

Togolese Republic

Date of Independence:	April 27, 1960
Capital:	Lomé
Population:	2,874,000 (1983)
Head of State and Head of Government:	His Excellency General Gnassingbé Eyadéma (1967)
Economy:	Based predominantly on agriculture, with exports of coffee and cocoa. Phosphates account for most of Togo's revenue.

Canada/Togo Relations: Togo has been a political partner of Canada, particularly through the medium of the Francophone institutions, since the 1960s. Canadian firms are beginning to show an interest in establishing commercial ties with this country, particularly in the field of oil exploration. In 1985, Canada imported \$2.5 million in phosphates from Togo and exported \$4.5 million, mainly in wheat, to that country. In 1986-1987, \$11 million of CIDA's total contribution of \$17 million will be spent on two projects: a rural water supply project carried out by CUSO and the electrification of the country, using power from the Mono River Dam.

His Excellency General Gnassingbé Eyadéma: Born in 1935. Served in the French army. Army Chief of Staff in 1965. Took power in 1967. In 1969, founded the Rassemblement du peuple togolais. Confirmed in office as Head of State in 1972. In 1979, elected first President of the Third Republic for a seven-year term.