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## Kenya hosts UNEA 5.2 and UNEP@50 commemorations



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# Kenya co-hosts the resumed UNEA 5.2 and UNEP@50



*on March 3, 2022 President Uhuru Kenyatta spoke at the UNEP headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi, when he presided over celebrations to mark the 50 anniversary of the global environment body.*

Kenya welcomed the world to Nairobi for the resumed fifth session of United Nations Environment Assembly that was scheduled from February 28 to March 2, 2022. This was immediately followed by the United Nations Special Session in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Program, since its inception in 1972 as the environmental voice of the United Nations.

The Government of Kenya in collaboration with the UNEP hosted the second segment of the fifth session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA 5.2) and the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP@50). These two important events marked the re-opening of Kenya to international conferences since the emergence of the Covid-19 global pandemic.

H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta together with his counterpart Heads of State and Government, H.E. Muhammadu Buhari President of Nigeria, H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi President of Botswana, and H.E. Felix Moloua Prime Minister of Central Africa Republic, joined other United Nations top leadership and delegates attending the fifth session of the UNEA 5.2 in a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Nairobi-based UNEP at the UN Complex in Gigiri, Nairobi on March 3, 2022.

Speaking during the meeting, President Kenyatta announced the creation of a peace and environment award dubbed “Amani and Mazingira Global Award” as part of the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme. He said the bi-annual award, sponsored by the Government of Kenya will be given to persons or institutions that champion environmental sustainability and peace.



*President Uhuru Kenyatta together with fellow Head of States and Government are taken through the tap of plastics by UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen on March 3, 2022*

Held under the theme “Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” the anniversary celebrations came a day after conclusion of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The UNEA 5.2 session concluded with a historic resolution to end plastic pollution and forge an international legally binding agreement by 2024. Heads of State, Ministers of Environment and other representatives (3,400 in person and 1,500 online participants) from 175 UN Member States endorsed this landmark agreement that addresses the full lifecycle of plastic from source to sea, including its production, design and disposal.

The resolution, based on three initial draft resolutions from various nations, establishes an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), which will begin its work in 2022, with the ambition of completing a draft global legally binding agreement by the end of 2024. It is expected to present a legally binding instrument, which would reflect diverse alternatives to address the lifecycle of plastics, the design of reusable and recyclable products and materials and the need for enhanced international collaboration.

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On the margins of the UN Summit, Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo, met with Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Inger Anderson, the Executive Director of UNEP, and Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator.

The Cabinet Secretary commended UNDP in Kenya for the critical role they have played towards recovery efforts from ravaging effects of Covid 19 and championing issues on sustainability, climate resilience, gender equality, poverty reduction and International development. The CS reiterated the need to empower and strengthen both UNEP and UN-Habitat to make them respond aptly to the current climate challenges.

Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau, hosted the Road to Lisbon event on the sidelines of UNEA 5.2. He reiterated the need to galvanize and consolidate political impetus towards oceans action noting the centrality of Oceans, Seas and Marine resources to post covid recovery of world economies. He added that, tapping into the blue economy is very integral in the post Covid-19 recovery.

The PS also convened the United Nations Ocean Conference Informal Advisory Committee meeting in readiness for the 2nd Ocean Conference in Lisbon to be cohosted by Kenya and Portugal. He said that 2022 UN Portugal conference will offer a unique opportunity for countries and regions to mobilise and demonstrate leadership in taking action to protect oceans and ensure that the Ocean and its accompanying coastline are sustainably managed.

PS Macharia later on visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs photo exhibition booth that showcased in pictures the story of UNEP in Kenya since its inception in 1972 to date. All high profile personalities that have visited the UN Complex in Gigiri during that period were highlighted.

Delegates participated at a UNEP run at Armani Gardens, Karura Forest, themed 'UNEP@50 Years Anniversary 10KM commemorative run.' Renowned athletes joined in the race and also participated at an excursion at the Nairobi National Park.



*UN Environment Assembly adopts landmark resolution in the push to Beat Plastic Pollution at UNEA5 In a major win for people and planet, nations have committed to develop a legally binding agreement on plastic pollution*



*CS Amb Raychelle Omamo met with Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General at the UNEA5.2 at Gigiri, Nairobi on February 28, 2022*



*Amb Macharia Kamau, MFA Principal Secretary and Peter Thomson, UN Secretary- General Special Envoy for Oceans during the side event on the Road to Lisbon held in Nairobi on February 28, 2022*



# Outcomes of the African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa

*His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta with other world leaders in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to attend the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union from February 5-7, 2022*



H.E Uhuru Kenyatta President of the Republic of Kenya led the Kenyan delegation to the 35th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from February 2 - 6, 2022.

Kenya's participation in the Assembly coincided with the country's chairmanship of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC). In his capacity as Chair of the AUPSC, President Kenyatta presented a Report on the State of Peace in Africa in which he underscored the adversity of the increasing cases of political instability and insecurity in the continent and the recent upsurge in unconstitutional changes of governments in the continent.

He called on leaders to redouble efforts to overcome challenges to peace and security; and to end instability and conflicts which hinder socio-economic progress in the continent.

During the summit, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, was appointed by the AU Assembly as the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) for two years. This was informed by Kenya's strong credentials on Climate Change Debate.

Justice (Rtd.) Effie Owuor was appointed to the 5th AU Panel of the Wise for a (3) year term. Further, Amb. Monica Juma, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy, was endorsed for election as Secretary General of the Commonwealth at elections to be held in June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda; and, Mr. Simon Njuguna was endorsed for re-election as Member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for the period 2022-2027. The Assembly also appointed Dr. Nardos Bekele-Thomas of Ethiopia as the Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD, making her the first NEPAD CEO from Eastern African region.

The Summit endorsed the Republic of Kenya for various international positions including: Member of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for the period 2022-2027; Re-election as Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Region D for the period 2023-2026; Member of the Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

(UNAIDS) for the period 2023-2025; Vice-President of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly for the period 2022-2023; and; Member of UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for November 2023 in New York.

The President, in his capacity as the AU Champion of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), also presented to the Assembly a report on ALMA, in which he outlined the achievements made in the fight against Malaria, under his Four (4) point legacy agenda: Digitization and Score cards for Accountability and Action; Multisectoral Advocacy, Action and Resource Mobilization; Regional Coordination; and Access to life-Saving Commodities

The Republic of Kenya was recognised for having successfully undergone Four (4) successive Peer Reviews under the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). Further, Kenya was recognized by the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) for granting nationality to the Shona and Rwandese communities that have lived in Kenya for many years.

H.E. President Kenyatta held High Level bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Ethiopia, Seychelles and Zambia. He further held extensive consultations with the AU Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa and former President of Nigeria, H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, who briefed him on his peace efforts in the Horn Region.

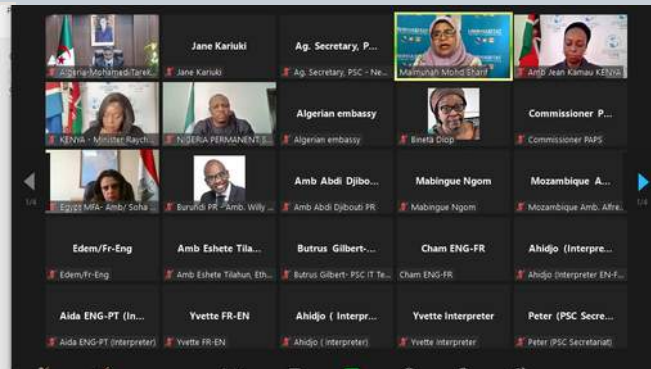
The Summit was a great success for Kenya as most of the delegation's objectives for the Summit were achieved. The Kenyan delegation included: Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Amb. Jean Kamau, Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union; Amb. George M. Orina, Director for Africa and African Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and officers from the Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kenya Embassy in Addis Ababa.

Amb. Raychelle Omamo, held bilateral consultations with her counterparts from Algeria, Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burundi, Uganda and Mali. She also held consultations on AMISOM reconfiguration with Amb. Bankole Adeoye, the African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security.

The Cabinet Secretary deposited with the AU, three (3) AU legal instruments, that Kenya has ratified: the Protocol on elderly persons; the Protocol on disability; and, the African Charter on Democracy and Governance.



# CS Omamo chairs AUPSC on Urbanization, Women Peace and Security



*Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo chaired the 1063rd session of AU Peace and Security Council on the topic on Urbanization, Women Peace and Security addressing the nexus between Women, Peace and Security and Urbanization, during Kenya's chairmanship of the PSC for the month of February 2022*

On February 8, 2022, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo chaired the 1063 session of the AU Peace and Security Council on the Urbanization, Women, Peace and Security addressing the nexus between Women, Peace and Security and urbanization.

The objective of the session was to explore the role that sustainable urbanization and effective cities and local governments can play in preventing escalation of conflicts, rebuilding the social contract, preventing further displacement, extremism and proxy-wars, and promoting bottom-up stabilization efforts to complement higher-level peace processes.

The meeting was attended by AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye; others present as special guests included; H.E. Madam Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security; Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif - the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHabitat).

In her opening remarks the Cabinet Secretary noted that Africa is rapidly urbanizing. Data from the UN HABITAT indicates that Africa's rate of urbanization rose from 15% in 1960 to 40% in 2010, and is likely to rise to 60% in 2050. She noted that while the phenomenon of urbanization exhibits many positive things, unplanned and rapid urbanization is becoming the biggest challenge of our times, weakens traditional family support systems while leaving women and girls extremely exposed.

"Most of the people living in our cities are poor and therefore pose serious challenges to governance, peace and national security." She said.

CS Omamo said that War and conflict in cities is becoming more pronounced with terror attacks almost exclusively focused on urban spaces, posing new and unprecedented challenges for peacekeepers and humanitarian workers on the protection of civilians and provision of services.

"Attacks destroy infrastructure such as water supply, housing, energy supply and other services and affect the quality of life of women and children the most".

She said women's experiences in urban areas are highly varied and context- specific, shaped by factors such as location, education levels, household profiles and wealth.

"In many cities around Africa, the major issues and concerns of urban safety and security affecting women and girls relate to crime and violence, insecurity of tenure and forced evictions, and natural and human made disasters," she observed.

"The increase in informal centres in urban areas has led to an increase in ungoverned spaces that the Government and specifically security agencies cannot monitor. The unplanned and fluid circumstances in sprawling urban settlements means women are susceptible to human trafficking, slavery and sexual exploitation as well as radicalization and violent extremism." she told the meeting

For this reason, she said, urban planning and development needs to be elevated to a national security issue and should be gender sensitive and take the unique challenges germane to women and girls into account. For example, she added, women need easier access to hospitals, sanitary and hygiene facilities and effective policing, which are necessary for increasing security of women and their participation in society. She said women, especially those in informal sectors need to be meaningfully included in political decision making, to enable them bring their issues to the peace building table and to create conditions for a gender inclusive sustainable peace.

To take the discussion forward the Cabinet Secretary raised pertinent questions that the meeting sought to address: How do we incorporate the crisis in Africa's burgeoning cities and the emerging patterns of violence and instability in urban settings into the WPS agenda, with regard to the key pillars of participation, protection, prevention and relief and recovery; What initiative ..... Continued on page 7



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should be taken in the areas of peacekeeping and peacebuilding in light of the impact of rapid urbanization and violence particularly in conflict and post-conflict settings and what is the role of women peacekeepers in this regard;

How can women in urban settings become agents of peace and stability in post-conflict rebuilding processes and how can existing organic peace building efforts by local women be incorporated into peace negotiations and peace agreements and related political processes; and,

How do we ensure that women's voices are heard in efforts towards strengthening local governance and administration to enable the silencing of guns in urban settings;

How can security sector reforms be more aligned to the protection of women in urban spaces, especially with regard to reshaping police forces and other local administration agencies particularly in conflict and post-conflict settings;

What are the new triggers and risks for international peace and security associated with rapid unplanned urbanization, climate change, conflict over land and urban violence; And what kind of early warning mechanisms can be put in place.

Member states who have developed efficient urbanization plans with the inclusion of women to encourage others to do the same as part of addressing facing women on rapid urbanization in the continent;

## Kenya's HC to Nigeria is laid to rest



The developing and adopting a Continental Comprehensive Roadmap on Urbanization that is gender sensitive in order to ensure that women's needs and security are proactively addressed; and

The need to secure sustainable funding to address challenges facing the urbanization.

The Cabinet Secretary invited guest speakers to share their thoughts on the topic before inviting delegations to make their interventions particularly on what their individual countries are doing to uplift issues affecting women and peace. The topic they said was timely, noting that sustainable urban development cannot be achieved in the absence of Peace and Security with women playing a major social and economic development of our cities.

The meeting proposed for: The establishment or enhancement of gender champion networks to influence local governments, national decision makers, and African's private sector to invest in research, technology and infrastructure to support growing urban population and planned city extension;

The development of an AU/UN joint advocacy strategy on enhancing women ability in urban development and conflict prevention;

The need to enhance the work of the UN Habitat in order to ensure the inclusion of women in urbanization activities/processes as a tool to promote peace, security and development;

On March 2, 2022, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo joined MFA staff, family and friends for a memorial service of the Late Amb. Wilfred Machage, who until his demise, was Kenya's High Commissioner to Nigeria.

CS Omamo eulogized Hon. Machage as an amiable leader and a consummate diplomat.

On February 25, 2022, the Cabinet Secretary was at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to receive the body of Amb. Machage. She condoled with the family members and friends on the loss of the Ambassador.

The body of the late Wilfred Machage arrived from Abuja, Nigeria where he served as Kenya's High Commissioner to Nigeria on February 25, 2022



# Kenya participates at the 6th AU - EU Summit in Brussels



*Amb Raychelle Omamo  
Cabinet Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs and Mr. Valdis  
Dombrovskis,  
Executive Vice-  
President of the  
European Commission  
in charge of an  
Economy that works for  
People, and  
Commissioner for  
Trade, sign Kenya- EU  
Joint Statement*

His Excellency President Uhuru joined other African and European Heads of State and Government for the two-day 6th African Union - European Union Summit held in Brussels, Belgium from the February 17 – 18, 2022.

The summit was co-chaired by the President of the European Council, H.E. Charles Michel and H.E. Mr Macky Sall, President of Republic of Senegal. The summit constituted the member states of the African Union and the European Union who came together to discuss how both continents can strengthen political and economic ties for a greater prosperity.

President Uhuru together with Prime Minister Michael Martin of Ireland co-chaired a roundtable session on Agriculture and Sustainable Development. He emphasized the need for Africa and Europe to forge a mutually beneficial partnership that will boost agricultural production while at the same time addressing climate change concerns.

“Tri-lateral cooperation between the African Union, the European Union and the United Nations through its various agencies will be critical in ensuring that the agriculture sector adapts to climate change,” President Kenyatta said.

President Uhuru also spoke in a meeting of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and raised concerns in regard to the increasing number of unilateral decisions by the European Union targeted as the multilateral institution’s member nations.

On the margins of the AU-EU summit, President Kenyatta met President Emmanuel Macron of France and held talks centred on strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries. He further held talks with International Monetary Fund Managing Director, Kristalina Georgieva where they discussed matters of mutual interest to Kenya and the Bretton Woods institution.

During the summit Kenya was selected as a beneficiary of the global messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) technology transfer program.

This means that Kenya will soon start producing mRNA vaccines to combat Covid-19 and other diseases. Kenya is among six African Countries (Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal, South African and Tunisia) that will be supported by the WHO to locally produce Covid-19 and other vaccines to fight other diseases like Malaria, tuberculosis and cancer.

President Kenyatta appreciated the gesture saying it “demonstrates the power of partnerships to change the trajectory of Africa’s health for the better.”

“Today marks a new dawn of hope and promise for the African continent and her people. As one of the regions’ Kenya is honoured to be listed as one of the beneficiary countries of the mRNA technology transfer program,” President Kenyatta said.

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo who accompanied President Kenyatta also held talks with H.E Valdis Dombrovskis, The Executive Vice-President of the European Commission on the margins of the Summit and deliberated on trade and investment relations and signed a joint statement on February 17, 2022.

The statement affirmed their objective to implement the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the East African Community initiated by the two parties in 2014 and ratified by Kenya in 2016.

Further the agreement highlighted the need to discuss and integrate sustainable development in their trade and investment relations in order to promote sustainable growth and to achieve the objectives of the UN 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

The parties re-affirmed their common understanding that democratic governance, peace, security, and human development, with a focus on women and youth are important aspects of the development cooperation that the EU will support Kenya’s national commitment towards this end.



# Kenya supports the operationalization of Africa CDC



*The 40th Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia on February 2 -3, 2022*

The 40th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council started on February 2-3, 2022 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia to deliberate on a number of issues in preparation for the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union held on February 5 - 6, 2022.

This was the first physical Summit to be held since COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic in 2020. The statutory meetings of the African Union are held under strict conformity to COVID-19 protocols in accordance to the advice of the Africa CDC on the safety protocols on COVID-19 including limited participation of delegates per meeting, daily testing of all delegates, proof of full vaccination among others.

Kenya's delegation to the AU Assembly was led by H.E Uhuru Kenyatta and accompanied by Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hon. Ukur Yatani, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Her Excellency Jean Kamau, Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union (AU).

The theme of this year Summit was: *Building Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent: 'Strengthen Agriculture, Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development'*.

The Executive Council which precedes the Assembly made decisions on a number of issues including: full operationalization of the African Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), African candidates and candidatures to the international system, inclusion of Kiswahili as one of the working languages of the African Union among others. Operationalization of Africa CDC is very critical especially at this time the world is battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is critical to make it fit for purpose to not only be able to respond efficiently, effectively and on a timely manner to the prevailing pandemic but also any other disease outbreaks that may strike in the future.

Kenya supports this noble initiative and the Cabinet Secretary affirmed this position in her statement during the discussion of the subject matter.

"While we may not wish to experience another pandemic like COVID-19, it will be very unrealistic of us to rule out an outbreak of other pandemic either regionally or globally. In order to be fully prepared to respond, we must ensure that Africa CDC is properly engineered to live up to its task and fit for purpose" Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo said.

Africa CDC was launched on 31st January 2017 as a specialized Technical Institution of the Africa Union charged with the responsibility of promoting the prevention and control of diseases in Africa Union Member states. The ability to fully deliver on its mandate has been challenged by inadequate operational support and lack of appropriate authority to execute its functions in a timely and efficient manner.

At least 25 African Heads of State and Government attended the summit which considered and adopted key reports, among them Progress Report on the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) which was presented by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta in his capacity as the Champion of ALMA. Further H.E. Kenyatta presented the African Union Peace and Security Council Agenda for the Month of February 2022 in which Kenya is the Chair of the Month.

The ALMA report provides an update on the status of Malaria on the African Continent, progress towards the targets set in the Catalytic Framework to end AIDS, TB and eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030. The Report also included activities taken to mitigate the adverse impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on malaria services.



# Ministry of Foreign Affairs manages its Assets



*The closing ceremony of the workshop on finalization of Asset Acquisition and Management Plan by the Global Assets Department at Foreign Affairs on February 11, 2022.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Global Assets Management Division held a week-long workshop on finalization of Asset Acquisition and Management Plan (AAMP), from February 7 to 11, 2022.

The workshop aimed at reviewing the objectives of the AAMP that pertains to acquisition of government properties, maintenance and management of diplomatic properties, leasing as well as disposal of the properties to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the management of the Ministry's Assets. Stakeholders were drawn from the State Departments of Housing, Public Works and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Director General, International Conferences, Media Events and Communications Directorate, Amb. Isaiya Kabira, on behalf of the Principal Secretary, Amb. Macharia Kamau presided over the closing session of the workshop on February 11, 2022.

Amb. Kabira thanked the stakeholders for their participation and support in finalization of the AAMP document. He applauded the staff at the Ministry for their dedication in giving the Ministry the best formal plan for acquisition and management of its properties.

He noted that the workshop laid out the importance of the AAMP not only to the ministry, but also to the government as a whole. Amb. Kabira highlighted some of the policy guidelines and implementation strategies that were developed that included; criteria for determining where to own diplomatic properties, categorization of Missions for purposes of property ownership, Optimum property mix for different categories of missions among others.



*Amb. Isaiya Kabira gives his remarks during the closing ceremony of the workshop on February 11, 2022*

He further noted how the workshop has made recommendations on alternative sources of financing for acquisition of diplomatic properties, the implementation strategy and inspection checklist as well as risk analysis strategy.

The DG appreciated the efforts of the participants towards contributing to a successful workshop and noted that the formal plan implemented in order to project and promote the image of Kenya, while reiterating the importance of working together and the good strides made towards the document.

In his closing remarks, the DG noted that there is room for improvement and possibility to engage for the betterment of the plan. He then thanked all participants and declared the successful workshop officially closed.



# Kenya's gift to Burundi delivered as promised



*The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives Hon. Peter Munya delivered the President's donation to the Government of Burundi on February 3, 2022.*

Kenya continues to take a frontline role in extending assistance to members of the East African Community. In this regard Kenya honoured its commitment to assist Burundi develop its agriculture, livestock and co-operative sectors.

The Mandela cow which His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta gifted to his Burundian Counterpart His Excellency President Evariste Ndayishimiye in Kisumu on May 31, 2021 finally arrived in Burundi together with 50 high-yielding dairy heifers.

President Kenyatta promised the gift during the two-day state visit to Kenya by the Burundian President from May 31 to June 1, 2021.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives Hon. Peter Munya delivered the President's donation to the Government of Burundi on February 3, 2022.

Other donations included: 20,000 vaccine doses of Quodivolt against Foot and Mouth Disease; 1.3 Metric tonnes consisting of Maize, Wheat and Rhodes grass seeds; 1000 pieces of Tsetse traps; and 4000 straws of semen.

The donations were formally handed over to the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment of Burundi at a function held at Bugendana in Gitega Province.

During the State Visit in May 2021, Kenya and Burundi signed several agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation between the two East African nations.





# Kenya set to benefit from Life Saving Nuclear Medicine



Kenya is among seven Africa countries set to benefit from life-saving nuclear medicine and radiotherapy an initiative of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This will help African countries tackle a severe shortage of potentially life-saving nuclear medicine and radiotherapy.

Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi announced the IAEA's Rays of Hope initiative on the eve of an African Heads of State summit in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa on February 4, 2022, Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary represented President Kenyatta during the launch.

Director General Grossi announced that other countries to benefit are Benin, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Malawi and Senegal.

"Around half of all cancer patients need radiotherapy, but only one in ten patients in low and middle -income countries can access treatment. The IAEA is creating a new initiative to change that by launching to help countries provide Cancer Care for all," he said.

"Even relatively small investments – setting up and operating a radiotherapy unit able to treat 500 patients per year can cost US\$7.5 million – will make a significant difference in a country's capacity to offer adequate cancer care to its people" he added

The launch event held on World Cancer Day, was co-hosted by Senegal's President Macky Sall, the incoming Chairperson of the African Union. Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat of the African Union Commission (AUC) addressed the event, which was also attended by Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera.

## UNEP Deputy Executive Secretary ends tour of duty



*Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau gifts the outgoing UNEP Deputy Executive Secretary Ms. Joyce Msuya during a farewell dinner hosted in her honour on February 15, 2022*

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau in February hosted dinner in honour of outgoing UNEP Deputy Executive Secretary Ms. Joyce Msuya on February 15, 2022.

The Principal Secretary while addressing the gathering appreciated the valuable services of the outgoing UNEP Deputy Executive Secretary for the tremendous role she played by steering the organization towards stability, leading the fourth session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly, as well as mobilizing resources to support its mission to ensure UNEP remained regimented.

The Principal Secretary conveyed best wishes to Ms. Msuya in her next post as the new Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and assured her of Kenya unwavering support.

On her part, the envoy expressed gratitude to the Principal Secretary and reiterated that Kenya has left an indelible mark on a part of her heart and thanked the Government of Kenya for support in her previous roles. In addition, she pointed out that Kenya's strategic leadership role in the World environmental issues will continue growing with increasing responsibility.



# Caribbean diplomats visit Kenya



The diplomats' visited the Equity Group Holding Plc.

Representatives from 5 Caribbean countries visited Kenya for an educational tour from January 23 to February 4, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its Foreign Service Academy (FSA) hosted the delegation, whose main objective was to acquaint themselves with Kenya, so as to further strengthen relations between the two countries.

Speaking during the welcoming ceremony Foreign Affairs, Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau urged the delegates to feel at home, noting that the visit is one of the key milestones in the context of Kenya's Pan Africanist agenda.

"Each one of you looks very much local and can mingle very well with Kenyans unnoticed," PS Kamau stated, adding that, "you should therefore not hesitate to walk the streets here."

The visit followed two crucial visits by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta to the Caribbean region that were aimed at renewing and strengthening economic, culture and diplomatic, relations between Kenya and the Caribbean countries.

It is through this passion and commitment of President Kenyatta in seeking to renew and strengthen the flourishing relations between African and Caribbean countries that Kenya hosted a summit meeting of the African and Caribbean countries in Nairobi during which the organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) was launched and he was elected chair and leader of the organization.

This also ties well with the African Union's recognition of the people of African origin in the Diaspora., among them the Caribbean, as the sixth geographical region of the African Union in addition to its standard geographical regions of the continent of North, South, East, West and Central Africa.

Topics covered during the training program include : Kenya's foreign policy, geography, history and culture; Kenya's economic development; Blue Economy as the emerging frontier for economic development; peace and security in the Horn of Africa Region; African.

Diaspora across the Caribbean and Kenya-Caribbean bilateral relations and multilateral cooperation including at the United Nations.

Lectures were delivered by seasoned diplomats and resource persons from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, high-level officials from other Government departments as well as experts and scholars from leading Kenyan academic institutions.

The program included field visits to key institutions and companies in Kenya, aimed at giving the diplomats an opportunity to experience and appreciate Kenya's strides in key areas of trade, culture, banking, manufacturing, agriculture and financial technology sectors. Institutions visited included; Equity Bank Limited; Kenya School of Monetary Studies; East African Breweries Limited; Safaricom Plc; United Nations Office in Nairobi, the CARICOM Offices at Two Rivers Mall; Konza Technopolis; Kongoni Flower Farm in Naivasha; Kengen Geothermal Plant in Olkaria and Maasai Mara Game Reserve.

The educational tour elicited much enthusiasm among the Caribbean group on Kenya's economic and commercial diplomacy and development trajectory. This created a desire for the countries to expand and deepen their bilateral relations with Kenya.

The engagements with the Caribbean diplomats unlocked enormous potential opportunities for trade and investment in the Caribbean, created market prospect for Kenyan goods and services especially, flowers, educational, financial and technological service providers exhibited by the institutions toured.

The visit strengthened and deepened Kenya – Caribbean relations and signaled a new era of closer cooperation and partnership at bilateral and multilateral levels.

It is envisaged that the Ministry will sustain the tempo of this visit by making it an annual program with a vision of enhancing Kenya's soft and cultural diplomacy.

The Director General of the Foreign Service Academy Amb. Oyugi thanked the Caribbean Team for their exchange of views terming the visit a critical part of growing Africa-Caribbean relations.



# Kenya deposits instruments of ratification with African Union



*CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo deposited instruments of ratification to the African Charter on behalf of the Republic of Kenya in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on February 4, 2022*

Amb Raychelle Omamo deposited three instruments of accession to the African Union (AU) office of the legal counsel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on February 4, 2022.

The three instruments are: African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG). The instrument was adopted on January 30, 2007 as the African Union's main normative instrument to set standards for better governance across the continent. It came into force in February 2021 after ratification by fifteen states.

Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's right on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa. The protocol seeks to protect the rights of older persons.

Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa. The protocol seeks to provide an African context to rights of persons with disabilities.

By depositing the instruments, Kenya solidifies her support for the African Union's aspiration that aims for an Africa of good governance, democracy and respect for human rights, the rule of law and an expression of Kenya's commitment to adhere to international laws.

The Ratification process was under the aegis of the Joint AU-UNDP project on the acceleration of the ratification of Africa Union Treaties. The exercise seeks to streamline the ratification and implementation of AU Treaties by the Republic of Kenya.

## Diplomatic Corps briefing

On February 14, 2022 Dr. Fred Matiangi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government led his cabinet colleagues on a brief to members of the diplomatic corps on elections preparedness and economic recovery among other key issues.

He reiterated the government's commitment to facilitate IEBC and relevant bodies conduct a free and fair elections and a successful transition of government to ensure continuity of business and development projects.





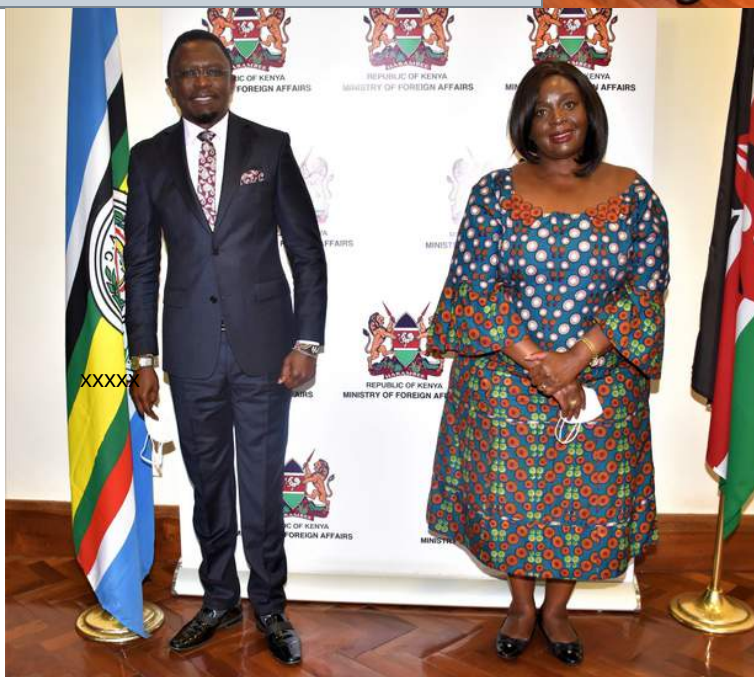
## In Brief



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo held a meeting with Ms. Inga Anderson the Executive Director of UNEP who updated her on the status of attendance and deliberations at the resumed 5th Session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA 5.2) on February 28, 2022

H.E. William Alexander McDonald, High Commissioner of Barbados to Kenya paid a courtesy call on Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo on February 11, 2022.

Kenya and Barbados enjoy cordial and warm bilateral ties. The two leaders discussed ways to advance their engagements for the benefit of the two countries.



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo bid farewell to Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba and thanked him for his services to the Ministry during his tenure at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on February 11, 2022.



## In Brief

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau paid a courtesy call on Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group in New York on February 2, 2022.

They discussed issues around strengthening multilateralism through more inclusive and responsive action in order to address contemporary challenges.



Ambassador Macharia Kamau Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs paid a courtesy visit to Ambassador Courtenay Ratray, Chief of Staff in the office of the Secretary General and former PR of Jamaica to the United Nation on February 4, 2022.

PS Amb Macharia Kamau visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs photo exhibition booth on the margins of the UNEA5.2 and UNEP@50 meetings at the UN Complex in Gigiri on March 1, 2022.

The pictures showcased the story of UNEP in Kenya since its inception in 1972 to date.





## In Brief



H.E. Salva Kiir, President of the Republic of South Sudan and Amb. Jean Kamau, Kenya's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and the Permanent Representative to the African Union during the visit by the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) on February 25, 2022.

PSC expressed African Union's commitment to support the peace process in South Sudan and encouraged the Leaders to redouble efforts to fully implement the Peace Agreement particularly Chapter 2 of the R-ARCSS

Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forestry with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNEP officials during a joint press briefing in preparation of the United Nations Environment Assembly and Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the UNEP@50



Foreign Affairs Amb. Susan Mwangi, Director UN and Multilateral, Amb. Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy PR KMUN, New York and the technical officers, attending a side event on transitioning from Linear to Circular Economy at the United Nations Complex Gigiri on March 4, 2022



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