ESWATINI

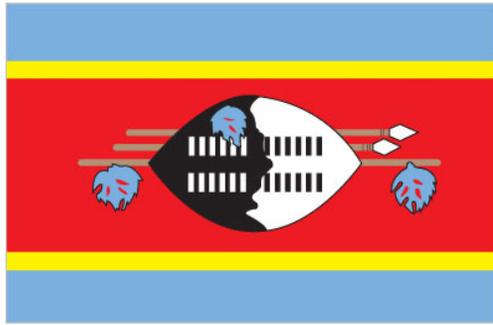## GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
King MSWATI III

Head of Government
Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo DLAMINI

Government Type
absolute monarchy

Capital
Mbabane (administrative capital); Lombamba (royal and legislative capital)

Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (30 seats) and the House of Assembly (73 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of chief justice and at least 4 judges) and the High Court (consists of the chief justice – ex officio – and 4 justices)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Njabuliso Busisiwe Sikhulile GWEBU

US Ambassador
Ambassador Lisa PETERSON

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 17,364 sq km
Land: 17,204 sq km
Water: 160 sq km

Climate
varies from tropical to near temperate

Natural Resources
asbestos, coal, clay, cassiterite, hydropower, forests, small gold and diamond deposits, quarry stone, and talc

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
depends on South Africa for a majority of its exports and imports; currency pegged to the South African rand; world's highest HIV prevalence rate, a financial strain and source of economic instability

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$11.6 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$10,100 (2017 est.)

Exports
$1.83 billion (2017 est.)
partners: South Africa 94% (2017)

Imports
$1.451 billion (2017 est.)
partners: South Africa 81.6%, China 5.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
1.1 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.77% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
African 97%, European 3%

Language
English (official, used for government business), siSwati (official)

Religion
Christian 90%, (Zionist – a blend of Christianity and indigenous ancestral worship – 40%, Roman Catholic 20%, other 30% - includes Anglican, Methodist, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness), Muslim 2%, other 8% (includes Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, indigenous, Jewish) (2015 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 24.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.46 % annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
88.4% (2015)

as of February 2020