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OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE CABINET SECRETARY TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

1. Amb. Raychelle Omamo, SC, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya, made a one-day official visit to the United Republic of Tanzania on 9th July 2021.
2. The Cabinet Secretary was received by Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania.
3. The purpose of the visit was to follow-up on the successful State Visit to Kenya by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania in May 2021. The two leaders called for expedited implementation of agreements signed and directives issued by the Heads of State during the historic State Visit.
4. The two ministers took note of the close and historical bonds of friendship that exist between Kenya and Tanzania. The leaders reiterated the shared values and aspirations and continued cooperation across all spheres of mutual interest including the political, socio-economic, cultural and diplomatic domains.
5. The two leaders commended the harnessing of the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC), in place since 6th September 2009, as the main framework of bilateral cooperation. Areas of cooperation within this framework include trade and investment; agriculture and livestock; transport and infrastructure development; tourism; defence and security; political and diplomatic consultation; ICT; art and culture; health; education; immigration; climate change and environmental issues among others.



6. The two Ministers held extensive consultations on a number of bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest with a view to consolidating the gains made and exploring possible new areas of cooperation. In addition, they re-committed to enhance cooperate at all levels to advance the Common African Agenda for Integration and Sustainable Development.
7. The two Ministers recalled the directive to convene the next session of JCC and called for the expeditious conclusion of consultations of Joint Technical Committees in time for the 4th Session of JCC which will be hosted by Kenya in August 2021 in Nairobi.
8. In this regard, Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya extended an invitation to Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania to visit Nairobi to attend the 4th Session of the JCC.
9. Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania graciously accepted the invitation extended to her and looked forward to fruitful engagements during the JCC.
10. Amb. Liberata Mulamula and Raychelle Omamo met with women leaders drawn from both Kenya and Tanzania during which they lauded the important role women play in society both as nurturers and development agents. The Cabinet Secretary encouraged the women entrepreneurs to embrace the spirit of cooperation between the two countries and to explore opportunities to enhance bilateral trade and investment. She further encouraged women to be advocates of peace and play leading roles in maintaining peace and security and promoting socio-cultural integration of the both countries.



11. In conclusion, Amb. Raychelle Omamo expressed profound appreciation to Amb. Liberata Mulamula, the Government and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania for the warm reception and hospitality extended to her and to her delegation during the Official Visit.

12. Amb. Liberata Mulamula thanked Amb. Raychelle Omamo for undertaking the official visit to the United Republic of Tanzania and for her firm assurance to continue working closely in strengthening bilateral relations between Kenya and Tanzania. While wishing Amb. Raychelle Omamo good health and a long life, Amb. Liberata Mulamula conveyed best wishes of peace, stability and prosperity to the people of the Republic of Kenya

9th July 2021

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