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Australian Governor-General to visit Namibia

The Australian Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, will visit Namibia this week on 19 and 20 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 an aid program supported by Australia.

Her visit will demonstrate Australia's strong commitment to further enhancing engagement with Namibia.

Australia's bilateral relationship with Namibia is growing quickly, with substantive Australian investments in Namibia's natural resources sector in recent years, particularly in Namibia's growing uranium 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, including through the substantial increase in the number of scholarships available 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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