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Chair, Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations
Committee

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Dear Delyth

I am writing in response to your letter of 4 March, which requested information about Wales' relationship with African nations.

The answers to each of your questions have been set out in the annex to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Annex A - Response

1. We have the support of the British High Commission (BHC) in the three African countries where we work (Namibia, Lesotho and Uganda). We rely on the BHC to provide us with safety and political briefings, and work with the BHC to support staff and participants who are taking part in any of our programmes in-country.
2. The UK Government is currently consulting with Welsh Government on its 'New Africa Approach' as part of delivering UK-Africa relations.
3. The scale and aims of Welsh Government activity in Africa is very different to that undertaken by the UK Government. Our priorities do not conflict with, or duplicate, those of the UK.
4. UK-African relations are discussed in the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee.
5. Intergovernmental relations are not devolved, and the UK Government has specialists (for example in human rights) deployed in the countries where the Welsh Government is undertaking projects. The Welsh Government promotes Welsh values of fair play and equality through the work that we undertake. The most high-profile example of this work takes place in Uganda where, following the passing of the Anti-Homosexuality Act 2023, the Welsh Government has organised and supported events discussing how to ensure that LGBTQI rights are protected, insofar as is possible, in the work that groups and individuals do in partnership with Ugandans.
6. The Wales and Africa Action Plan has been discussed with UK Government officials and assistance has been provided by the British High Commissions in the countries where we work. There has been regular engagement with BHC officials in Uganda in support of the Mbale Tree Programme.