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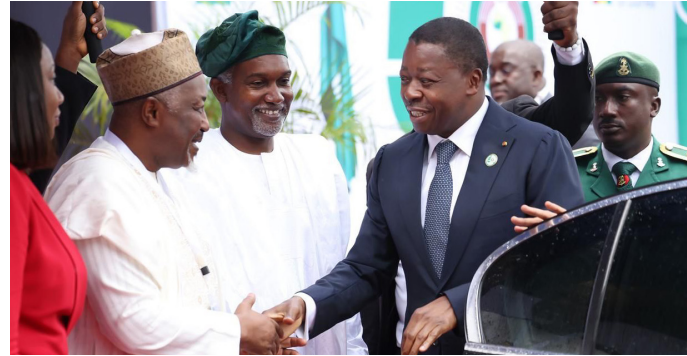


Editorial

This 1st issue of the Togo / African Union / Africa Newsletter, which will be published semiannually, aims to present Togo's continental engagement. The past six months have been marked by a significant increase in high-level diplomatic initiatives, reflecting Togo's determination to play an active role in strengthening intra-African partnerships through its presence at major meetings across the continent and around the world.

By participating in the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) and hosting a Qatari delegation in Lomé, Togo has highlighted its role as a platform for dialogue between Africa and other regions, as well as its commitment to reinforcing bilateral and multilateral relations. H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council, has seen his diplomatic roadmap further reinforced through high-level missions promoting peace, unity, security, and Africa's development.

At the broader African level, Togo distinguished itself through the vibrant celebration of Africa Day under the banner of "Living Together as Africans" in May, as well as official visits to Lomé by H.E. Bassirou Diomaye Diakhary Faye, President of Senegal, in July, and H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of Sierra Leone, in August, among others. The decision to entrust Togo, a West African state, with mediation in a Great Lakes conflict sends a powerful message, demonstrating the credibility Togo has earned at the continental level. Togo's mediation is supported by the United Nations, which described this mandate as a crucial contribution to regional stability. This intense political and diplomatic activity goes beyond mere declarations. It reflects Togo's firm posture and strengthens the image of H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council, as a pivotal actor in African diplomacy, capable of rallying shared expectations, undertaking challenging responsibilities, and serving as a bridge between states. With this newsletter, we are pleased to share ongoing initiatives, partnership opportunities, and the diplomatic challenges shaping our engagement for a stronger and more united Africa.



Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

On May 28, 2025, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council, took part in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held in Lagos, Nigeria.

Since 1975, ECOWAS has embodied the ambition of a united, prosperous, and peaceful West Africa - five decades of collective commitment to regional integration, political stability, economic development, and the well-being of West African peoples.

As a founding member of this great regional family, Togo proudly joined in commemorating this historic 50th anniversary. By attending the celebrations, the President of the Council reaffirmed our country's steadfast commitment to the ideals of cooperation and solidarity that underpin this Community.

The event in Lagos was marked by a symbolic renewal of the ECOWAS Treaty signature, followed by an official ceremony and a high-level roundtable bringing together former Heads of State and strategic partners.



The first Conference on public debt in Africa held in Lomé

The President of the Council warmly expressed his gratitude to the African Union Commission for the meticulous and forward-looking organization of the 1st Conference on public debt in Africa, held in Lomé from May 12 to 14, 2025. This initiative represented a significant step in the collective determination of African States to rethink financing mechanisms in support of the continent's sustainable development.

The presence and active engagement of H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, were particularly noteworthy. His intervention, marked by rigor and pragmatism, made a substantial contribution to the deliberations. By clearly articulating the foundations of a sovereign African approach to debt, he highlighted the urgency of moving beyond externally imposed paradigms to build a financial strategy grounded in Africa's realities and collective aspirations.

The conference reaffirmed a fundamental shared conviction: Africa can no longer afford to speak in a fragmented voice. A united stance is essential to rebuild a fairer financial architecture aligned with the continent's sovereign priorities.

The Lomé Conference thus marked the beginning of a renewed African drive toward economic justice, regional stability, and inclusive transformation.



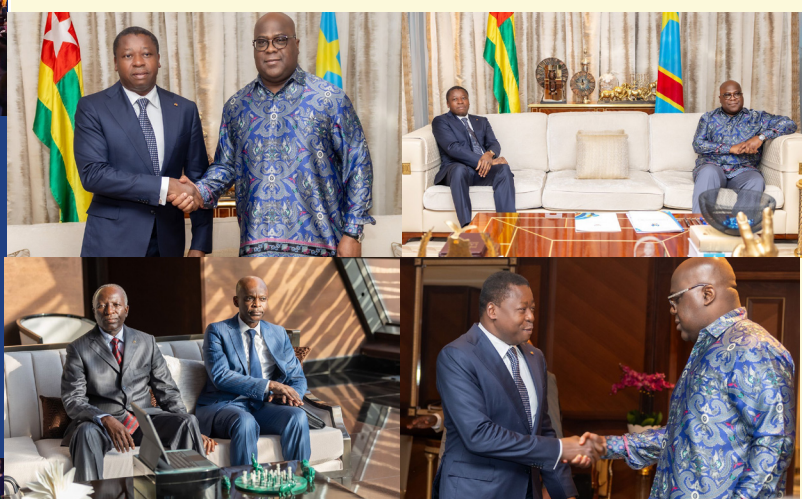
Global AI Summit on Africa

First global summit on artificial intelligence in Africa

On April 3, 2025, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council, served as Guest of Honor at the 1st Global summit on artificial intelligence in Africa, held in Kigali, Rwanda. His participation underscored Togo's commitment to advancing technological innovation and fostering collaboration between Africa and the global AI community.



Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, appointed as African Union mediator for the Great Lakes region



On April 16, 2025, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council, initiated high-level diplomatic consultations aimed at achieving a sustainable resolution to the crisis involving the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the March 23 Movement (M23), and Rwanda, with a view to restoring peace in eastern DRC. These consultations continued throughout the summer of 2025.