

South Africa's International relations policy and its impact on trade and other opportunities, especially in Africa with a specific focus on what constitutes South Africa's national interests.

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South Africa stands out as a peace seeking and peace loving country that seeks to follow the principle of live and let live.

While South Africa shot out as an adolescent who shot out of his clothes in comparison to her neighbours on the continent, our country is striving not to play big brother.

There are a number of memoranda of understanding signed with the Republic of Congo to change Africa's energy sector and the provision of electricity utility companies of both countries.

The Mountain Kingdom has entered into an agreement with South Africa to cater digital migration, cyber security, home-and-away-roaming and broad band.

Mozambique has entered into agreement with South Africa in as so far as joint training and sharing of information are concerned.

It is worth noting that South Africa and Namibia are great economic partners with Namibia's two thirds of foreign trade being of South African origin.

While there are partners and friends of good will, that cannot be said for Swaziland that has turned to be too parasitic of the Republic. But if they are not propped up, the fear is that they will invade our country.

It has to be borne in mind that South Africa plans to create the South African Development Agency which will drive development-partnerships to build innovative, proactive and sustainable partnerships to advance African Development.

The Republic is turning into a catalyst in driving the economy on the continent, this is attested to by the holding of the Southern African Development Community-Common market for Eastern and Southern Africa-East African Tripartite Heads of State and Government Summit which resolved to address the challenges associated with facilitating the movement of business people across regional economic communities, together with infrastructure development.

It is trite to ascribe the resurrection of the Burundian economy to South Africa. Except for the Defence Cooperation that is in place, South Africa has an Education Co-operation, Economic cooperation and a bilateral cooperation in the fields of Sport and Recreation with the country.

Memoranda of Understanding on ICT, Economic and Technical Cooperation, Tourism, Cooperation in the fields of oil and gas, the waiver of Visa Requirements to holders of Diplomatic and Official passports are in place between South Africa and Ghana.

All these measures are put in place to enable economic activity between our country and all these countries.

South Africa is pivot around which the economy of the African continent will revolve for some time to come.