

News story: Message from Rory Stewart, Minister for Africa

Following his recent appointment as Minister of State for Africa, Rory Stewart said:

I am so excited to have the role of Minister for Africa in both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development.

Africa is an extraordinary continent with so much potential: An incredible number of young people, some of the most stunning landscapes in the world and extraordinary new businesses. There is also a great historical relationship between Africa, Europe and the world, which needs to be developed and deepened.

I am really looking forward to learning from Africans, to listening to the experiences of people on the ground and building relationships, that, if we can get them right, should flourish over 30, 40, 50 years with mutual respect and learning between Africa and the United Kingdom.