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Public Lecture commemorating Africa Day

Keynote Speakers

His Excellency Ambassador Lin Songtian

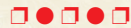
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of South Africa

Topic: "If China can achieve success, Why not South Africa and Africa?"

Ambassador Anil Sooklal

Deputy Director General
Department of International Relations and Cooperation

Topic: "The Role of China in South Africa and Africa's Rise to Prosperity"



Date : Monday, 20 May 2019

Time : 12h30 - 14h30

Venue : Senate Chamber | Westville Campus | UKZN

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All Welcome

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Ambassador Lin Songtian



AMBASSADOR LIN SONGTIAN assumed the office of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of South Africa in August 2017. Before that, Ambassador Lin has served as the Director-General for African Affairs of the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the Secretary-General of the Chinese Follow-up Committee of the FOCAC since June of 2014. As a veteran in China-Africa relations, he was directly involved in designing, preparing, coordinating and implementing the outcomes of the FOCAC Johannesburg Summit, the first ever China-Africa summit held on the African continent.

Ambassador Lin entered the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986, and then was posted to China's mission in Saudi Arabia. His bond with Africa started in 1999, when he served as the Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Zambia until 2002. From 2002 to 2003, he worked as Senior Counsellor at Deputy Director General Level in the Department of African Affairs of the Foreign Ministry. Between 2003 and 2007, he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to the Republic of Liberia. From 2007 to 2008, he was designated as Deputy Director General of the Department of Personnel in the Foreign Ministry. From 2008 to 2010, he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to the Republic of Malawi. Between 2010 to 2014, he worked as Director General of the Department of Foreign Affairs Management of the Foreign Ministry.

Ambassador Anil Sooklal



AMBASSADOR ANIL SOOKLAL is the DDG responsible for Asia and the Middle East, Department of International Relations and Cooperation. In addition to his duties as DDG, he is also South Africa's BRICS sous-Sherpa and National Focal Point for IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) and the IOR-ARC (India Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation). He holds a D Phil in Religious Studies and PhD in Oriental History from UKZN.

In addition to his academic qualifications, he also holds a Diploma in Fine Art, a Certificate in Human Rights from the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, and a Certificate in International Trade and Investment Promotion obtained from the International Trade Institute of Singapore under the Singapore Co-operation Programme. Dr Sooklal held several positions in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation. He previously served as Deputy Director-General: Asia & the Middle East. He also served as Chief Director for North Africa, Acting Chief Director for United Nations Political and Global Security Affairs and Head of the Department's Parliamentary Office in Cape Town, and was coordinator of the substance team of the UN World Conference Against Racism, 2001. He was appointed Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg in April 2006 and completed his term of office in January 2012. He served as a member of the Religious Advisory Board of the SABC from January to August 1995, when he resigned to take up his post at the SA Permanent Mission to United Nations in Geneva.