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MFA celebrates two-year milestones



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo, CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba and PS Amb. Macharia Kamau peruse the Foreign Affairs Report 2020/21 during the launch on January 21, 2022



Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo presided over the launch of the Ministry's report on major milestones and achievements for the year 2020/2021 on January 21, 2022.

Speaking at the launch held at the Ministry headquarters, CS Omamo underscored that MFA remains grounded on His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta's Foreign Policy Vision which is primarily Pan-Africanist but also seeking for global partnerships for Kenya's development goals, as envisioned in the Big Four Agenda and Vision 2030.

Noting that the past two years have been eventful for the country and the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the CS highlighted that, the Foreign Ministry managed to foster teamwork and launched a whole new direction that includes the development of a vibrant health and digital diplomacy.

"As a team, we successfully campaigned for the Non-Permanent Membership of the United Nations Security Council where we have done exceedingly well as exemplified by a fruitful presidency of the Council in October 2021," CS Omamo stated.

"Regionally, we offered thought leadership on pertinent issues affecting the African continent in our capacity as member of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC)," she added.

The Cabinet Secretary, reported that during the period, the Ministry strove to fulfil the vision of His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, the current President in Office of the Summit of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). Kenya also hosted the historical first CARICOM – African Summit, which was held virtually in September 2021.

The summit aimed at strengthening collaboration and unity between the two regions.

"We have similarly delivered thought leadership on issues relating to Managing Diversity, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Sustainable Development, Peace Keeping and Women and Youth Empowerment," the Cabinet Secretary said, adding that, internally, the Ministry held a number of mentorship sessions with young officers to improve their practical skills and prepare them for future management tasks.

To address the Covid-19 challenges, the Ministry set up subcommittees to lead and respond to the crisis through staff safety, evacuation and facilitation as well as mobilization for donations of PPEs, testing kits, therapeutic and vaccines through leveraging of bilateral relations,

An Emergency Response Committee known as (SUNFEC) was also set up to assist United Nations Agencies in Kenya to continue to discharge humanitarian work and medevac for the region. In collaboration with UNON a UN Covid hospital was established in Nairobi.

The Cabinet Secretary commended the Chief Administrative Secretary, Hon. Ababu Namwamba, Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau and the Ministry's team including Kenya missions abroad for the resilience and excellent teamwork displayed in the past two years that enabled achievements and laudable milestones. Best performers during the two-year period were awarded with certificates of appreciation for outstanding service and performance.





Kenya-EU launch Strategic Dialogue



Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell Fontelles display the signed Joint Declaration on the Kenya-European Union Strategic Dialogue on January 28, 2022

On January 28, 2022, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta witnessed the signing of a Joint Declaration on the Kenya-European Union Strategic Dialogue by Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Ambassador Raychelle Omamo and the visiting High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission (HR/VP) Josep Borrell, who made an official visit to Kenya from January 27 to 29, 2022.

The visit presented an opportunity to deepen the Kenya-EU relationship, which is based on a sustained and long-term partnership and common interests at bilateral, multilateral and global level. Specifically a shared commitment to democracy, the rule of law and human rights, to fostering peace and security, and to combating climate change, as well as other sectors in Kenya's priority development agenda.

H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles, made a courtesy call on H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, where the two leaders acknowledged the strong relations and discussed a wide range of issues focused on various areas of Kenya-EU bilateral and regional relations.

This includes the Kenya-EU economic cooperation anchored in the Big Four Agenda, Kenya Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), EAC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EAC-EU EPA); and the Agenda and priorities of the AU-EU Summit scheduled to take place in Brussels on February 17 to 18, 2022.

On the region, they discussed the important role Kenya plays in fostering regional peace and stability, and the EU's continued support to those objectives.

The Kenya-EU Strategic Dialogue 2021-2027 was agreed in June 2021, in Brussels, by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, and H.E. Charles Michel, President of the European Commission. The two leaders in June expressed confidence that the new framework for cooperation anchored in the Strategic Dialogue, will act as the necessary tool and provide impetus to further strengthen the depth and breadth of the EU's and Kenya's cooperation.

Thereafter, H.E Josep Borrell Fontelles, and H.E. Raychelle Omamo held bilateral consultations during which they re-affirmed their commitment to further strengthening the existing cordial relations which are aimed at enhancing cooperation in peace and security, health, trade, investment, agriculture, environment, and education.

The launch of the First Session of the Kenya-EU Strategic Dialogue was an opportunity for setting the stage for the technical teams from the two sides to dialogue on the three thematic pillars of the Strategic Dialogue, namely; Peace and Security and Stability Pillar; Sustainable, Inclusive Development and SDGs Pillar; and Economy, Trade and Investment Pillar.

The policy discussions and outcomes of the Strategic Dialogue will, inter alia, inform the potential joint Kenya-EU partnership actions across the three pillars.

The Strategic Dialogue provides for regular dialogue at all levels, in biennial or annual meetings at Ministerial and Technical levels, with a view to enable greater engagement and monitoring of progress.



Hungarian President makes maiden state visit to Kenya

At the invitation of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, the President of Hungary, His Excellency János Áder, undertook his maiden and Historic State Visit to Kenya from 16 to 20 January, 2022.

During bilateral talks, President Uhuru expressed appreciation to His Excellency János Áder for choosing Kenya for the maiden visit on the Sub-Saharan African continent. The two Heads of States noted with satisfaction the existing bilateral cooperation in various sectors of trade and investments, education, health and agriculture.

The Heads of State reaffirmed the strategic importance of bilateral relations between the two countries. They reiterated their commitment and keen interest on strategies to boost partnership in various sectors such as education, climate change mitigation agenda and agribusiness innovations with a view to spur economic growth to create employment for Kenya's youth.

To upscale the level and scope of cooperation between the two countries, the Heads of State presided over the signing of Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding on: Cooperation in the field of Diplomatic Training, Diplomatic Consultations and Additional Protocol to increase Scholarships by the Government of Hungary to Kenyan students from 100 to 200 with effect from 2021.

On International Peace and Security, the two Heads of State reiterated their commitment to work closely with Kenya as a Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council, with a view to contribute to international peace and security. The two Heads of State emphasized the urgent need to address climate change and its impacts on the environment and the need to increase global efforts in this regard.

The two leaders expressed concern over the unfolding events in the Horn of Africa. They regretted the misery and suffering of the people of the countries in conflict and the negative impact of the conflict and instability in the region and on the Continent.

President Uhuru Kenyatta commended President János Áder's vocal message on climate action and the call for Global Action through local measures as global action can only be successful through the deeds of Nation states.

The two Heads of State embraced multilateralism as the most appropriate path for economic and social recovery in times of the pandemic. Strategies to enhance partnership under Visegrád



Kenya and Hungary signed four bilateral agreements for cooperation in health, water, education and diplomacy sectors on January 17, 2022

Group of Countries (Hungary, Poland, Czech and Slovak Republics) and at other international fora including the UN. They welcomed the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the East African Community (EPA) and committed themselves to work towards its successful implementation.

On International Cooperation, the leaders also reiterated their commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda and the 2063 Agenda of the African Union as the way to build sustainable, just, inclusive and resilient economies.

President János Áder praised Kenya's commitment to maintaining regional peace and stability and promoting the integration and economic development of the African continent. He further commended President Kenyatta's efforts and commitment to comprehensive stability in the region.

President Kenyatta recognized the significant financial and humanitarian effort made by Hungary through its active participation in the various peacekeeping missions and operations deployed on the globe, which are a clear demonstration of Hungary's commitment to international peace and stability.

The devastating effects caused by COVID-19 on a global scale, require immediate and effective action by the international community as a whole to address it. The two Presidents agreed on the need for universal access to vaccines against COVID-19 and urged the international community to increase the sharing of the vaccines to ensure vaccination for all.

His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta thanked His Excellency János Áder for undertaking the Official Visit to the Republic of Kenya and for his firm assurance to continue working closely in strengthening bilateral relations between Kenya and Hungary.



Kenya, China cement relations



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo together with her Cabinet colleagues hold bilateral meeting with H.E. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in Mombasa, Kenya on January 6, 2022.

Kenya became the first port of call in 2022 for the Chinese Foreign Minister. During the visit Kenya and China concluded their bilateral meeting in Mombasa, Kenya by appending their signatures to six agreements covering the next three years over a wide range of areas from bilateral trade and investments, ICT development, Agriculture and food security as well as general economic cooperation and the provision of humanitarian Assistance to families most affected by the covid-19 pandemic.

The signing of the six agreements was part of ongoing discussions which culminated in a two-day official visit to Kenya by the State Councilor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Wang Yi on 6th January, 2022.

Significantly, the official visit by the Chinese Foreign Minister and the bilateral talks that followed focused on joint efforts to implement their Comprehensive Strategic Cooperation Partnership agreement signed by the two countries in 2018 in the spirit of the Dakar Declaration and the Dakar Action plan which emerged from the 8th Conference of Ministers of the Forum on China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in Dakar, Senegal from 29th to 30th November 2021.

At a joint press briefing after their talks, Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo welcomed the visit to Kenya by the Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister saying that "Kenya truly cherishes the milestones made in the history of China-Africa relations through FOCAC forum for 20 years since inception."

CS Omamo and her Chinese counterpart H.E. Wang Yi also announced that their discussions were underpinned by a mutual desire to deepen bilateral relations and cooperation based on the nine programmes announced by H.E President Xi Jinping of China during the 8th Ministerial Conference of Ministers of FOCAC.

The two ministers observed that the implementation of the outcomes of the 8th Ministerial Conference of FOCAC presented an opportunity for a great leap forward in the Kenya-China cooperation.

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs further observed that the fact that their bilateral discussions were attended by Cabinet Secretaries Hon. Betty Maina (Trade), Mr. Joseph Mucheru (ICT), Amb. Ukur Yatani (National Treasury) and Hon. Peter Munya (Agriculture) not only underscored the importance Kenya attaches to its relations with China but also the range and depth of their discussions.

The two sides deliberated at length on the impact of the Covid-19 situation globally and their joint efforts moving forward to combat the pandemic. They also explored ways to consolidate economic collaboration during the pandemic and post-pandemic with the Chinese Foreign Minister announcing that China would make available another 10 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines to Kenya in the next one year.

The two sides also agreed to explore ways to strengthen their cooperation on the multilateral front especially at the level of the United Nations Security Council as well as in efforts to support the work of the African Union in the area of Peace and Security.

In the last two decades China has indeed risen to become one of the most important national development partners for Kenya. The Chinese Government has in the last 10 years extended considerable support to Kenya's infrastructure development, which has really raised the country's stature as a regional transport and communications hub as demonstrated by projects like the standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

This, as explained by the Cabinet Secretary was made possible, by bilateral cooperation under the Framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the Belt and Road Initiative which opened up Development Cooperation in many spheres including social-economic, cultural and diplomatic exchanges.

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During the visit, the Chinese Foreign Minister also paid a courtesy call on His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House, Mombasa after which he joined the host (President Kenyatta) on an inspection tour of the just completed Kipevu Oil Terminal (KOT) which was built by the Kenya Ports Authority using a Chinese consortium at a cost of Kshs 40 billion.

The President expressed his satisfaction with the quality of workmanship that went into the construction of the 770m jetty, noting that the project makes the KOT the largest of its kind in Africa with capacity to load and offload large vessels of up to 200,000 DWT and to offload the whole range of petroleum products ranging from crude oil, to diesel, to other white oils and LPG.



His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta was accompanied on the inspection of the ongoing construction of the new offshore Kipevu Oil Terminal at the Port of Mombasa by visiting Chinese State Counsellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Wang Yi on January 6, 2022.





PS Kamau joins counterparts in assessing progress of government projects



The National Development Implementation Technical Committee (NDITC) inspected the Moi International Airport access roads sections particularly the Port Reitz road which is the only way to access the Airport and links the second container terminal at the Mombasa Port to the Northern Corridor, East and Central Africa - January 11, 2022

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau on January 11, 2022 assured residents of Mombasa County and the coastal region that all ongoing projects being implemented by the national government would be completed within time.

The Principal Secretary was speaking during the National Development Implementation Technical Committee (NDITC) team assessment of projects in the coast region. The team which included 40 Principal Secretaries and divided into four groups toured National Government Projects in the Region in a week long inspection tour.

The teams first stop was Makupa Bridge which is being undertaken at the cost of 4.5B. Speaking during the inspection tour, Amb. Kamau said that the Makupa project will restore Mombasa to Island status and also help in restoration of the ecosystem in the area, including the free flow of water and marine life.

"This will see a continuous water flow, which is currently, stagnant," the PS said, adding that the iconic Makupa Bridge is set to replace the 93-year-old causeway. The bridge which is 56% done will have an eight lane road with SGR and BRT facilities which will help improve transport between Mombasa Island and the hinterland.

The team inspected the Moi International Airport access roads sections particularly the Port Reitz road. This is the only road that accesses the Moi International Airport and links the second container terminal at the Mombasa Port to the Northern Corridor, East and Central Africa. The completed new road has reduced traffic congestion at the Port Reitz area, a major road facilitating movement of cargo to and from the Mombasa Port as well as Mombasa Town.

The team noted with concern the high incidences of vandalism along the newly constructed road and appealed to members of the public, security and intelligence officers to expose and arrest those vandalising critical infrastructures meant to improve the lives of the citizens in the country. The team also inspected the construction of Mwache - Tsunza - Mteza - Kibundani Bypass.

The projects costing Kshs.24 Billion are aimed at developing the traffic route to Mombasa South Coast towards Tanzania. The project is part of the greater Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) initiative by the Government of Kenya.

The construction of the Mwache Junction – Tsunza – Mteza section that consists of the 660 meters Mwache Bridge that will land on the Tsunza peninsula in Kwale County, where it will link up with the Mteza Bridge to complete the South Coast mainland connection.

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The National Development Implementation Technical Committee (NDITC) - January 11, 2022



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The Mteza Bridge will be the longest in Kenya at 1,440 meters. The total road length between Mwache junction and Mteza is 8.9 km. The Dongo Kundu by-pass will connect the Mombasa West mainland to South Coast and is expected to ease movement to and from the southern part of the coastal region.

Noting the good progress and the positive impact on the status of Mombasa County, the Principal Secretaries lauded the fact that the road has reduced traffic congestion at the Port Reitz area which is a major road facilitating the movement of cargo to and from the Mombasa Port as well as Mombasa Town.

Amb. Macharia Kamau together with his counterparts also visited the Technical University of Mombasa and inspected the construction of a four story building that will host the School of Medicine. This will be the first School of Medicine in the coast region. The Team noted that the building works are completed awaiting furnishing and equipment for the laboratories. The Medical School will also be taking a greater number of students.

Later on, the NDITC team toured the Ultra-Modern Complex at Kenya School of Government (KSG) Mombasa Campus. The seven story building was initiated in conformity with the government policy to establish a national School of Government as a Vision 2030 Flagship Project.

The complex has been completed and awaiting furnishing and equipping before occupation. It will offer residential training, research, consultancy among others. It is designed to offer modern facilities for public service capacity development.



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Africa urged to speak in one voice on the UN Security Council reforms

Kenya has called on the African Continent to continue speaking with one voice for equitable representation on and increase in membership of the Security Council in order to correct the historical injustice the continent continues to suffer as being the only continent not represented in the permanent category of the United States Security Council and at the same time underrepresented in non-permanent category of the Council.

Speaking during the 9th Committee of 10 (C10) Ministerial meeting held in Kampala, Uganda on January 20, 2021, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo, noted the continued support proclaimed towards the common African position and urged her counterparts not to let the momentum be lost.

"We must therefore continue relentlessly to underscore the reasons and relevance for Africa to sit at the table of the UNSC as permanent member of the Security Council, CS Omamo said.

She added that, "In order to ensure we maintain these gains, each of us needs to continue to reach out to our counterparts especially those that have yet to express their positions on the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration."

The Cabinet Secretary highlighted that, Kenya's first year as a member of the Security Council for the year 2021-2022 period, and the A3+1 showed the importance and impact of representation on the decisions relating to international peace and security.

She emphasized that a strong and unified voice for Africa's peace and security issues and challenges that also bring in Africa's perspectives, experiences and possible solutions remains immensely critical to a fit-for-purpose and responsive security council.

CS Omamo stressed on the need for cooperation between the Security Council and regional mechanisms saying it is equally fundamental. She highlighted the presidential statement during Kenya's Presidency of the UNSC in October 2021 that urged the UN to strengthen partnerships and cooperation with the African Union towards 'resolving conflicts as well as other peace and security challenges in Africa.'

She expressed concern that many years have passed since the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) process began and the C-10 Ministers mandated to lead the engagements that ensures appreciation for and recognition of the common African position on UNSC reforms as enshrined in the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration.

The Cabinet Secretary commended the progress made by the Permanent Representatives who have relentlessly engaged on the Agenda in New York and urged the Committee of 10 to reflect on the next steps to ensure Africa continues to speak in one voice on the Security Council Reforms.



Kenya, Tanzania bolster relations



President Uhuru Kenyatta on December 9, 2021 joined his host President Suluhu Samia at the celebration to mark 60 years of mainland Tanzania's independence at Uhuru Gardens in the country's commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta on invitation by his Tanzanian Counterpart Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu, presided over the occasion of Tanzania Mainland 60th Independence Day Anniversary held in the United Republic of Tanzania on December 9, 2021. President Kenyatta was invited to the celebrations by his Tanzanian counterpart when she made a two-day State Visit to Kenya in May 2021.

Speaking at the occasion, President Kenyatta applauded the warm and strong bilateral relations enjoyed by the two countries resulting to huge strides in resolving challenges in a friendly and amicable manner.

"I wish to take cognizance with admiration the steadfast leadership of President Samia Suluhu. Since assumption of high office, as first female president of Tanzania, we have witnessed a lot of positive movements with Tanzania, bilaterally and regionally," President Kenyatta said.

The two leaders, held bilateral talks and discussed issues of mutual interest to both countries. President Kenyatta reiterated Kenya's commitment to maintain, strengthen and deepen the bilateral and regional relations to ensure better livelihood for the people of both countries and the regions.

Kenya and Tanzania signed eight bilateral pacts during the state visit. The two Heads of State witnessed the signing of three agreements and five memorandums of understanding. This was preceded by the 4th Session of the Kenya-Tanzania Joint Commission for Cooperation convened in Nairobi in August 2021.

The ceremony was attended by thousands of Tanzanians from all walks of life and invited dignitaries among them Presidents Paul Kagame (Rwanda), Filipe Nyusi (Mozambique), Azali Assoumani (Comoros) and DR Congo's Prime Minister Sama Lukonde among others.



President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Samia Suluhu Hassan witnessed the signing of 3 agreements and 5 MoUs, all aimed at strengthening the Kenya-Tanzania bilateral ties - December 10, 2021



His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta on led a Kenyan delegation in bilateral talks with their Tanzanian counterparts led by President Suluhu Samia at State House, Dar es Salaam on the last day of his two-day State Visit of the Republic of Tanzania.



Kenya, Nigeria relations boosted

CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba with Hon. Ramatu Jummai Tijjani Aliyu, Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on January 7, 2022



Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba held bilateral talks with Nigeria's Minister of State for Federal Capital Territory who paid him a courtesy call at the Ministry Headquarters on January 7, 2022.

The two leaders deliberated on strategic issues of shared interest between Kenya and Nigeria and commended the cordial relations that the two countries have enjoyed over the decades.

Speaking during the meeting, CAS Namwamba stressed the need to accelerate bilateral cooperation following the Kenya, Nigeria Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) signed on July 13, 2013.

He emphasized that the launch of the JCC would provide a better opportunity to evaluate implementation of previous agreements and look into potential areas of cooperation.

On the area of peace and security, the two leaders agreed to explore opportunities to enhance peace and security in the region.

"It is imperative to acknowledge that terrorism is a threat to the attainment of peace and security on the national, regional and international levels. We therefore need to come together in the fight against this vice that has cost us all," CAS Namwamba stated, adding that this will help promote peace and security in our respective regions.

On matters of climate change, Hon. Namwamba highlighted that the African continent is a victim of the effects of climate change. There was need for a strong African voice for allocation of enough funds by the UN to UNEP and UN HABITAT to address the issues of the organization and climate change.

The Chief Administrative Secretary reiterated Kenya's commitment to working with Nigeria in bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest

Kenya elected Member of Permanent Forum on People of African Descent



H.E. Ambassador Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations.

Kenya has been elected a Member of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (PFPAD) during elections held in New York, USA on December 16, 2021. This was after Kenya presented the candidature of H.E. Ambassador Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations.

Five Members nominated by Governments as elected by the United Nations General Assembly include Kenya, United States, Saint Lucia, Egypt and Costa Rica.

In 2021 The General Assembly adopted resolution 75/314 which formally operationalized the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of the African descent.



Kenyan diaspora sensitized on tax matters



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Diaspora and Consular Affairs Directorate in collaboration with the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) hosted a webinar on Tax and Customs matters with five Kenyan Missions in Europe (Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain) in November 2021.

Kenyan's in the Diaspora were virtually sensitized on tax and customs compliance including; definition of a resident for tax purposes; filling tax returns; exemptions from import duty for returning residents; application for dormancy for inactive accounts; double taxation agreements; voluntary disclosure programme.

Speaking during the opening session of the Webinar, the Director, Diaspora and Consular Affairs, Amb. Harriet Nduma appreciated KRA's initiative to engage the Kenyans living abroad and educate them on tax matters.

She underscored the importance of the Diaspora Pillar in Kenya's Foreign Policy with the objective of mainstreaming and empowering the Diaspora in the national development agenda.

The Director noted that KRA's engagement was an appropriate way of mainstreaming and empowering Kenyans abroad to effectively make significant contributions to the development of the country and facilitate informed decision making by the Diaspora in socio-economic development of the country in areas of investment, remittances and philanthropic initiatives among others.

She reiterated the Ministry's commitment to partnering with KRA to facilitate dialogue with the Kenyan Diaspora.

The sensitization forum was attended by over 190 participants that included Kenyan Ambassadors to the respective countries and their officers, KRA Commissioners and their officers and Kenyans in the diaspora.

All Ambassadors thanked and commended the Diaspora Directorate and KRA for the sensitization and called on Kenyans living abroad to always be tax compliant to avoid fines and urged them to invest back home.

Kenya- UK relations



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo with Hon. Vicky Ford, MP, Minister for Africa (Deputy Minister) in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom on January 18, 2022.

The United Kingdom Minister for Africa, Hon. Vicky Ford made a two-day visit to Kenya on January 18, 2020. The visit aimed at strengthening the Kenya – UK Strategic Partnership 2020-2025.

The Strategic Partnership was launched in London by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta and The Rt. Hon. Johnson Boris, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on January 21, 2020.

During a bilateral meeting CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo and Hon. Vicky Ford, discussed issues on regional peace and security in the Horn of Africa and further collaboration on the established Health Partnership to develop and manufacture vaccines.

"The move will be of tremendous benefit to Kenya even as the world fights the Covid-19 pandemic that has lasted since 2020," CS Omamo said and noted that by August 2021, Kenya had received 817,000 Astra Zeneca Vaccines from the British government.

Kenya – UK Strategic Partnership 2020-2025 aims to elevate cooperation between the two countries to more ambitious partnerships that will make the two nations deliver more prosperous, secure, and sustainable societies and reflect on the prevailing opportunities and the challenges.

During her visit, Hon. Ford toured several UK-sponsored projects including the Malindi Solar project, Mombasa Port, and the James Finlay's Tea Company. The Mombasa port has greatly improved trade and infrastructure not only in Kenya but also in the East Africa region.

"UK support for infrastructure is helping to improve trade in Kenya, in East Africa and unlock opportunities for UK firms. In the past decade, we have invested around £33 million into the port of Mombasa," Hon. Ford said



Kenyans in the diaspora undertake voter registration

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) commenced the Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR) exercise on January 17, 2022 in all County Assembly Wards, institutions of higher learning, huduma centers countrywide and in the diaspora.

The Commission mapped the registration centers in the diaspora based on the following parameters: presence of a Kenyan Mission; number of registered citizens with Kenyan Mission in host countries; political environment in host government which should be conducive, stable and predictable; financial sustainability to support logistical, operational and administrative costs of carrying out such an activity.

Voter registration centers mapped in Kenyan Embassies and Consulates included; Uganda (Kampala), Tanzania (Dar-Es-Salaam and Arusha), Rwanda (Kigali), Burundi (Bujumura), South Africa (Pretoria), South Sudan (Juba), United States of America (Washington DC, New York and Los Angeles), United Kingdom (London), United Arabs Emirates (Abu Dhabi and Dubai), Qatar (Doha), Germany (Berlin) Canada (Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver)

While in New York, Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau was briefed by the IEBC Commissioner Justus Nyang'anya on the progress of diaspora voter's registration exercise on 26th January 2021. The Principal Secretary underscored the efforts of the government in providing access to diaspora to exercise their democratic rights.

In Kigali, Rwanda, the Kenya High Commission kicked off the Diaspora Voter Registration on January 21, 2022. The mission encouraged all Kenyans in Rwanda to take part in the process which was scheduled to run for 15 days.

The IEBC commenced the ECVR in the United Arabs Emirates on January 31, 2022. The exercise took place at the Kenya Embassy in Abu Dhabi and Kenya Consulate in Dubai.

On February 1, 2022, the voter registration kicked off in three stations in Canada, at the Kenya High Commission in Ottawa, Kenya Honorary Consulate in Toronto and Kenya Honorary Consulate in Vancouver. The exercise was scheduled to run for two weeks.

During the exercise in Ottawa, the Kenya Canadian Association (KCA) Ottawa Regional Director Sanjit Kaur, who is also the KCA Director of Women and Gender Affairs met the IEBC team and Embassy staff to discuss possible strategies to use in mobilizing Kenyans in Canada to turn up to register as voters.

In Juba, South Sudan, the voter exercise commenced on January 31, 2022. The Kenya Senate leadership paid courtesy call to the Ambassador to check on the progress of voter registration exercise.



On February 4, 2022, at the Washington DC Chancery Amb. Macharia Kamau interacted with Kenyans registering as voters for the forthcoming General Election in August 2022. To encourage the diasporians to register, the PS registered and was issued with a voter registration Card by the head of IEBC team in Washington DC.



The Kenya High Commission in Kigali officially kicked off the Diaspora Voter Registration on January 21, 2022. The Mission encourages all Kenyans in Rwanda to take part in the process.



The High Commissioner, Amb. Immaculate N. Wambua graced the launch of the voter registration exercise on February 1, 2022. Present were the Diaspora Leaders and Diaspora Voter Registration Accredited Observers



UNESCO declares World Kiswahili Language day



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared July 7, to celebrate the Kiswahili language, making it the first language in Africa to have a day specifically reserved to celebrate the language.

The decision was arrived at after all its member states came to a consensus on November 11, 2021 during the General Conference of UNESCO at its headquarters in Paris, France.

Kiswahili is not only one of the most widely used languages of the African family but also the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa. It is among the 10 most widely spoken languages in the world, with more than 200 million speakers. It is one of the lingua franca in many countries within East, Central and Southern Africa as well as in the Middle East.

The language is one of the official languages of the African Union (AU), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC). Hence, it is an indispensable tool in achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and in facilitating regional integration particularly in the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

In the 1950s the United Nations established the Kiswahili language unit of United Nations Radio, and today, Kiswahili is the only African language within the Directorate of the Global Communications at the United Nations.

How UNESCO settled on the date ...7th July was the day in 1954 that Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) under the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, First President of the United Republic of Tanzania, adopted Kiswahili as a unifying language for the independence struggle.

The first President of Kenya, the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, also used Kiswahili language through the use of the popular "Harambee" slogan in mobilizing the people of Kenya in the struggle against colonialism.

Furthermore, on 7 July 2000, the East African Community (EAC) was re-established to rekindle the spirit of cooperation and integration among the East African people of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda where Kiswahili language is widely spoken. Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan

Linguistic diversity and multilingualism are domains of strategic importance that UNESCO promotes in all fields of its mandate, through an interdisciplinary approach involving all programme sectors.

"There is a growing awareness that languages play a vital role in development, not only in ensuring cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, but also in attaining quality education for all and strengthening cooperation, in building inclusive knowledge societies, in preserving cultural heritage and in mobilizing political will for applying the benefits of science and technology to sustainable development", says UNESCO.

Acknowledging the United Nations' spirit of multilingualism, the United Nations General assembly adopted a resolution in September 2017 that welcomed the implementation of a day dedicated to each of UN's official languages, and encouraged the Secretary General and institutions such as UNESCO to consider extending the important initiative to other non-official languages spoken throughout the world, to raise awareness of their history, culture and use.

The UNESCO's Executive Board recognized the role the Kiswahili language plays in promoting cultural diversity, creating awareness and fostering dialogue among civilizations.

The Board also appreciated the 39th ordinary summit of SADC heads of State held in Tanzania for recognizing the contribution of Kiswahili language towards peace-building and liberation of Southern Africa, and for authorizing Kiswahili as the fourth SADC official working language.

The International Kiswahili Language Day will be celebrated every year by all stakeholders, in recognition of the global relevance of Kiswahili as a language of global communication built in the daily life of Africans in a constant enrichment of its multiculturalist, without any financial implications for United Nations regular budget.



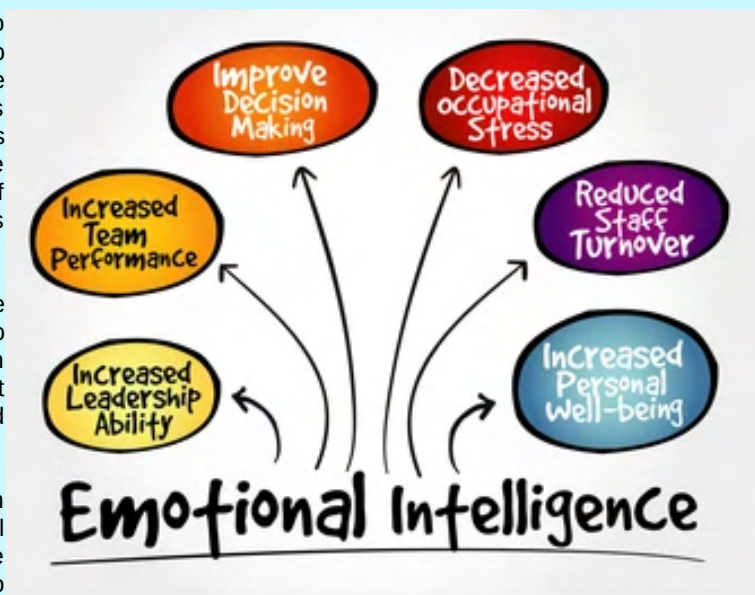
Why Emotional Intelligence is key to effective leadership

Who is a perfect leader? Is it the one who never lets his temper get out of control no matter what problems he is facing? or, the one who has the complete trust of his staff, listens to his team, easy to talk to, and always makes careful, informed decisions.? All the above are qualities of someone which high degree of Emotional Intelligence (EI) also referred to as Emotional Quotient).

Emotional Intelligence/Quotient describes the ability to understand one's feelings. It also describes how emotions influence motivation and behavior. People with EI/EQ know what they are feeling, what their emotions mean and how these emotions can affect them.

Please note, there is a difference between Intelligence Quotient (IQ) and Emotional Quotient. IQ is a score derived from one of the several standardization tests designed to assess an individual's intelligence, usually the academic abilities. On the other hand, EQ is an individual's ability to identify, evaluate, control and express emotions.

EI/EQ is a better indicator of success in the workplace. It identifies leaders, good team players and people who best work by themselves often referred to as star performers. For leaders, having emotional intelligence is essential for success. A leader therefore needs to possess the elements of EI/EQ which include; self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills. The more a leader manages these areas, the higher their level of EI/EQ.



When you are self-aware, you always know how you feel and are aware how your emotions and actions can affect the people around you. It means you have a clear picture of your strengths and weaknesses.

To improve on your self-awareness, keep a journal, write down your thoughts, slow down to examine 'why'. Remember no matter the situation, you can always choose how you react to it.

Self-regulated leaders rarely verbally attack others. They do not make rushed, emotional decisions, stereo type people or compromise values. Self-regulation is about staying in control.

To improve on self-regulation, you need to know your values, examine your 'code of ethics'. Do not compromise, hold yourself accountable, make commitment to admit to mistakes and face consequences readily. Practice being calm by undertaking deep-breathing exercise.



Be self-motivated, be hopeful, find something good to do always. Motivated leaders are usually optimistic, no matter the problems they face. Adopting this mindset will take practice, but it is worth the effort.

It is critical for a leader to have empathy while managing a successful team or organization. Leaders with empathy have the ability to put themselves in someone else's situation. They help others develop; changes those who are acting unfair; gives constructive feedback and listens to those who need it. Empathy helps a leader to earn respect and loyalty from his team.

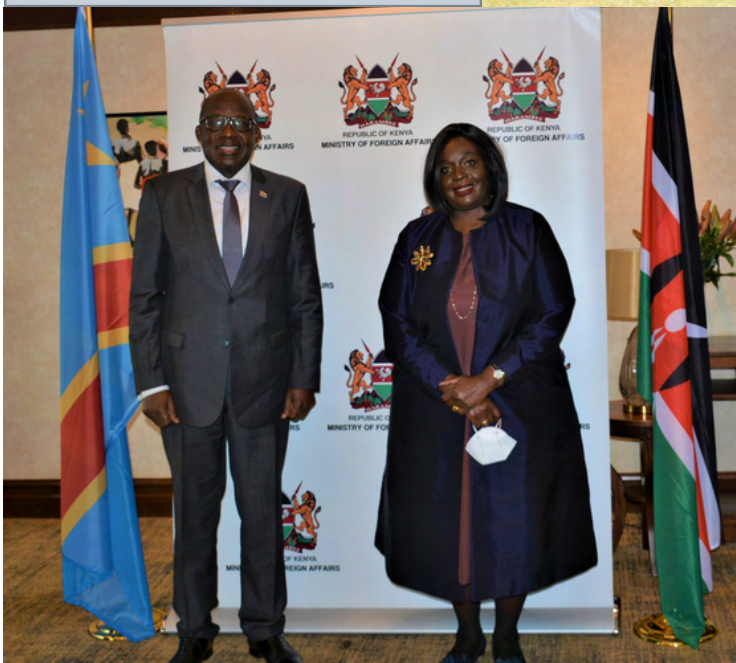
To improve on the area of empathy, put yourself in other people's position. Look at situations from other people's perspective.

By Kawira Githinji



IN BRIEF

H.E. President Yoweri Museveni pose for a group photo with Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the African Union committee of 10 (C10) on the reform of the United Nations Security Council after the official opening ceremony of the 9th Ministerial Meeting - January 20, 2022.



Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo met with Christophe Lutundula, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Congo on January 18, 2022.

They discussed bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries including deepening trade and military cooperation.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Kenya, H.E. Ms. Christina Diaz Fernandez-Gil paid a courtesy call on Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo on January 31, 2022.

The two noted the cordial bilateral relations between Kenya and Spain and identified areas that need further cooperation.





In Brief



Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo held talks with H.E. Amb Silvio José Albuquerque of Brazil on January 31, 2022.

The Cabinet Secretary thanked the Government of the Republic of Brazil for the continued support in health, education and agriculture. Kenya and Brazil enjoy bilateral and multilateral ties based on shared values.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo received a special message on behalf of President Kenyatta from H.E Felix Tshisekedi, Democratic Republic of Congo President on January 29, 2022.

The message was delivered by Prof. Alonse Ntumba Luaba Coordinator of DRC Presidency at the African Union.

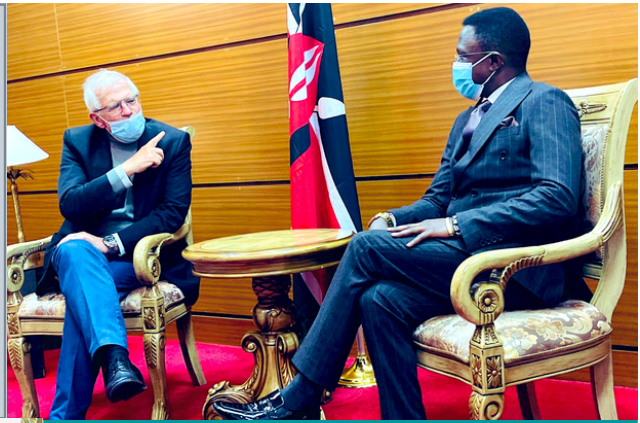


Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo held a virtual meeting with Amb. James Swan, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia and Head of the UNSOM. on January 27, 2022. They exchanged on a wide range of issues including the security and humanitarian situation in Somalia.



In Brief

Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba, received the European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission H.E Josep Borrell Fontelles at JKIA on January 28, 2022.



Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba on February 2, 2022 led the Ministry of Foreign Affairs team in making the ministerial submissions to the National Assembly Defence and Foreign Relations Committee on the Budget Policy Statement covering the triple 2022-23/23-24/24-25 fiscal period. The budget cycle is key.

He was accompanied by the MFA Political and Bilateral Director General Amb. Galma Boru.

CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba hosted representatives of the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace led by Emma Ng'ang'a, the Africa Youth Ambassador for Peace (East Africa) who paid him a courtesy call at his office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on February 2, 2022.

"Youth have a critical role to play in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building. They must be involved" - CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba



Hungary President His Excellency János Áder left the country after a four day State Visit on January 20, 2022.

He was seen off at JKIA by Cabinet Secretary for ICT Joseph Mucheru and Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau among others.



In Brief



Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau held bilateral discussions with Amb. Robert Fairweather, UK Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan and Dr. Endre Stiansen, Norwegian Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan on January 27, 2022.

Discussions focused on peace and security in the Horn of Africa.

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau held talks with H.E. Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia on January 26, 2022

The two discussed trade and development, education, tourism and culture as areas to further enhance ties between Kenya and Malaysia



Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau held fruitful bilateral talks of mutual interests with H.E. Loh Seck Tiong, the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Kenya who paid a courtesy visit on January 20, 2022.

Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau while in New York, USA on February 2, 2022 had the opportunity to be briefed by IEBC Commissioner Justus Nyang'aya on the progress of diaspora voters registration exercise.

The Principal Secretary underscored efforts of the government in providing access to the diaspora to exercise their democratic right.





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