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Australian Governor-General to visit Mozambique

The Australian Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, will visit Mozambique from 24-26 March to strengthen Australia's engagement at the highest levels of Government.

The Governor-General will meet with the national leadership as well as visit a number of aid programs supported by Australia. The Governor-General will also address a major World Bank conference on corporate social responsibility in the resources sector in Maputo on 25 March.

Her visit will demonstrate Australia's strong commitment to further enhancing engagement with Mozambique. Australia's bilateral relationship with Mozambique is growing quickly, with substantive Australian investments in recent years, particularly in Mozambique's natural resources sector.

The Governor-General will also reiterate the Australian Government's commitment to forging a closer partnership with countries in Africa, as recently announced by Foreign Minister Smith in Addis Ababa.

She will highlight Australia's expanding aid program to Africa and convey the commitments made by the Australian Government directly to their Mozambican counterparts, including the substantial increase in the number of scholarships on offer to African students.

African countries have an increasingly important role in finding collective multilateral solutions to global issues such as trade reform, the global financial crisis, climate change, arms control, terrorism and regional conflicts.

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