and South African delegations were led respectively by Their Excellencies **Mrs. Yassine FALL**, Minister of African Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Senegal and **Mr. Ronald O. LAMOLA**, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.
3. The two Heads of Delegation reaffirmed the fraternal relations between the two nations, the foundations of which were laid during the common struggle against apartheid and colonialism.
4. At the outset, the two Heads of Delegation welcomed the convergence of views between Presidents H.E. **Bassirou Diomaye Diakhar FAYE** and H.E. **Matamela Cyril RAMAPHOSA** on major international issues and exchanged views on the continental challenges and the South African Presidency of the G20. They also welcomed the commitment and leadership of the highest authorities of both countries for the benefit of the African continent.
5. Their Excellencies, the two Foreign Ministers held talks in an atmosphere of cordial friendship and trust, during which they exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, and expressed their shared desire to strengthen cooperation between the two countries.
6. They exalted the excellent relations of fraternal friendship and cordial cooperation between the two countries, maintained through high-level political dialogue and characterised by a rich and varied legal framework.

7. They furthermore magnified the integration of their respective communities in the two countries, where they coexist harmoniously with their hosts while respecting the laws and regulations governing public order.
8. This First Session of the Ministerial Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation has consolidated the legal framework for bilateral cooperation. In this context, the two parties took note of the ongoing negotiations and the significant progress made and undertook to submit them to each party's internal validation procedure with a view to signing, as soon as possible. The Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding on cooperation in the fields of health, higher education, air transport, fisheries and aquaculture, land and sea transport, justice, social security, livestock breeding, promotion of employment, youth, sport, arts and culture, science and technology, elimination of double taxation, energy, hydrocarbons and mining.
9. Furthermore, the Commission welcomed and appreciated the hosting of the Business Forum which were attended by businesses from both Senegal and South Africa on the margins of the JCBC. In this regard, both businesses from both countries continue interactions and collaborations in pursuit of business opportunities for the benefit of both respective economies.
10. The two parties agreed to continue discussions in order to explore the possibilities of developing partnership between the chambers of commerce of the two countries`.
11. The two parties also agreed to broaden the scope of cooperation with a view to adapting it to the public policy frameworks in force in both countries, taking into account **Senegal's 2050 vision**, National Transformation Agenda, and South Africa's **National Development Plan 2030**.

12. At the end of this First (1st) Session of the Ministerial Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation between the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa, the two delegations expressed their satisfaction at the elevation of the proceedings to ministerial level, which illustrates the firm resolve of the high authorities of the two countries to boost the Dakar-Pretoria axis.
13. His Excellency Ronald O. LAMOLA was received in audience by His Excellency **Bassirou Diomaye Diakhar FAYE**, President of the Republic of Senegal and His Excellency **Ousmane SONKO**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal.
14. His Excellency Ronald O. LAMOLA expressed his heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude to Her Excellency Mrs. **Yassine FALL**, to the Government and people of Senegal, for the warm and fraternal welcome, as well as the kindness and attention extended to him and his delegation during their stay in the Senegalese Land of Teranga.

Done in Dakar, Senegal, on 10 April 2025

For the Republic of Senegal

For the Republic of South Africa

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