



**Kenya China Relations elevated to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership following the signing of various Memorandum of Understanding and other frameworks of cooperation in various sectors.**

These agreements will among others support implementation of strategic projects under the Belt and Road Initiative; enhance technical skill and capacity of Kenyan Youth; digital innovation and rollout of the National Digital Superhighway Programme; Universal Health Coverage; access to market Kenya's agricultural commodities; green energy, and tourism.

Let us learn together some of the recently signed agreements between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Kenya.

1. Memorandum of Understanding on Blue Economy, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs Cooperation whose objective is to enhance cooperation in Blue Economy, Fisheries, and Marine Affairs;
2. Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific and Technological Cooperation;
3. Cooperation Plan on Jointly promoting the Belt and Road initiative where both countries are willing to strengthen practical cooperation in areas such as infrastructure, trade and investment, digital economy, finance, education and talent cultivation, cultural tourism and people-people-people exchanges.
4. Protocol on Quarantine and Hygiene Requirements for Edible Aquatic Animals to be Exported from Kenya to China where the objective is to establish an effective food hygiene and safety management based on HACCP principles and traceability system of edible aquatic animals to ensure that the whole process of farming, harvesting, packaging, storage and transportation, transhipment and exporting of the edible aquatic animals shall meet the hygiene and traceability requirements of both Parties. Kenya aquatic animals include, sardines (omena or fulu), cod, (ngege), catfish (mpuni), shellfish, oysters, mussels, and shrimp.
5. Cooperation Agreement between Kenya Broadcasting Cooperation and Xinhua News Agency of the People's Republic of China on

News Exchange with the objective of enhancing exchange and cooperation in the field of news dissemination;

6. Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Capacity Development between the Kenya School of Government and National Administration Academy so as to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the fields of leadership training, staff/faculty exchange visits, scientific research, policy consultation and dialogues;
7. Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Implementation of the 2025 Human Resource Development Cooperation Plan where the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) will seek to provide 670 training and seminar opportunities through both a multilateral and bilateral programs. This joint program will lead to the subsequent commencement of six (6) bilateral training programs for diplomats, police officers, journalists while opening up space for advanced training towards improved rain water collection management, migration management, tourism and harnessing knowledge on various intangible cultural heritage. Kenya will be responsible for selecting qualified candidates to participants in the various training programs.
8. Memorandum of Understanding on Vocational Education Cooperation whose objective is to enhance technical training and applied skills talent, jointly develop vocational skills standards, conduct exchanges on teacher education and training while advancing cooperation in digital transformation and vocational.
9. Memorandum of Understanding on Electronic Commerce that will see the enhancement of information exchanges on e-commerce laws and regulations; strengthening mutual trust in cyberspace; joint research and trainings geared towards e-commerce cooperations;
10. Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Digital Economy Cooperation where the two countries seek to jointly undertake policy coordination and development of operational rules; progress industrial digital transformation; advance innovation and transformation of digital economies while conducting digital talent training and exchange.
11. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy and the State Council Information Office and the China Media Group allowing for News

Exchange, innovation in content and media technological advancement as well as content distribution between the two countries. The MOU will also encourage media agencies of both countries to share achievements of each other's economic, cultural and social development and enhance cooperation through collaborative production, joint interviews and mutual visits.

12. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Railway Sector where there will be a review of the Railway sector laws, regulations and Policies as well as the development of Railway technical and operation standards. The MOU also seeks to guide the planning and subsequent advancement and development of railway infrastructure to cover locomotives, rolling stock and railway operational management as part of the multimodal transport;
13. Framework Agreement on Economic Partnership for shared Development which constitutes a collaboration on sustainable development of the manufacturing industry, agricultural transformation and improving Kenya's competitiveness in the global market. The agreement will guide the facilitation of trade, inclusive growth, coordination of supply chain and the digital economy.
14. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Irrigation and Water Resources, seeks the development of integrated management and sustainable utilization of water resources while adopting modern irrigation construction methods for water infrastructure projects, prevention of flood and drought disasters; adoption of the use of advanced ICT in implementation of water resources management; and water ecological restoration, water resources and environment protection.
15. During the State Visit, seven firms committed to set up shop in Kenya while another three institutions will be collaborating with Kenyan institutions.
  - a. Manufacturing Sector:
    - i. China Wu Yi to establish a Special Economic Zone in Kikambala, Kilifi County at a cost of US\$ 150 Million leading to the creation of 5,000 jobs;
    - ii. Chongqing Shangcheng Apparel Group/ Pengfeng Investment to invest US\$ 20 million for a textile factory in Kajiado County;

- iii. Rongtai Steel Company Limited to invest US\$ 150 million to increase steel production for the Affordable Housing Program;
- b. Agriculture Sector;
  - i. Shandong Jailejia Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Technology Company to establish an integrated 500,000 bird commercial egg laying chicken farm at a cost of US\$ 30 million in Kajiado County;
  - ii. Zonken Group/ Biotech Corporation Limited to establish Aloe vera export and processing plant and grape farm and vineyard in Baringo County at a combined cost of US\$400 million;
- c. Tourism Sector
  - i. Hualian Hotel Group will invest US\$ 23 million to lease various hotel facilities and promote Kenya to Chinese tourists.
- d. Transport and Manufacturing Sectors:
  - i. Kenya Smart Transportation Industry Park/ Anhui Jiubao Electronic Technology Co Limited will invest US\$ 50 million in Muranga County to establish a manufacturing plant for traffic lights and assorted transport equipment. This will in turn create 5,000 jobs.
- e. Collaborations with KenInvest include
  - i. China Africa Development Fund (CADFund) to deploy resources across the areas of manufacturing, agriculture and natural resources;
  - ii. Hangzhou Municipal Bureau of Commerce for China to collaborate on Digital Trade and establish a Talent Training Laboratory to support cross border E-Commerce;
  - iii. Duofu International Holdings Group.