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Editorial

A Season of Active Diplomacy and Stronger Partnerships

This second issue of the Togo / African Union / Africa newsletter highlights **the intensity of diplomatic efforts** the by the President of the Council, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, during the last quarter of 2025. His numerous visits, forums, and summits reflect Togo's commitment to strengthening its role as a **mediator, peacemaker and strategic partner** across Africa and beyond.

From Lomé to Washington, and from Luanda to Moscow, the President has held high-level meetings that reinforce Togo's position as both a **diplomatic hub and a key actor** in promoting lasting peace and effective cooperation.



Lomé, the capital of a renewed Pan-Africanism

The 9th Pan-African Congress positioned Lomé as a **center for dialogue and a symbol of a united Africa**, bringing together the continent and its diaspora to shape a common future.



At the opening ceremony, attended by distinguished leaders from Africa and the diaspora, the President of the Council called for a **pragmatic and sovereign** form of Pan-Africanism. He reaffirmed the importance of unity and the vital role of the diaspora in advancing peace and development.



Paris and then Washington: Peace in the Great Lakes region

The peace agreement between the DRC and Rwanda, supported by Togolese mediation, highlights Africa's **capacity to manage its own security and diplomatic future** (Paris, October 30; Washington, December 4, 2025).

At the invitation of U.S. President Donald Trump, the President of the Council, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, attended the official signing ceremony in Washington. As African Union Mediator for the eastern DRC crisis, his role reflects a sustained commitment—recognized by the AU—to stability in the Great Lakes region.

On October 30, 2025, in Paris, the President of the Council joined a **trilateral meeting** with French President Emmanuel Macron and DRC President Félix Tshisekedi ahead of the Conference on Peace in the Great Lakes Region.

Luanda: Africa and Europe, Partners in a Shared Peace

At the EU-AU Summit (November 24, 2025), the President of the Council promoted a **vision of peace** as a global public good, driven by Africa and built in partnership with Europe, with youth at its core.

He structured his remarks around **three priorities**:

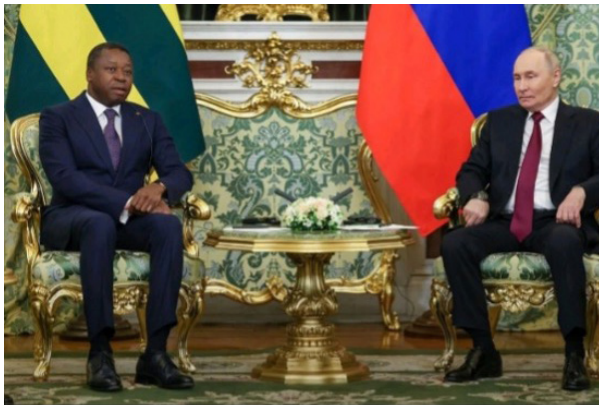
- Peace and security led by Africa
- Renewed multilateralism for a fairer global order
- A joint EU-AU peace architecture centered on African youth

« Lasting peace cannot be decreed; it must be learned, built, and passed on ».

F.E. Gnassingbé



Moscow: A Strategic Partnership for the Future



The official visit to Russia (November 18–19, 2025) marked a new phase in bilateral relations, focused on education, technology, and security.

Welcomed by President Vladimir Putin, the President of the Council, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, marked **65 years of diplomatic relations** between Togo and Russia. Discussions emphasized human capital development, cooperation in the Sahel, and a shared ambition to build balanced, results-oriented partnerships.



Rome : A Togolese Voice for Regional Security Aqaba Process, October 15, 2025

The President of the Council, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, took part in the Aqaba Process summit in Rome, co-chaired by King Abdullah II of Jordan and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Focused on security challenges in West Africa and the Sahel, the summit provided an opportunity for Togo to reaffirm its strong commitment to regional and international security efforts, particularly in the Great Lakes region, where Faure Gnassingbé's proactive diplomacy is recognized and praised.

Lomé: Economic Success as a Driver of Confidence

The UK-WCAF Forum reaffirmed Lomé's role as a **hub for investment and economic partnerships**, where Africa and the United Kingdom are working together to build sustainable opportunities (November 12–13, 2025). Under the theme "Success breeds success," the event confirmed Lomé as a leading platform for economic partnerships between Africa and the United Kingdom.

Abu Dhabi: South-South Solidarity in Action November 10, 2025



At the Trade and Investment Forum in Chad (November 10, 2025), Togo demonstrated its commitment to African integration and sustainable development.

As a special guest, the President of the Council, H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, highlighted the importance of solidarity and South-South cooperation, key pillars of Togolese diplomacy.

Lomé Peace and Security Forum II : Building Stability Through Dialogue,

October 11, 2025

The second edition of the Forum brought together prominent leaders, including **Liberian President Joseph Boakai and former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo**. It confirmed Lomé's role as a key platform for dialogue and action on peace and security in Africa.

The discussions emphasized an Africa that takes ownership of its security, promotes social justice, builds resilience to emerging threats, and commits to financing its own peace agenda.

