



U.S. Mission to South Africa

AMERICA INVESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA



WELCOME TO THE U.S. MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA

This Mission includes 300 Americans and 400 South Africans employed by 28 U.S. government departments and agencies. In addition to the embassy in Pretoria, there are consulates in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban. Many U.S. government departments, such as the Foreign Commercial Service, Customs Service, Centers for Disease Control, have based their regional operations in South Africa, reflecting the excellent support and logistics they find here.

The United States values its ties to South Africa. Both countries share commitments to democracy, to individual freedom, and to a strong role for the private sector in the economy. In 2003 two-way trade amounted to \$7.6 billion. South Africa is an important leader in its region and a key diplomatic partner for the United States. The bilateral relationship is growing in all sectors.

THE U.S. MISSION PROVIDES SERVICES:

- We represent President George W. Bush and his policies, the U.S. government, and more generally the United States.
- We protect and promote U.S. interests, such as the safety and welfare of its citizens.
- We help U.S. and South African firms with trade facilitation.
- We sponsor and facilitate educational exchanges, and counsel students who want to enroll at U.S. universities.
- We issue visas for travel to the U.S.
- We provide assistance to South Africa in a number of areas.

U.S. ASSISTANCE

In 2003 U.S. official economic assistance to South Africa will total about \$95 million. USAID provides most of this funding, but other agencies fund programs such as medical research, judicial training and crime fighting, educational exchanges, and military cooperation.

In addition the U.S. government is the biggest contributor to many multilateral funds, such as the UN Global Health Fund, that finance large projects in South Africa.

U.S. corporations, foundations, non-governmental organization, and private citizens fund many assistance programs here, at a level comparable to official funding. These programs emphasize health and education, two top priorities for South Africans. Involvement and commitment by U.S. institutions often has greater impact beyond the funding levels themselves.

ISSUE PAPERS

The U.S. Mission's "Issue Paper" provide background and information on what we are doing on six key issues: Economic Development, Peace and Security, Public Health, Trade, Democratic Systems, and Law Enforcement and Terrorism. These papers identify which agencies are most involved and point you to websites for more information.