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candidate for SG of the
Commonwealth**



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Kenya nominates candidate for Secretary General of the Commonwealth



CS Amb Raychelle Omamo addresses High Commissioners and Senior officials of Commonwealth Member States to introduce CS Defence Amb. Dr. Monica Juma, Kenya's nominee for Secretary General of the Commonwealth on August 31, 2021.

On August 31, 2021 Foreign Affairs, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo convened a Diplomatic Briefing of High Commissioners and Senior Officials of the diplomatic missions from Commonwealth Member State to introduce Defence Cabinet Secretary Amb. Dr. Monica Juma as Kenya's nominee for Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

This followed her nomination by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya on August 30, 2021 to the post of the Secretary General of Commonwealth.

Speaking at the diplomatic briefing, CS Omamo reiterated Kenya's commitment at various international foras.

"As a country we believe in the purpose of multilateralism and stand in solidarity with countries from all regions as we collectively build our world of tomorrow," CS Omamo said.

The Cabinet Secretary underscored that, the validity of multilateralism is now more than ever vindicated. "As a member of the UNSC, the African Union, the East African Community and the Commonwealth, Kenya will not relent in contributing its fair share of its obligation at regional and international levels."

The CS stressed that, Dr. Juma was an absolute topnotch candidate as a diplomat of vast experience; an administrator of peace and security at the regional, international level; a crafter of Foreign Policy and diplomatic engagement; a consensus builder and an exemplar of the commonwealth values.

Kenya believes in the strong bonds of the Commonwealth founded on common heritage and aspiration for a collective future with shared prosperity, the CS highlighted. She added that, the core values and principles of the commonwealth; democracy, rule of law and human rights underline Kenya's constitution and therefore influence the value system and national psyche of our people.

CS Omamo reiterated President Kenyatta's request to every commonwealth member state for support and endorsement.

"I am confident, that Dr. Juma will deliver well on this big promise. We therefore seek your favourable consideration of Amb. Dr. Monica Juma as the 7th Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

Amb. Juma addressed the Diplomats and shared her vision for the Commonwealth Secretariat. She underscored her commitment to build strong secretariat; forge stronger connections among member state; and nurture consensus in order to deliver on the Commonwealth mandate.





Angola's Foreign Minister makes maiden visit to Kenya



H.E. Amb. Tété António, Minister for External Relations of the Republic of Angola was received by Amb. Josphat Kaunda Maikara Kenya's Ambassador to Angola on arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on August 19, 2021.

On August 19, 2021, H.E. Amb. Tété António, Minister for External Relations of the Republic of Angola made a one-day official visit to Kenya and delivered a written message from H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola to H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo, hosted H.E. Amb. Tété António, and noted with appreciation the historical visit, the first official visit to Kenya by a Minister for External Relations of the Republic of Angola.

The two ministers held extensive bilateral discussions, during which they reiterated the significance of the exchange of high-level visits in unlocking the latent value of bilateral cooperation.

They discussed the acceleration of the launch of the Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation, tentatively scheduled in December 2021 in Nairobi and the consolidation of peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region in line with the African Union 2063 Agenda of the Silencing of Guns.

H.E. Amb. Tete Antonio conveyed H.E President Lourenco's appreciation regarding H.E President Kenyatta's stewardship of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).



From L-R Amb. Josphat Maikara, CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo, H.E. Amb. Tété António, Amb. Eng. Sianga Abilio in Nairobi on August 19, 2021.

Amb. Raychelle Omamo lauded Angola for its leadership of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and for spearheading the peace process in the Central African Republic.

The Angolan delegation appreciated Kenya's support, and important contributions to the A3+1 in supporting the ICGLR position on the Central African Republic and in advancing the African Agenda at the UNSC.

The two Ministers committed to work together to ensure regular bilateral consultations at all levels and explored ways to accelerate the launch of the Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation.



CS Amb Raychelle Omamo and H.E. Amb. Tété António, held extensive bilateral discussions, during which they explored ways to accelerate the launch of the Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation.



Kenya and Colombia sign bilateral instruments



**AMB. RAYCHELLE OMAMO
CABINET SECRETARY**

The CS appreciated Republic of Colombia's support during Kenya's bid for UNSC for the period 2021-2022 saying that Kenya will use the position to enhance global peace and security while strengthening south to south cooperation which is critical for socio-economic transformation of developing countries.

H.E. Marta Lucia on behalf of the Republic of Colombia conveyed support in the fight against the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic saying it will facilitate increase of production and distribution of Covid – 19 vaccines in Africa.

Kenya and Colombia signed two significant Memorandums of Understanding, a testament of the importance the two countries attach to the relations between them.

The instruments signed by Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Kenya's Foreign Minister and H.E. Marta Lucia Ramirez, Vice President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia included; MOU on Political Consultations and MOU between Kenya's Foreign Service Academy and the Diplomatic Academy of Colombia.

Speaking during the signing ceremony held virtually on August 20, 2021, CS Omamo noted that the agreement will open up new channels of bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the two countries and deepen relations and cooperation in areas of agriculture; peace and security; environment, climate change, education, tourism and cultures.

The Cabinet Secretary proposed reactivation of the existing bilateral instrument in the area of trade and investment so as to build robustness in economic relations. She encouraged business people to engage and explore business opportunities in the two countries.

Earlier on, Colombia's Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Monica de Grief Lando called on CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo where they reviewed bilateral relations between Kenya and Colombia and noted potential areas to enhance cooperation.

Kenya and Colombia continue to enjoy vibrant and strong diplomatic ties buttressed by a friendship that has been in existence for 46 years.



H.E Monica de Grief Lando, Ambassador of Colombia to Kenya called on the Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo on August 20, 2021.



Kenya, Tanzania hold 4th session of JCC



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo and her Tanzanian counterpart, Hon. Amb. Liberata Mulamula during the 4th Session of JCC discussions in Nairobi on August 24, 2021

The 4th Session of the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) between the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania was held in Nairobi from August 19 - 20, 2021. The session was convened as a follow up to the successful maiden visit by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania to the Republic of Kenya on May 4 -5, 2021.

To strengthen and enhance cooperation between the two countries, Kenya and Tanzania signed the following Memoranda of Understanding - MoU on Political and Diplomatic Consultations; MoU on Higher Education, Scientific and Technology Co-operation; MoU on Higher Education, Scientific and Technology Co-operation; MoU on Higher Education, Scientific and Technology Co-operation; MoU on Reaffirmation and Demarcation of the International Boundary.

The Kenyan delegation was led by Amb. Raychelle Omamo Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya. The Tanzanian delegation was led by her Tanzanian counterpart, Hon. Amb. Liberata R. Mulamula (MP) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.



The JCC provided a platform to strengthen bilateral relations between Kenya and Tanzania. Deliberations during the JCC were undertaken, cognizant of the existing areas of cooperation between the two countries in the political, defence, security, economic, social and cultural spheres.



On trade, the JCC took note of the progress made by the Joint Trade Committee in addressing most of the challenges facing bilateral relations and urged the resolution of the remaining issues.

On health matters, the Ministers took note of the meeting of the Health Ministers held in Nairobi that resolved to put in place a joint mechanism for dealing with COVID-19 including testing and vaccine roll out. Further it was agreed to set up modalities for exchange of health personnel.

On immigration and labour, the JCC took note of the Joint Technical Committee meeting of Immigration Chiefs and Labour officials to discuss immigration and labour matters held on 5th August 2021.

The JCC emphasized on the importance of regular interaction at the highest level to review progress and iron out any issues. It was agreed that the JCC will be held more regularly.

The 4th Session of the JCC was organized at three levels namely: The Ministerial Segment, Principal Secretary's Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting. It brought together Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers, Principal and Permanent Secretaries, Diplomats and Senior Public Officials from Government Ministries, Departments and State Agencies of the two countries.



Technical experts from Kenya and Tanzania convene in Nairobi in preparation for JCC



CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba presided over the official opening of the meeting of senior officials in preparation for the 4th Session of Kenya-Tanzania Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) in Nairobi on August 20, 2021.

Following the State Visit to Kenya in May 2021 by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan where two Memorandums of Understanding on Joint Technical Commission meetings were signed, the two East African nations continue to work together for the mutual benefit of their people.

On August 20, 2021, technical experts from Kenya and Tanzania held the fourth session of the Kenya-Tanzania Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) in Nairobi with the official opening ceremony of the meeting of experts presided over by CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba.

The bilateral discussions during the JCC were aimed at strengthening the mutually beneficial relations for the benefit of Kenya and Tanzania.

Speaking during the ceremony, CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba applauded the Technical Experts from both countries for their hard work and dedication in preparation of the JCC noting that, discussions will advance the fraternal ties existing between Kenya and Tanzania and enhance the common values and aspiration for a better life of the citizens.

He encouraged the experts to exhaustively negotiate on three clusters under discussion namely; Foreign Affairs and Security; Economic Affairs and Cultural Issues with a view to review and finalize all instruments of cooperation and chart new areas of cooperation.

The fourth session of the JCC sought to review the status of implementation of decisions and recommendation of the 3rd session of the JCC, the status of existing MOUs and considered new areas of cooperation between Kenya and Tanzania.



From L - R : Amb. George Orina, Director Africa, Amb. Dr. John Simbachawene, Tanzania's High Commissioner to Kenya, Amb. Naimi Asiz, Director for Africa Tanzania, Hon. Ababu Namwamba, Chief Administrative Secretary, Amb. Hon. Dan Kazungu, Kenya's Ambassador to Tanzania, Amb. Galma Boru, Director General Bilateral and Political Affairs



Kenya, South Africa launch JCC

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo and Dr. Naledi Pandor, South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation display the Joint Communiqué between Kenya and South Africa during the inaugural of Kenya-South Africa JCC in Nairobi on August 11, 2021.



Kenya and South Africa held the inaugural session and official launch of the Kenya- South Africa Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) on August 11, 2021 in Nairobi.

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo together with her South Africa counterpart Dr. Naledi Pandor, chaired the Inaugural Session of the Kenya-South Africa Joint Commission for Cooperation. They reaffirmed the close friendship, common interests and values that are the foundation of the strong relationship between the two countries.

The two Foreign Ministers held bilateral talks where they reviewed the status of bilateral relations between Kenya and South Africa and exchanged views on regional and continental development and multilateral cooperation. Further, they emphasized the need to continue working jointly towards enhancing political, economic and defence cooperation and welcomed negotiations of Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding under six areas of mutual interest including- Correctional services; political consultations; migration; terrorism; diplomatic training.

Other possible areas of cooperation and collaboration discussed included – trade and investment; agriculture; livestock and fisheries; education and human resource development; art, culture and sports; defence and police matters; health; science and technology, energy, maritime and air transport; housing and infrastructure development with the Lamu Port, South Sudan Ethiopia (Lapset Corridors) The two leaders hailed and encouraged cooperation and coordination between the three African – non-permanent members (A3) of the UNSC as they advance the African Agenda in the Security Council.

On Women, Peace and Security Agenda, the two ministers noted progress made in the implementation of the United Nations Resolution 1325 and committed to support each other's initiatives in advancing this agenda.

On the margins of the JCC between Kenya and South Africa, President Uhuru Kenyatta held a virtual bilateral meeting with Dr. Naledi Pandor, South African Foreign Minister where they discussed matters of mutual interest between the two countries.

The holding of the inaugural session of the JCC was reflective of the commitment by the Heads of State of the two countries who have indicated their desire to elevate the relations to higher levels.

On August 20, 2021, Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary, Amb. Macharia Kamau and the Deputy Director General, South African Department for International Relations and Cooperation opened the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the inaugural session of the Kenya-South Africa Joint Commission for Cooperation(JCC) that was followed by the Ministerial segment.

They lauded the JCC as an opportunity for Kenya and South Africa to robustly engage in advancing the common African agenda of pursuing economic prosperity in the spirit of pan-Africanism and progressive liberal democracy. The two leaders reiterated the urgency of defending the Afro-centrist values in shaping the trajectory of African people.



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo with her South African counterpart Dr. Naledi Pandor, in a group photo during the Inaugural Session of the Kenya-South Africa Joint Commission for Cooperation held in Nairobi on August 11, 2021



MFA celebrates International Youth Day



CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba with MFA young officers during the virtual International Day Celebrations on August 12, 2021

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is dedicated to the Youth Agenda, which is a firm testament of the governments commitment to the empowerment of young people in the country.

This year's International Youth Day, was celebrated globally on August 12, 2021, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kenya was not left behind. Chief Administrative Secretary, Hon. Ababu Namwamba presided over the virtual International Youth Day celebrations with the Ministry Staff from headquarters and 56 missions abroad in attendance.

The event themed; "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health" aimed at underscoring the fact that healthy lifestyles and future food and nutrition security depend on the full participation of the young people. It recognized the positive impact the youth have in ensuring that SDG2 (Zero Hunger) is achieved sooner than later.

Speaking during the event, CAS Namwamba in support of the theme, encouraged more youth to engage in the transformation of food systems to promote food and nutrition security within sustainable healthy ecosystems.

"The youth must make use of increased access to information to develop the culture of sustainable, healthy, economically viable agriculture that promotes environmental protection and resilient food system," CAS Namwamba said.



He added that, "mental health is key, as you take care of your body, take care of your mind. A perfect mix of healthy people and a healthy environment is necessary for productive population. This must go hand in hand with healthy feeding habits in terms of quality and quantity.

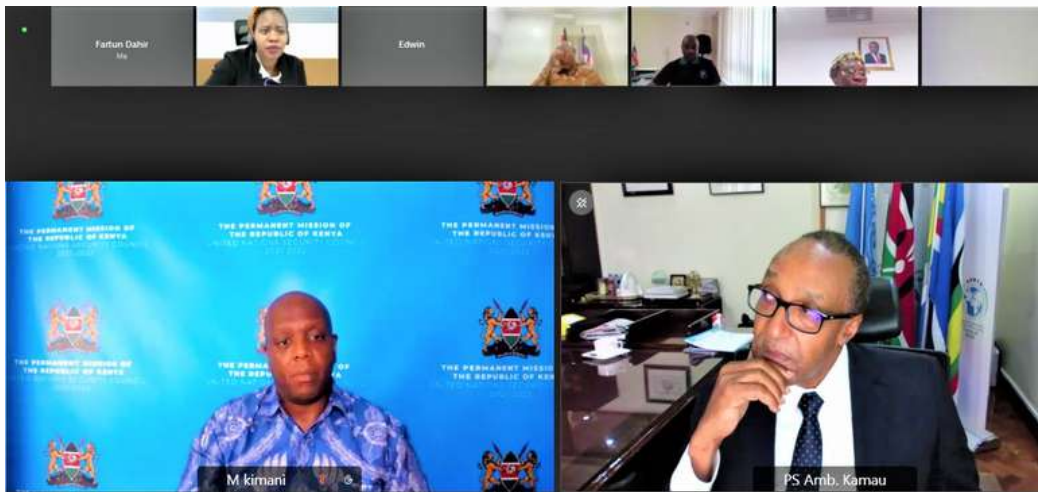
The CAS pointed out that Kenya obtained special recognition for her consistent commitment to the youth agenda during the 73rd United Nations General Assembly (2018) when H.E. President was unanimously endorsed as the global champion of the young people's Agenda.

Highlighting Governments' contribution to promotion of Youth Agenda, CAS Namwamba noted the numerous initiatives to enhance access to finance, which include, the Uwezo Fund, Women Enterprise Fund and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. All intended to tap into the creative abilities of the youth to generate opportunities for employment and wealth creation.

Topics discussed included; making Kenya food and nutrition secure; promoting equitable food distribution in light of carbon footprint concerns; innovative ways for climate adaptability; and Environmental Sustainability and Ecosystems



PS Macharia holds mentorship session with MFA young officers



PS Amb. Macharia Kamau with MFA young officers during the virtual mentorship session on August 10, 2021

On August 10, 2021, Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau held a virtual interactive mentorship session with MFA youth based at the ministry headquarters and 56 missions abroad in support of the International Youth Day celebrations week.

Speaking during the event, the PS noted that this year's theme for the International Youth Day; "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health" underscored the fact that the world recognizes the positive impact the youth have in the success of such a global effort.

The Principal Secretary encouraged the young officers to be leaders in the spaces they occupy and take responsibility for their actions at all times. He urged them to adopt new innovations, engage technology driven and smart agribusiness to transform farming and food production systems of the world and in the process achieve food and nutrition security.



"There is need for the youth to collectively and individually engage in transformation of food systems," the PS said, adding that, the youth must make use of increased access to information to develop culture of sustainable, healthy, economically viable agriculture that promotes environmental protection and resilient food systems.

Noting that the Covid-19 pandemic had presented new challenges in terms of physical and social activities and also in terms of quality of lives and feeding habits, PS Macharia highlighted that the same period equally presented opportunities for innovation and creativity with many youth learning new skills.

In support of the Food Security and Nutrition Pillar under the Big Four Agenda, MFA continues to utilize diplomatic footprint to enhance the Country's capacity to achieve food Security through benchmarking.

The PS congratulated and welcomed the newly appointed Third Secretary Cadets after successful completion of their training and attachment and advised them to take time to understand the system, participate in mentorship programmes, nurture team spirit, networking and healthy working relations which will translate to better productivity and achievement of the Ministry's mandate.

The meeting was attended by various Ambassadors and High Commissioners.





CS Amb Raychelle Omamo met her counterpart the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia Mohamed Abdirizak in Mogadishu on August 8, 2021

Kenya, Somalia open new chapter in bilateral relations

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo during her State Visit to the Federal Republic of Somalia on August 8, 2021 met with H.E President Mohammed Abdullahi Mohammed Farmajo, during which she conveyed warm greetings and a message of goodwill from H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, to H.E. President Farmajo, and through him to the Government and People of Somalia.

The Cabinet Secretary briefed H.E. the President on the outcome of the fruitful discussions with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Somalia H.E. Mohammed Abdirizak and reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to deepen relations with Somalia and to work together to promote peace and security within the region.

CS Omamo, accompanied by her Somali counterpart also paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia Hon. Mohammed Hussein Roble. The PM encouraged the two Foreign Ministers to embark on their plan of action and re-energize the historic relations between the two countries.

Earlier on, the Cabinet Secretary met and held discussions with the Somali Foreign Minister, Mohamed Abdirizak in Mogadishu. The two expressed mutual commitment to regional stability, principles of democracy, and fostering human and economic contact across borders.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia Mohamed Abdirizak accompanied the Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo to the official opening ceremony of the new Chancery of the Embassy of Kenya in Somalia on August 8, 2021.

They agreed to work together to strengthen and further deepen the existing historic friendly relations between the two countries with the aim of building on their mutual commitment to regional stability and a firm commitment to the principles of democracy, human rights and common objectives of fostering human and economic contact across borders.

The two ministers also presided over the opening ceremony of the new premises of the Chancery of the Embassy of Kenya in Somalia, opened after welcoming the return of their respective ambassadors to their diplomatic stations affirming that this was a pointer to the commitment to open new chapters of bilateral relations.

At the conclusion of the State Visit, the two ministers undertook to continue holding regular consultations on issues of mutual interest.



Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo with her Somalia Counterpart Mohamed Abdirizak and Kenya Embassy Staff at the new premises of the Chancery of the Embassy of Kenya in Somalia on August 8, 2021.



ASEAN Nairobi Committee Commemorates 54th Anniversary



Amb. Arthur Andambi, Director Middle East joined the Association of South East Asia Countries (ASEAN) Nairobi Committee to celebrate the 54th ASEAN Anniversary held at the Indonesian Chancery on August 20, 2021



On August 18, 2021, Amb. Arthur Andambi, Director Middle East joined the Association of South East Asia Countries (ASEAN) Nairobi Committee to celebrate the 54th ASEAN Anniversary held at the Indonesian Chancery in Nairobi.

Speaking at the event, signified by hoisting of the ASEAN flag, Amb. Andambi expressed Kenya's appreciation for the excellent bilateral relations with ASEAN demonstrated through the periodic exchanges of high-level official visits between the two regions.

Amb. Andambi thanked H.E. Dr. Mohamad Hery Saripudin, Ambassador of Indonesia to Kenya and Chair of ASEAN Nairobi Committee for his efforts in strengthening relations between Kenya and the ASEAN Member States. He expressed gratitude to the ASEAN for support in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic through the ASEANS donation to the Kenya Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund in 2020.

H.E. Amb. Saripudin, reiterated ASEANS commitment to further strengthen its bilateral cooperation with Kenya.

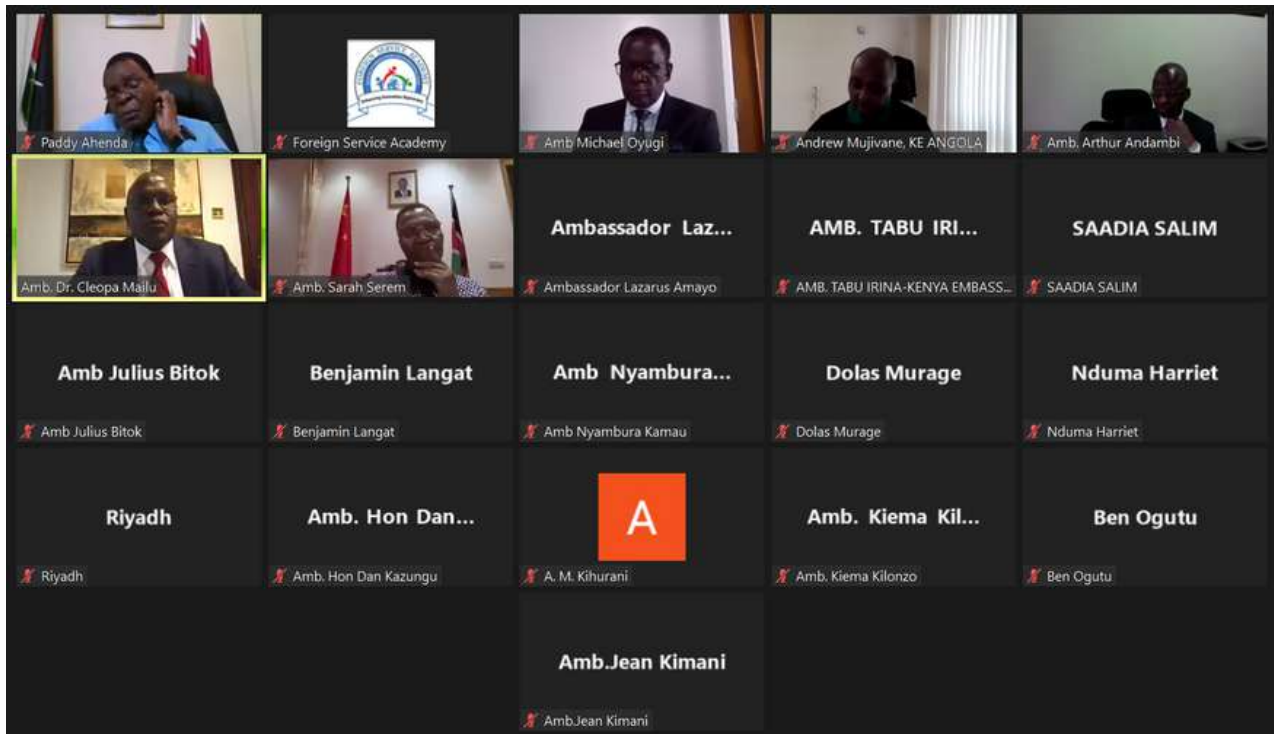
In attendance were other resident ambassadors of ASEAN Member States (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand), Phillipine Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Alex Chua, Foreign Affairs Deputy Director Asia, Mr. Edward Mwangi among others.

Amb. Arthur Andambi, Director Middle East joined the Association of South East Asia Countries (ASEAN) Nairobi Committee to celebrate the 54th ASEAN Anniversary held at the Indonesian Chancery on August 20, 2021





MFA Learning Series



MFA virtue learning Series Discussion Forum

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Foreign Service Academy has launched the 'Learning Series' Discussion Forum aimed at availing an avenue to share experimental knowledge and re-learn in order to design better methodologies in achieving set targets and advance Kenya's Foreign Policy.

The lecture series are an initiative of the Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo and are an integral programme under the Academy's outreach and knowledge management function.

Speaking during the inaugural learning session held virtually on August 10, 2021 under the topic "The Covid-19 Pandemic: Critical Lessons for Diplomatic Engagement and Response" CS Omamo highlighted that the forum provided a practical way through which the Ministry can learn of the various innovations adopted across the 56 missions abroad to cope with the new practice of diplomacy in the midst of Covid-19.

The CS noted that the Covid-19 pandemic had altered the traditional ways of doing business, spun work routines and reconfigured the performance target deliver methods.

She therefore highlighted that the forum has the potential to promote new effective approaches in times of uncertainties and aid in seeking readjustment in the realization of targets.

Learning and re-learning should be an aspect of our everyday life. Therefore, this is a great opportunity for all of us to learn from different experiences so as to enrich our collective knowledge on how to go about seeking answers to issues while enhancing skills and expertise for navigating the dynamics of diplomacy.

The format for the online series will comprise two-hour discussions forums held virtually once every quarter. Other topics earmarked for discussion include; - Kenya and the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council and promoting trade and investment- critical lessons learned from bilateral and multilateral economic engagements.

The inaugural forum was moderated by Amb. Michael Oyugi, Director General Foreign Service Academy and Amb. Arthur Andambi, Director Middle East Directorate and Coordinator of Covid-19 Response. In attendance were, CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba, PS Macharia Kamau, Director Generals, Directors, Ambassador and High Commissioners.



The Azizi Dialogue – A Mentorship Program for Young Female Officers



Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Liberata Mulamula addresses young officers at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Azizi Dialogue on August 25, 2021.

Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, H.E Amb. Liberata Mulamula at the invitation by her Kenyan Counterpart Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo during her official visit to Kenya, held discussions with young female officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the August 23, 2021. This session was part of the Azizi Dialogue mentorship program initiative launched by the Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2020.

The Azizi Dialogues Mentorship Program gives young officers a platform to have conversations with vastly experienced professionals in the diplomatic field. In her opening speech, CS Omamo welcomed H.E Amb. Liberata Mulamula as the Chief Mentor of the session. She went on to explain the meaning of 'Azizi' as the Arabic word for 'precious' and gave a brief history of the Mentorship program.

Speaking during the mentorship dialogue, H.E Amb. Mulamula highlighted her leadership journey as a career foreign service officer. She encouraged the young officers to step into their truth and use their voice to inspire, be determined, dedicated and disciplined as they build their career through hard work, good conduct, respect and perseverance. "Every time don't go for normal, thrive for extraordinary," she stressed.

H.E Amb. Mulamula shared her inspiring career journey from Third Secretary to becoming the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation in the United Republic of Tanzania. Her journey, she said is one filled with ups and downs.



Building her career as a young officer, it took 25 years to become an ambassador. She joined the service in 1980 and was only posted five years later to the United Nations Permanent Mission in New York which was a defining moment for her as a young diplomat.

It was a great training ground as she learned the courage to speak her truth. She learned to be herself, to be authentic and to not let others impose on her as a woman. She urged the young officers to strive for the same.

Amb. Mulamula was also the first female Director of Multilateral Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation in the United Republic of Tanzania. She has served as the first female Executive Secretary of International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and is the first career ambassador to be posted to Washington DC.

Amb. Mulamula was the first female Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the United Republic of Tanzania. She is a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Group on Peace Building Fund and a founding member of Femiwise-Africa – the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Meditation, and African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), among others.

"True character and success is defined not when everything is going your way but rather how you react when it's not." The Ministers advised the young officers to be resilient and to grow a "thick skin" in their respective journeys. She urged them to strive for inclusiveness and participation especially in matters affecting women.

She concluded her talk with a quote from Robin Sharma's book, "The Greatness guide" that says, 'Real leadership is not about prestige, power, status, title. It is about responsibility.'



CS Omamo calls for silencing of guns in South Sudan



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo participates at the virtual 73rd Extraordinary meeting of the IGAD Council of Ministers on August 9, 2021

Kenya is concerned with the continuing dispute in South Sudan and is calling for silencing of guns in South Sudan so that peace, justice and equity can be attained.

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo was speaking when she participated at the 73rd Extraordinary meeting of the IGAD Council of Ministers held virtually on August 9, 2021. The meeting was convened by H.E. Maryan Al Sadiq Al Mahdi, the Foreign Minister of Sudan and Chairperson of IGAD Council of Ministers.

"I fully concur that any adverse situation in one-member state affects all of us and we should therefore address points of conflict in concerted efforts," CS Omamo said.

Kenya welcomes the Reconstitution of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly of South Sudan and the swearing in of the 588 Legislators and 84 members of the Council of States on August 2021.

The CS urged all parties concerned to find amicable solutions to their concerns and reiterated Kenya's commitment to assisting South Sudan achieve lasting peace.

The Workplace: Battle of The Titans

By Amayayi Andanje

Look around your directorate and you are likely to see people from different generations.

The Society for Human Resource Management in America argues that there are a full five generations on the job today, from the Traditionalist Generation to Gen Z. Allow me to help you find where you fall.

The traditionalist is the generation born before the second world war, they make up 5% of the workforce. The Baby Boomers are born between 1946-1964 makeup 25% of the workforce. Generation X born between 1965-1979 make up 33%, while the millennials at 35% of the workforce are born between 1981-2000 and Generation Z making up the 5% were born from 2000-2020.

Each generation is characterized by their values, lifestyles, beliefs, financial capabilities or lack thereof. The older and younger generations have always described each other as lazy, entitled, hard to train and stubborn. The older generations are defined by their work ethics which entails working longer hours and dedication, while the younger generations prefer to work smart and have a work-life balance.

The younger generation is quick to adapt to evolving technology and apply the technology in their work to help

them work smart, on the other hand the older generation has been known to be a sceptic and take a while to adapt to advancing technology. While the older generation is focused on career growth the younger generation are looking for a purpose in their career paths and find meaning in working in organizations that positively impact the world.

Here is how 360-degree mentorship can solve the generational gap. This might be a tough pill to swallow but the older generations have a wealth of experience that they can offer the younger generations and the younger generations have evolved with technology and know-how to use it to be effective at their work.

By creating open-door policies and round table communication in the workplace will deal with information gaps and ease communication channels. This will create a cross-generation mentorship and create a collaborative workforce. Furthermore, creating time for team-building activities or retreats will help breed a conducive environment for individual interactions away from the official setting.

There will always be generational differences between the older and younger generations as social and economic issues influence the mindset of the impressionable masses. It's important to acknowledge the difference however insignificant they may seem.



IN BRIEF

CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo held talks with Greece Ambassador to Kenya H.E Antonios Sgouropoulos on August 20, 2021. They discussed trade relations between the two countries, particularly increasing Foreign Direct Investment.

CS Omamo conveyed gratitude to the Greece Government for the donation of 180,000 Covid vaccines and also conveyed Kenya solidarity message with people of Greece as they are fighting wildfires currently ravaging the country.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo met with H.E Qatar's Ambassador to Kenya Jabor bin Ali Al Dosari on August 20, 2021.

The meeting discussed bilateral relations, means of supporting and enhancing relations and matters of mutual concerns between Kenya and Qatar.

H.E. Joseph Oded, the outgoing Israel Ambassador to Kenya paid a farewell call on CS Amb Raychelle Omamo on August 30, 2021.

The CS congratulated Ambassador Oded for his successful tour of duty in Kenya and commended his sterling contribution towards strengthening the existing diplomatic, political as well as economic relations between Kenya and Israel.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo together with CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba and PS Amb. Macharia Kamau led discussion on the annual ministerial strategic policy with heads of Political Directorates at the ministry of Foreign Affairs on August 6, 2021

The policy will guide the work plans at the Ministry for the next one year.



IN BRIEF

CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba held talks with Serbian Foreign Minister H.E Nikola Selaković, who was on a stop over in Nairobi enroute to Zimbabwe on August 19, 2021.

Discussions focused on Kenya-Serbia issues, including Big4 Agenda investments. Serbia has offered Kenyan students 30 scholarships to Serbian universities and COVID-19 vaccines



CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba received South African Minister of International Relations Dr Naledi Pandor at JKIA on August 10, 2021

Dr. Pandor was in Kenya for bilateral talks with her host Amb. Raychelle Omamo and later participated in the inaugural - Joint Commission for Cooperation

On August 28, 2021, CAS Ababu Namwamba joined H.E Andriy Pravednyk, Ambassador of Ukraine to Kenya and other invited guests to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the independence of Ukraine.



On August 25, 2021 CAS Ababu Namwamba opened the International Conference on Africa-Middle East by Horn Institute.

CAS Ababu Namwamba said, "Africa-Middle East ties are old as human civilization. Connected by history & geography, shaped by culture, inspired by common aspirations. I laud African think tanks on African solutions to African problems."



IN BRIEF

Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau, together with Amb. Ndumiso Ndimba Ntshinga Deputy Director General Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa and a team of experts from Kenya and South Africa during the inauguration of the session of Kenya - South Africa Joint Commission for Cooperation in Nairobi August 9, 2021.



On August 8, 2021 H.E. Amb. Tabu Irina, together with Mr. Zack Kinuthia CAS for Ministry of Sports congratulate Eliud Kipchoge WINNER of the Tokyo 2020 Marathon

Kenya participated in the Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit in Rome from 26 – 28 July 2021. Kenya's high level delegation was led by Mr. Lawrence Omuhaka, Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) for Agriculture.

Amb. Jackline Yonga, Kenya's PR to UNRBAs & Chair of the Africa Regional Group gave a statement on School Feeding Program, articulating Africa's position & Kenya's national home grown school feeding program.



On September 2, 2021, Foreign Affairs Director Human Resource Management and Development, Mr. John Githu graced the occasion of Office Administrators from MFA proceeding on retirement. He presented them with Certificates of Service.



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