



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PRESS STATEMENT ON CABINET SECRETARY'S TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

1. The Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs successfully undertook a two-day working visit to Ethiopia during which she held extensive consultations with the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
2. The meeting focused on the strong bilateral relations that exists between Kenya and Ethiopia. It was agreed that the technical committees from the two countries will convene to review and evaluate the status of implementation of various agreements and commitments with a view to convening a Joint Ministerial meeting before the end of 2021.
3. The Cabinet Secretary also held extensive consultations with the Chairperson of the AU Commission, the deputy Chairperson of the Commission and the Director of Africa CDC. During these consultations, the important role of AU in coordinating continental response for the COVID 19 pandemic and resolving peace and security challenges across the continent was recognized.
4. The Cabinet Secretary assured of Kenya's commitment to principles and objectives of the AU and support for ongoing institutional reforms. The Chairperson lauded the string leadership of H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, who during his membership of the Bureau of the Assembly of the AU in 2020 supported the continental strategy to address the COVID19 pandemic and the post- COVID recovery strategy.
5. The Cabinet Secretary also met with the Director of the Desert Locust Control Organization of the Eastern Africa Dr. Stephen Njoka who briefed on the organization efforts to deal with the desert locust invasion and the control of other invasive species that put to risk food security within the region. The CS also met with the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Security Studies and they agree to explore opportunities for collaboration in platforms for discourse on Peace and Security in the continent.
6. Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo was accompanied by Amb. Jean Kamau, Kenya's Ambassador to Ethiopian and Permanent Representative to AU; Amb. George Orina, Director Africa and African Union; and, Mr. Edwin Mutava, Director Peace and Security.