

Leonardo Santos Simão

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation

Born in Matsinhe, on June 6, 1953, Leonardo Simão graduated in 1980 with a degree in medicine from Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. He completed a master's degree in public health at the University of London and received a certificate in health economics from Boston University.

Mr. Simão was a district health director and hospital director before being appointed Minister of Health in 1988. In 1994, he was elected to the Assembly of the Republic in the country's first multi-party general elections. In 1995, he was appointed chairman of the National Mine Clearance Commission.

Mr. Simão has been Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation since 1995.

Mr. Simão is married and has two children.