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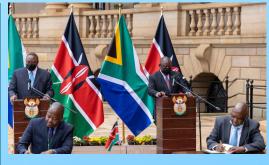
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In Brief



#### Kenya and South Africa sign pacts to deepen and broaden relations



President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Cyril Ramaphosa witnessed the signing of the Memoranda of Understanding that seek to enhance and broaden bilateral relations, trade and investments between the two countries on November 23, 2021

Kenya and South Africa have signed eight Memoranda of Understanding that seek to enhance and broaden bilateral relations, trade and investments between the two countries.

The signing ceremony was presided over by H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and H.E Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa during President Kenyatta's State Visit to South Africa from November 22-24, 2021.

The agreements were an outcome of discussions reached during the Joint Commission of Cooperation (JCC) held in Nairobi in August 2021 which reviewed the status of bilateral relations, put in place mechanisms for enhancing the relations; and undertook negotiations on bilateral instruments for cooperation.

The agreements signed included: Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on the Establishment of Diplomatic Consultations which establish and set guidelines for conducting diplomatic consultations on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest, and MOU on Diplomatic Training, establishing a framework for the development of cooperation activities on foreign policy research and analysis, training of diplomatic personnel and exchange of information and publications between the Parties.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Amb Raychelle Omamo and Foreign Minister in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation Dr. Naledi Pandor signed the two MOUs on behalf of their respective countries. Other instruments that were signed were the Agreement on Migration Matters, Return of Nationals Refused Entry and Illegal Entrants; Health; Bilateral Air Services Agreement (BASA); MOU on Transport Related Matters; and Tourism. The two leaders directed the respective ministers to ensure implementation of Agreements and MOUs.

The two leaders also witnessed the signing of the Strategic Partnership Framework between South African Airways SOC and Kenya Airways PLC during the Business Forum that details the roadmap leading to the creation of a Pan Africa Airline Group by the Parties.

Amb Raychelle Omamo who led the Kenyan delegation during the JCC in August thanked her counterpart Dr. Naledi Pandor for her commitment to work together to take bilateral relations between the two countries to the next level.

On Trade and Investments, President Kenyatta and President Ramaphosa agreed that there is need to increase the volume of trade between the two countries that has averaged over 580 million US dollars and which is currently largely in favour of South Africa.

Towards this end, the two leaders committed to explore further measures that will ease travel between Kenya and South Africa as an important part of strengthening trade, investment, tourism and cultural ties. They announced that a presidential task force will be set up to address any visa related challenges and report back after six months.



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"The task force will, as a first step, focus on easing travel by business community, students and those seeking medical attention, as they seek to find solutions for the bolder issues of easing visa restrictions within six months," said H.E Cyril Ramaphosa.

Kenya and South Africa have enjoyed cordial and fraternal relations since the restoration of full diplomatic ties in 1994 when resident Diplomatic Missions were opened in the respective capitals. They also signed the Agreement on the Joint Commission for Cooperation in 2007, establishing a framework for political consultation.

"After close to 30 years of diplomatic relations, Kenya and South Africa partnership and friendship has truly come of age, in addition to strong bilateral ties spanning a wide range of areas, Kenya and South Africa are close partners at the regional as well global stage," President Kenyatta said.

"It is only by working together that we can achieve the desired outcome for closer bilateral cooperation and strategic partnerships. We have today made great strides, however there is still scope to do even more," the President added and reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to work together with South Africa in "driving the aspiration of our people through the promotion of the African agenda."

He invited President Ramaphosa for a reciprocal visit to Kenya at a date of his convenience which the South African Leader gladly accepted.

Present were Cabinet Secretaries, Betty Maina (Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development), Eng. James Macharia (Transport, Infrastructure and Housing), Hon. Mutahi Kagwe (Health) and Hon. Najib Balala (Tourism and Wildlife).





CS Amb Raychelle Omamo accompanied H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta at the Union Buildings for bilateral talks and signing of MOUs between Kenya and South Africa - November 23, 2021



During the visit eight MOUs were signed among them Diplomatic consultations, Diplomatic training, Air Services, Transport, Health and Tourism.



Kenya High Commissioner to South Africa Amb. Catherine Mwangi introducing Kenya mission staff to H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta when he arrived at the Airforce Base Waterkloof in Pretoria for a three- day State Visit on November 23, 2021.





Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo and the U.S Secretary of State Antony Blinken held Bilateral Strategic Dialogue meeting at the Serena Hotel on November 17, 2021

#### Kenya, US hold second Bilateral Strategic Dialogue

On November 17, 2021, the United States of America's State Secretary, Antony J Blinken arrived in Nairobi for a two-day official visit. Kenya was his first stop on his official three-nation African tour. He was received by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo.

Secretary Blinken met with H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House on Thursday, 17 November 2021 where they discussed an array of issues including Covid-19, Climate Change, Regional Peace and Security and deliberated on possible areas of collaboration in resolving regional conflicts and achieving peace in the Horn of Africa.

This meeting was a follow-up of the conversation President Kenyatta had with his American counterpart President Joe Biden in Washington DC last month.

After his meeting with President Kenyatta, the US top diplomat met with the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Raychelle Omamo for the Second Bilateral Strategic Dialogue (BSD) to discuss areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Kenya and US share a mutually beneficial and longstanding relationship. In 2018, this historic relationship was elevated to a Strategic Partnership which includes an Annual Bilateral Strategic Dialogue. The Dialogue, anchored on five pillars namely; Economic Prosperity, Trade and Investment; Defence Cooperation; Democracy; Governance, and Civilian Security; Multilateral and Regional Issues; and Health Cooperation provides a platform for structured and regular consultations on areas of mutual interests by the two countries. After the meeting, the two countries held a joint Press conference where they addressed several issues that they discussed and are collaborating on. CS Omamo thanked Secretary Blinken for affirming the Kenya-US relations and welcomed him to Nairobi.

In their joint statement, they told the press that the two countries are exploring means of strengthening the strategic partnership across all five pillars of the BSD and the advancement of peace and stability in Africa.

On multilateral cooperation, the two countries pushed for a ceasefire in Ethiopia, holding out hope for a return to negotiations between the government and rebels in the north of the country. Secretary Blinken said he and President Kenyatta discussed the crisis in Ethiopia and the African efforts to resolve it, led by former Nigerian president, H.E Olusegun Obasanjo.

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J.S. Secreta<mark>ry of State Antony Blinken visited Karura Fores</mark> where he participated in a tree-planting activity with CS Environment Mr. Keriako Tobiko on November 18, 2021

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CS Raychelle Omamo said it was possible to find a solution to the crisis, adding that the people of Ethiopia need to work hard on a peaceful resolution to the war. "We believe in Ethiopia's potential to find a solution to this crisis. We believe that a cease-fire is possible," CS Raychelle Omamo said.

Kenya and the United States expressed their continued commitment to countering and degrading al-Shabaab in Somalia. In line with Resolution 2607 (2021), they planned to cooperate, alongside international and regional partners, in combatting the exploitation of the illicit financial system regionally by Al Shabaab and affiliates linked to ISIL. The United States expressed gratitude for Kenya's contribution of troops to the AU Mission in Somalia.

Both countries expressed concern about the slow implementation of the Revitalised Peace Accord in South Sudan and underscored the importance of supporting the implementation of the peace agreement.

The United States and Kenya reiterated their concerns about the military takeover in Sudan and called for the restoration of the civilian-led transitional government on the basis of the constitutional declaration and other foundational documents of the transition.

Amb. Raychelle Omamo then thanked the US for the support it has accorded Kenya in dealing with other Regional Peace and Security issues in the Horn and Eastern and Central Africa such as fighting terrorism, insurgency, political crises and coups. The US and Kenya will continue working together at the Security Council to make the region stable.

On areas of bilateral cooperation, they explored ways to promote trade and exploit unutilized potential for bilateral trade and investment for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

They also discussed the support the United States has rendered Kenya in Health Cooperation during the Covid-19 Pandemic. CS Omamo highlighted and thanked Secretary Blinken for the several shipments of vaccines the US sent to Kenya during the Pandemic. "No country, no region will be safe until we stop the pandemic," Secretary Blinken reassured.

On environment and climate change, the two sides noted the importance of environmental protection and committed to cooperate bilaterally and multilaterally in providing institutional support and building capacity for environmental conservation, improving clean energy access, climate change, food security, weather monitoring and implementation of multilateral environment agreements.



Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo and the U.S Secretary of State Antony Blinken jointly addressed a press conference on Kenya-US partnership at the Serena Hotel on November 17, 2021

At the end of the joint statement, both countries noted that they looked forward to the Third Bilateral Strategic Dialogue in Washington DC in 2022.

During the rest of his visit to Nairobi, Secretary Blinken also met with the Kenyan civil society leaders to discuss ways of collaboration to address shared challenges and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development to discuss the situation in Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia.

He also met staff at the US embassy and visited Karura forest where he participated in a tree-planting activity; and the August 7th Memorial Park to pay tribute to the victims of the 1998 Embassy bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

The US Secretary of State, departed for his next visits to Nigeria and Senegal on November 18, 2021. Blinken was seen off at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by the MFA Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau, Kenya's Ambassador to the US, Amb. Lazarus Amayo, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the US embassy in Nairobi.





#### Kenya participates at the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties in Glasgow



President Uhuru Kenyatta addresses World Leaders Summit in Glasgow, Scotland on November 1, 2021

His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta attended the World Leaders Summit held in Glasgow, Scotland from November 1 to 2, 2021, which preceded the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) hosted by the United Kingdom in partnership with Italy, held in Scotish Capital from October 31 to November 13, 2021.

During the World Leaders Summit, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta delivered Kenya's national statement and highlighted that Kenya would be a steadfast champion of the interests of African countries and the entire Global South on climate change at the UN Security Council (UNSC).

To avert a looming climate crisis, President Kenyatta urged world leaders to take "bold mitigation and adaptation measures" saying recent scientific evidence was pointing to a looming catastrophe.

The Summit brought together world leaders from 120 countries with a clear ambition to tackle the climate crisis, whose impacts were already being felt across the world, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Raychelle Omamo accompanied the President to the Summit as part of Kenya's high-level representatives that included other Cabinet Secretaries - Keriako Tobiko (Environment), Amb. Monica Juma (Energy), Ukur Yatani (National Treasury) and Najib Balala (Tourism).

On November 2, 2021, President Uhuru Kenyatta participated in the event 'Accelerating Clean Energy Technology Innovation and Deployment.'

Speaking at the event, President Kenyatta stated that Kenya was on course to achieving her target of 100% use of clean energy by 2030 and 100% access to clean cooking by 2028. The President noted that the energy sector accounted for most of the global greenhouse gas emissions saying the world's greatest challenge was innovating new low carbon energy solutions.

Significant announcements made during the World Leaders summit included; Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use; Launch of the Breakthrough Agenda; and Launch of the Global Methane Pledge.

Kenya was among 100 countries that endorsed the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use. The countries committed to work collectively to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030. There was commitment to mobilize public funds for forest conservation and a global roadmap to make 75% of forest commodity supply chains sustainable.

Over 40 countries including Kenya joined the Breakthrough Agenda that was launched at the World Leaders Summit. The countries committed to work together to make clean technologies and sustainable solutions the most affordable, accessible and attractive option in each emitting sector globally before 2030.

On the Launch of the Global Methane Pledge - over 100 countries committed collectively to reduce global methane emissions by 30% by 2030.

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#### Kenya participates at the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties in Glasgow

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On the margins of COP26 Conference, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo participated in a High-level round table on "Climate, Peace and Stability: Weathering Risk Through COP and Beyond," together with Ben Wallace, UK Secretary of State for Defense and Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General, NATO.

The Cabinet Secretary spoke on Climate Change as a threat multiplier and the need to take concrete action to prevent conflict through warning systems, investment in earlv technology, adaptation and the need to focus on women and children that bear the most brunt of climate change. The hybrid event was moderated by Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference.

The Cabinet Secretary also participated in the Agriculture Innovation Mission (AIM) for Climate Initiative and Climate Innovation High Level Panel on the sidelines of COP26 in Glasgow on 3rd November 2021, alongside John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Dr Sultan Al Jaber, UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Special Envoy for Climate Change and Bill Gates, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, Founder of Breakthrough Energy.

Amb. Omamo highlighted the importance of Innovation in agriculture as a source of food security and singled out Kenya's pioneering role in unlocking the massive potential of renewable energy and mobile technology in securing the climate future at COP26 and beyond.

"Time for innovation in our continent is now. We have many young people who can transform agriculture. What we need to do is to make agriculture exciting, smart and productive. This is the message that we are bringing to COP26," Amb. Omamo stated.

The panel discussed the critical role of technological innovation in achieving a netzero climate-resilient economy and the unprecedented economic opportunities arising from the low-carbon industries of the future.

The Cabinet Secretary also represented H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta at the 'Welcome to Glasgow' breakfast reception on November 2, 2021, at the Clydeside Distillery. The event whose focus was to collaborate to tackle climate change and to keep 1.5 degrees in reach, was hosted by the First Minister of Scotland, together with the First Ministers of Wales and Northern Ireland and the deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo participated as a panelist in the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate Initiative and Innovation that discussed the critical role of technology innovation in achieving a net-zero climate-resilient economy and unprecedented economic opportunities - November 4, 2021



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#### Philippines Ambassador to Kenya concludes tour of duty



Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau bid farewell to the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines to Kenya, Ambassador Alex Chua on November 5, 2021 at the Ministry headquarters.

The PS thanked the outgoing Ambassador for his selfless, invaluable service and contribution towards strengthening the warm and fraternal bilateral relations between Kenya and Philippines during his tenure in Kenya.

The Principal Secretary applauded the Philippines in their pursuit of peaceful co-existence policy with their neighbours under the umbrella of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and noted the clear commitment to promote closer regional co-operation and security issues.

In the fight against Covid-19 pandemic, the PS commended the Philippines for adopting stringent policies aligned with WHO guidelines in the management of the spread of the virus.

The two then discussed areas of Bilateral Trade Cooperation and recollected the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in March 2010 and underlined that Kenya is keen on pursuing and learning from the Philippine's experience on Diaspora human capital policies, capacity building, technology transfer as well as exploring more opportunities for trade and investment.

Amb. Macharia Kamau also congratulated the Philippines for their work in good infrastructure, accumulation of physical capital, successful allocation of capital, technology transfer and supportive government and trade policies among others. He also noted that these are some of the areas that Kenya is looking to partner with and learn from the Philippines.

On areas of Multilateral Cooperation, the two countries appreciated the similarity in approach to global issues of common interest such as UN peacekeeping, terrorism and UNSC Reforms agenda.

The PS wished the outgoing Ambassador well in his future endeavours. He then concluded the meeting by congratulating him on the remarkable efforts he has contributed towards strengthening the mutually beneficial relations between Kenya and the Philippines.

#### Kenya Airways Resumes Flights To Khartoum



The Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to Sudan, H.E Ngewa Mukala accompanied by Embassy Staff joined Kenya Airways officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Sudanese Civil Aviation authorities, Kenyans, Sudanese and other stakeholders to receive the first Kenya Airways flight which landed at the Khartoum Civil International Airport on December 10, 2021, after the carrier suspended flights in 2020.

There was an aura of excitement and pomp as a Sudanese cultural troupe entertained guests outside the VIP section of the airport.

A press briefing was held inside the VIP lounge where Ambassador Ngewa Mukala, Kenya Airways Regional Manager, Rose Kiseli and Senior Sudanese Officials addressed guests and media present.

The resumption of Kenya Airways flights will stimulate cross border trade, investment and tourism flows between Kenya and Sudan.

Karibu Sudan Kenya Airways "The Pride of Africa"!





# Kenya, Mozambique expand bilateral relations



On the sidelines of the 2nd "Growing Blue" International Blue Economy Conference in Vilankulo, Mozambique, President Uhuru Kenyatta and his host President Fillipe Nyusi witnessed the signing of an MOU on General Cooperation on November 18, 2021.

H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta on invitation by his Mozambique counterpart H.E President Filipe Nyusi, attended the second edition of the "Growing Blue" International Blue Economy Conference held in Inhambane Province, Mozambique from November 18 to19, 2021 as the chief guest.

The conference opened by President Nyusi was a follow-up to the first "Growing Blue" Conference held in Maputo, Mozambique in 2019. The opening session was attended by leaders from various governments, international organisations, and non- state actors.

In his speech, President Uhuru Kenyatta called upon African countries to unite and develop smart solutions that unlock the blue economy while protecting the health and sustainability of the oceans.

He called for regional and global collaboration in developing a common position to tackle ocean related threats and challenges. The two heads of state pointed out the indiscriminate dumping of plastic waste in the oceans, threatening aquatic life which affects food security and the oceans' ability to mitigate climate change.

The two leaders proposed that, countries should commit to sustainably manage 100 percent of the ocean area under national jurisdictions, strengthen marine security, conserve mangrove resources, empower small scale fishers and control ocean pollution.

President Kenyatta and his host President Nyusi witnessed the signing of an MOU on General Cooperation aimed at strengthening ties between Kenya and Mozambique.

On the side-lines of the conference, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo held bilateral talks with her Mozambican Counterpart H.E Veronica Macamo Dlhovo, Foreign Minister of Mozambique. They discussed the need for deepening bilateral relations between the two countries through people to people exchanges and the advancement of trade and investment. During the visit to Mozambique, the Cabinet Secretary also officially inaugurated the Kenya High Commission Chancery Building in Maputo. She highlighted that the establishment of the High Commission is an expression of Kenya's commitment to further expand relations with immense potential.

She noted that the establishment of the Mission in Mozambique during the challenging times caused by the negative effects of Covid-19 pandemic signifies Kenya's resolve to expand the already excellent relations between the two countries.

Kenya and Mozambique enjoy excellent bilateral relations since 1975, after the end of the Mozambique struggle and opening of her high commission in Nairobi in 1994.

Present at the inauguration ceremony was the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique and Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Mozambique and the Mission staff.



CS Amb Raychelle Omamo officially inaugurated the Kenya High Commission Chancery Building in Maputo. The inauguration officially marks the establishment of the Kenya High Commission in Mozambique - November 21, 2021.



#### Kenya calls for support from the Diplomatic Corps to host key events

The Government of Kenya will co-host five international conferences with the United Nations at the beginning of next year (2022).

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Ambassador Macharia Kamau told the Diplomatic Corps in Kenya on November 2021, when he briefed them on Kenya's perspective for the resumed Fifth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2) and the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation Environment United Nations of Programme (UNEP@50) scheduled to take place in Nairobi between on February 28 and March 2, and March 3 to 4, respectively.

The Principal Secretary highlighted that the conferences have a bearing on Environmental issues, stressing that no country has been left untouched by the harsh realities of the effects of changes to the environment, mostly as a result of human activities.

PS Macharia said Kenya pledges support towards the hosting of the two events and assured that the Government is committed to putting everything in place to ensure a safe, successful UNEA 5.2 and a memorable celebration of UNEP @ 50. He called on Member States to be receptive and answer to the call for voluntary contributions in cash and in kind to supplement the identified budget estimated at \$6 million.

He added that, Kenya aspires to hold UNEA 5.2 and UNEP @50 in person with high representation with the United Nations Gigiri Campus in Nairobi as the ideal location where the Government hopes to set up temporary structures for the two conferences.

Considering Covid-19 Pandemic, the Principal Secretary assured that, Kenya has the requisite capacity to support the hosting of the two meetings, with the current positivity rate at less than 1% and a vaccination rate that is over 9.4% with Nairobi leading in vaccination rate of 36.8%.



UNEA 5.2 is the fifth session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly, this follows the first round of the fifth session of the UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA 5.1) that was held virtually from 22nd- 23rd February 2021 with an agenda that focused on urgent and procedural decisions. UNEA 5.2 theme will be "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals".

The United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP @50) will be a twoday commemorative event themed "Securing the Planet and its Environment: UNEP@50. The Past, The Present and The Future" aims to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the organisation. "This will involve taking stock of UNEP's achievements since its inception and to create a vision to where we want UNEP to be in the next 50 years," the PS said.

Principal The Secretary also highlighted other key conferences that will take place in 2022 namely; the 9th Africities Edition of Summit. scheduled for May 17 to 21 in Kisumu. The meeting themed 'The role of Africa's intermediary cities in the implementation of the UN's Agenda 2030 and the African Union's Agenda 2063' is expected to highlight the need to plan and develop intermediary cities effectively, given that they are premised to be the next frontiers for livelihoods and development.

The STOCKHOLM+50 meeting is scheduled to place in Stockholm, Sweden from on June 2 to 3 2022. This will be a high-level meeting cohosted by Kenya and Sweden in commemoration of the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment - the 1972 Stockholm Conference. Stockholm+50 will be an occasion to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our planet.

Kenya and Portugal will co-host the 2nd Conference on Oceans in Lisbon from June 27 to July 1 2022.

This meeting is a successor conference to the Sustainable Blue Conference (SBEC) held in Nairobi in 2018 and the 1st UN Conference on Oceans held on 2017.

The conference will highlight further the need for ocean action, and more specifically the role of science based innovative solutions in line with the targets set out in Sustainable Development Goal 14-Life Below Water.

Dr Ruth Kagia, Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy and Strategy) in the Executive Office of the President, spoke on Kenya's perspective on the role of UNEP post Glasgow highlighting the importance of a differentiated and nuanced approach that guarantees a triple win for nature, people and the economy.

Dr Kaagia said Kenya is punching above its weight on climate-based action such a reforestation, green energy, and pollution management and called on the UNEP to provide the muscle and crown in finance, innovation and scientific knowledge to take actions to sustainable scales.

She acknowledged that the Glasgow discussion was qualitatively different as it highlighted a promising future where there is a triple win for nature, people and the economy. She lauded the UNEP and its partners as key connectors to achieving the triple win. She also underpinned that UNEP must remain the focal point in galvanising the international in taking action on community climate change, environmental protection and sustainable development.

Others who spoke at the meeting included Ms. Inger Adersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Chris Kikcaldy, UNONs Director for Administration and Ms. Luisa Fragoso, CDA Embassy of Portugal.



### More Kenyans take up international jobs

In the last few months several Kenyans have been appointed into international decision making bodies shining a light on the success of the lobbying undertaken through the Country's diplomatic footprint around the world.

In November, the Head of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Mr. George Maingi Kinoti was elected delegate for Africa in the INTERPOL Executive committee during elections held in Istanbul Turkey. This came a few weeks after the Inspector General of Police Mr. Hillary Mutyambai was elected to serve as President of AFRIPOL General Assembly. AFRIPOL is a structured cooperation of AU member states law enforcement agencies aimed at promoting democratic police values and attendant policing good practices.



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The election of both Kinoti and Mutyambai in the critical international bodies is an indication of the great respect Kenya is held, globally with and provides the two an opportunity to work with their counterparts in the fight against cross-border crimes. They will also be well placed to ensure that information sharing between different countries and security agencies is for the good of Kenya's overall security.

Another first for Kenya was the election of Prof. Phoebe Okowa to the International Law Commission during elections held in New York on November 12th. She becomes the first African woman elected to serve on the commission.

Other successful bids have been the re-election of Mr. Ali Kaka as regional Councilor for Africa in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the election of Prof. Ludeki Chweya as President African Management Development Institutes Network.

Prof. Phoebe Okowa elected to the International Law Commission after securing 162 votes at the UN General Assembly on November 12, 2021





Head of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Mr. George Maingi Kinoti during INTERPOL's General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey on November 25, 2021.

Also placing Kenya on the international map was Dr. Allan Emodoka Azegele who was elected Vice Chair of the CODEX Alimentarius Commission. The Commission supervises internationally recognized standards, codes of practise, guidelines and other recommendations published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

A few years ago Kenya's Ministry of Foreign Affairs established the Office of International Jobs and Special Assignments to coordinate with Missions abroad on lobbying strategies for Kenyans seeking election or appointment to international bodies.

Commenting on the successes of Kenya's lobbying PS Amb. Macharia Kamau said he was happy with the progress of Kenyan candidatures.

"We are proud that more Kenyans are getting an opportunity to sit at the apex of key international bodies. This is a good sign of Kenya's growing sphere of influence. I commend our Missions abroad and the staff at MFA headquarters for the continued coordination in the lobbying efforts," said Amb. Kamau.

The jobs uptake comes at a time Kenya is at the center of decision making at the United Nations, following successful bid for membership of the United Nations Security Council. In October this year Kenya held the Presidency of the Council and made major strides by bringing to the fore key international security issues.

This year Kenya was elected into various UNESCO committees including the legal committee and International Committee for physical education and sports. Kenya was also elected to the Administrative Council of the Pan African Postal Union and re-elected to the Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council, Universal Posta Union.



#### The Virtual Covid -19 Foreign Ministerial meeting

Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Raychelle Omamo participated at the Covid-19 Foreign Ministerial virtual meeting that was presided over by the United States, Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the State of Play on Covid -19 and the threat to global economy on November 10, 2021.

The Cabinet Secretary who spoke on Global Direction and Building the Capacity We need: Creating platforms to sustain financing, regional collaboration and political leadership, underscored the need of strengthening global leadership and coordination.

CS Omamo said Kenya had made strides in ensuring that response to the pandemic response is led at the highest political level and is coordinated through a whole-of-government mechanism.

She commended Africa's Joint Continental response and strategy for Covid-19 and said that the experience has proved the utility of regional, continental and global cooperation and coordination in addressing health challenges.

CS Omamo reiterated the need of strengthening global leadership and coordination in response to Public Health Emergencies of international concern as a way of managing pandemics.

She commended the noble initiative by the Global Health Security Agenda, that aims to ensure that health systems can prevent, detect and rapidly respond to public health threats according to international Health Regulations 2005.

"In terms of Global Leadership, the role of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Political Leadership is crucial in order to mobilize global action to address future health security threat," CS Omamo stated.

Other topics discussed during the meeting included:Accelerating Towards Vaccine Equity and Impact: Vaccine principles and expanding global vaccines manufacturing.





#### Argentina Ambassador to Kenya tour of duty comes to an end

Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo bid farewell to outgoing Ambassador of Argentina H.E. Martín Gòmez Bustillo in Nairobi and commended the Ambassador for strengthening relations between Kenya and Argentina during his tenure in Nairobi.

During the meeting held on November 8, 2021, the Cabinet Secretary noted that the excellent bilateral and multilateral relations that exist between Kenya and Argentina will continue to thrive, even as the two countries identify more areas of cooperation.

"I believe that the two countries will continue working together to advance the interests and relations for the benefit of our people," the CS emphasized.

She added that, Kenya is particularly grateful to Argentina for the recent offer of 400,000 Astra Zeneca vaccine doses and looks forward to increased cooperation with Argentina in healthcare, in line with the programme for Universal Healthcare.

CS Omamo conveyed Kenya's gratitude for Argentina's support towards the strengthening of UNEP, UN-HABITAT and the UN office at Nairobi (UNON). This support is crucial since UNEP is the only UN headquartered in the global south, with an important part to play in environment, climate management and sustainable development.

Ambassador Gómez, on his part, applauded Kenya's leadership under President Uhuru Kenyatta for the cooperation accorded to him during his tenure. He noted that, although the global pandemic of Covid-19 had hampered the engagements, he is satisfied that the two counties rose to the occasion to fight the killer virus.

Kenya and Argentina have signed several bilateral agreements in various fields which provide a good framework to expand partnership between the two countries. New agreements have been initiated and when concluded they will serve the two countries well.

CS Omamo wished Ambassador Gòmez well in his next assignment.



# Korean Ambassador to Kenya concludes tour of duty

The Korean Ambassador to Kenya H.E Choi Yeonghan tour of duty comes to an end after a successful tenure in Kenya.

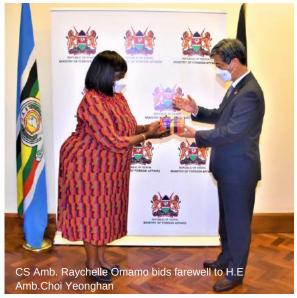
In a farewell meeting held on November 8, 2021 hosted by Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo the outgoing Ambassador was lauded for his role in strengthening ties between Kenya and Korea despite the challenges caused by Covid-19 pandemic.

"I take this opportunity to convey sincere gratitude of the Government and the people of Kenya for your invaluable services and selfless contribution in strengthening relations between the two countries during your successful tour of duty in Kenya," CS Omamo stated.

The Cabinet Secretary commended H.E Yeonghan's efforts in promoting Kenya to South Korea and expressed gratitude for supporting Kenya's fight against Covid-19 and a donation of 9,500 metric tonnes of rice to Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps through the World Food Program, test kits and antigens worth USD 500,000 and facemasks to select Kenyan Secondary schools.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that his tenure in office was marked with renewed momentum in cooperation between the two countries particularly, through Official Development Assistance (ODA) in form of grants and loans in areas of Human Resource, Industry, Energy, Health, Rural Development, Infrastructure, Water, ICT, Environment, Gender and Education. "This partnership has resonated well with our development aspirations as envisaged in Vision 2030 and the Big 4 Agenda, the CS said.

On Multilateral cooperation, Amb. Omamo noted that Kenya and Korea had a common approach to global issues



of common interest including UN peacekeeping, terrorism and UNSC reforms agenda.

"I take note of the invitation to participate at the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting scheduled to take place from December 7-8, 2021 in Seoul, Korea and confirm Kenya's attendance at a Ministerial level," the CS said.

The Cabinet Secretary congratulated the outgoing Ambassador for an exceptionally eventful and productive tour of duty and wished him all the best in his next assignment stating that she was confident that he would be Kenya's goodwill Ambassador in South Korea and beyond.

## Brazilians encouraged to explore Kenya's rich cultural heritage

Kenya Embassy in Brasilia participated in the 48th edition of the Association of Brazilian Tour Agencies (ABAV) Expo 2021 which took place from October 6-8, 2021 in the city of Fortaleza in Ceara State, Brazil. Kenya was one of the five countries that participated at the Expo, others being Argentina, Israel, Jordan and Ivory Coast.

The Mission's stand was well visited throughout the three days of the Expo with demonstrable interest from tourism agencies and tour operators in engaging closely with the Kenyan market. This marked the Mission's first participation in an Expo.

Kenya's stand featured a QR Code scanner with the aim of directing traffic towards both the Magical Kenya website and the Magical Kenya Instagram page.

During the Expo, Kenya's Ambassador to Brazil, Lemarrron Kaanto, in an interview with Clude Viagem, an Instagram tourism blogger (Instagram.com/clubeviagem.br) encouraged Brazilians to visit Magical Kenya and explore the diverse flora and fauna, rich culture and heritage, pristine beaches and thrilling adventure and sports on offer. He emphasized that, "social media is an important platform for catching the attention of potential tourists from Brazil." The Missions participation ensures that Kenya will remain in the conversation as a potential tourism destination as Brazilians begin to seek overseas destination following close to two years of Covid-19 enforced limitation.

To promote Kenya as a unique tourism destination, Amb. Kaanto at the margins of the Expo, held meetings with key stakeholders namely; The Brazilian Trust Board; Sao Paulo Tourism Office; Association of Travel Agencies of the Interior of the State of Sao Paulo; Goias Tourism office and Brazilian Association of Travel Agencies.

The Expo which featured 184 exhibitors was visited by 12,328 people across the three days. It featured a virtual component, referred to as ABAV Collab with tourism stakeholders able to access an online platform and engage with the exhibitors.

The ABAV Expo is traditionally one of the largest tourism fairs in the region. The latest edition of the Expo was considered a test-run and a re-opening of the tourism sector in Brazil following the Covid-19 related restrictions.



# CAS Namwamba presides over Ministry's second Learning Series Panel Discussion Forum



Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba presided over the second Ministry's Learning Series Panel Discussion Forum held via zoom platform, under the theme 'Promoting Trade and Investment in the Covid-19 Era and Beyond: Opportunities and Challenges"

Speaking at the meeting held on November 9, 2021, Hon. Namwamba noted that the previous two sessions of the learning series provided a platform for engagement between heads of mission and directors, updating and sharing of critical information from host nations experiences especially on how they handle the specific topical issues.

"Those sessions were lively, interactive and informative and led to a vibrant engagement and experience sharing by all of you, the CAS said.

Hon. Namwamba noted that the current topic comes at a time when H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the Post Covid-19 Economic Recovery aimed at creating new impetus in the economy.

The CAS highlighted that, Kenya remains cognizant of the prevailing challenges to the global supply chains that had disrupted availability of critical goods such as vaccines.

He added that, global regional and bilateral cooperation currently faces threats from climate change and pandemics making cooperation and collaboration harder to manage. This calls for policy makers to redesign international agreements to ensure shared prosperity and stability rather than individualistic pursuance of nationalism through protectionist approaches.

Cognizant of the central role trade and investment plays in achieving national

development and fosterina economic ties, Hon Namwamba that, underscored Kenya has demonstrated its commitment to improve its trade and investment climate by signing bilateral, regional, continental and multilateral trade and investment agreements, ratified and deposited instruments of other implementation among national initiatives to create an enabling business environment.

Welcoming the panelists to discuss the critical topic on Trade and investment, he encouraged them to highlight the experiences of the Kenyan Missions in executing their mandate on promotion of trade and investment; how they navigate around challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic as well as seizing the opportunities created by the pandemic.

Kenya's Ambassador to Italy, Amb. Jacqueline Yonga kicked off the discussions on the topic: Export Market and FDI: Exploring new consolidating sectors while traditional areas amid the ravages of Covid-19 pandemic. Amb. Yonga reported that Kenya and Italy enjoy cordial diplomatic relations which has translated in conducive trade and investment relations that include export of flowers, tropical fruits and vegetables, tanned hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair.

Amb. Yonga stated that, Italy was the European epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic as it was struck severely triggering several unprecedented challenges and disruptions in the global supply chain due to the total lockdown in March 2020.

When the country reopened partially in November 2020, Amb. Yonga embarked on re-profiling Kenya and reasserting its position as a number one destination for trade and investment through the following strategies: Mapping of Italian regions; identifying the most robust growth sectors; finding the right partners for collaboration and participating in business forums, trade fairs and exhibitions.

On bilateral cooperation, the Embassy is working closely with Italy to promote collaboration with Kenya in developing investments and projects that promote low carbon and blue economy.

The Ambassador highlighted that, the global trading environment is now very encouraging as developed countries have increased the pace of vaccination and are reporting lesser numbers of infections, hospitalization and Covid-19 related deaths. Countries are also beginning to post economic recovery, meaning that demand for consumer goods is likely to increase in the immediate future with exporters getting orders.

She concluded her presentation by stating that, Italy has great potential for increased exports and FDIs. Vaccination is high and normalcy is returning. There is need to invest more in person and virtual engagements.

Other discussants included; Kenya High Commissioner to London Amb. Manoah Esipisu, who tackled the topic: Trade and Labor agreements with post-Brexit UK: Consolidating Kenya's early gains and staying ahead of the competition:Amb. Eliphas Barine, Kenya's Ambassador to Ghana talked on: Opportunities for Kenya in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): Identifying and consolidating early advantages for Kenya; and Amb. Immaculate Wambua, Kenya's High Commissioner to Canada who Exploring presented on and exploiting new opportunities for Kenya in trade and investment in Covid-19 era in Canada and North America at large.

The two-and-a-half-hour discussion was a continuation of the Ministry's lead role in sharing knowledge among the various Heads of Missions and MFA headquarters staff.



#### Kenya participates at Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace in Luanda



Kenya Delegation to the 2nd Edition of the Biennale of Angola

The 2nd Edition of the Biennale of Luanda – "Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace" was held in Luanda, Angola from November 27 to December 2, 2021. The event jointly organised by UNESCO, the Africa Union and the Angolan Government was graced by five Heads of State and Government on invitation by the host H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of Angola. Kenya's President, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta was represented by Hon. Eugine Wamalwa, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Defence.

The Biennale celebrated under the African Union's 2021 theme, "Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want" was organised around the following axes: The Intergenerational Dialogue of Leaders and Youth; Thematic and Best Practices Forums; Festival of Cultures; and Alliance of partner for culture of peace.

The Intergenerational Dialogue between the high-level personalities and youth selected from 63 countries allowed the youth to define and develop a programme entitled "Youth committed to the Pan-African Movement for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence" The objective of the programme was to mobilise young people and their organizations within the continent and its Diaspora to contribute to the development and strengthening of the Pan-African Movement for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence. The Programme is expected to contribute to the implementation of the 2O30 and 2063 Africa Union Agendas for peace and sustainable development.

The thematic and good practices forums focused on proven solutions and good practices and was structured along four thematic and good practice forums, namely: The contribution of arts, culture and heritage to sustainable peace; Engaging young people as actors of social transformations for conflict prevention and sustainable development; Africa and its diaspora in the face of conflict, crises and inequality; and Harnessing the potential of the oceans for sustainable development and peace. The forums led to the development of flagship initiatives which committed partners will meet on the local national and regional levels, in promotion of the culture of peace.

The Festival of Culture included live dance, fashion, and music performance in Luanda. In addition, 43 countries including Kenya showcased their music, cinema, dance, visual arts, photography, fashion, traditional rituals on digital platform. The Festival was an excellent space for exchange between the cultural identities of Africa and its diasporas and a privileged meeting place for the arts, cultures and heritage as instruments of dialogue, mutual understanding and tolerance.

At the end of the festival a Declaration of the Regional Economic Communities and the official launch of the Alliance of Partners for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Africa was adopted.

The African Union has placed culture at the top of its agenda. Indeed, the AU theme of year for 2021 is "Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want." The 2nd edition of the Biennale of Angola therefore provided a golden opportunity for the African States to renew their commitment and enhance the promotion of the concept of a "Culture of Peace" as a vehicle for achieving the national economic and social development goals outlined in the African Union Agenda 2063.

H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta is one of the 12 African Union Heads of State co-champions for Culture. The 12 Co-champions of Culture committed themselves to: give a pride of place to culture, arts and heritage; advocate for the ratification of the Charter for the African Cultural Renaissance; and promote culture as a tool for peace building among others.

The Kenya Delegation also comprised of officials from the State Department of Culture led by the Director of Administration, Mr. Mwedia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by Director Cultural Diplomacy Unit, Amb. Ann Wanjohi.



#### African Union holds high-level retreat on Peace Promotion in Nairobi

The 12th High Level Retreat of the Promotion of Peace, Security and Stability in Africa was held in Nairobi Kenya on November 1, 2021 under the theme: *"Improving Coordination and Harmonisation for Impactful Mediation."* Defense Cabinet Secretary Hon. Eugene Wamalwa represented H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta at the meeting.

The retreat provided an opportunity to reflect, take stock and review existing mediation efforts to determine their suitability and effectiveness in the current context of evolving conflicts on the continent. It also sought to offer insight, learning, exchanges and debates on emerging policy and practice in the field of mediation as it relates to inclusion at multiple mediation tracks both from a gender and actor perspective.

Additionally, towards strengthening multi-lateral coordination, a segment in the program of work included interactions between the AU High Representatives, Special Envoys & SRCCs, and their counterparts at the UN and national partners.

On behalf of President Uhuru Kenyatta, CS Wamalwa, reaffirmed Kenya's commitment in preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and postconflict reconstruction in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes regions, and across the length and breadth of Africa.

"Kenya believes firmly that terrorism can be defeated and will be defeated. We will continue to effectively contribute to continental efforts in the prevention and combating of international terrorism in all its aspects by deploying a mix of capabilities and frameworks informed by lessons learnt in combating terrorism," the President's speech read.



The speech further highlighted that Kenya is committed to collectively enhance its responses to terrorism by deploying a mix of capabilities and frameworks informed by lessons learnt in combating terrorism.

While delivering his keynote address, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson Africa Union Commission (AUC), thanked President Kenyatta for hosting the meeting in Kenya. He expressed gratitude to the people and the Government of the Republic of Kenya for the hospitality accorded to him during his visit.

He noted the contribution of Kenya in advancing Peace and Security in the region through African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) among other interventions.

H.E Moussa reiterated the importance of the retreat. "This retreat offers a real promise of wealth and attraction. Open to the participation of all actors, experts, women, youths and academics, it will surprise us - I feel it intensely - with a fine list of ideas, information, analyses and above all relevant and enlightening proposals.'

Present at the meeting were representatives of Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/Regional Mechanisms(RMs), the African Union Commission(AUC) and African Union(AU) Organs. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was represented by Amb. Galma Boru, Director-General for Bilateral and Political Affairs and Amb. George Orina, Director Africa and AU.







## Six new Envoys present credentials

President Uhuru Kenyatta received credentials from six new ambassadors posted to Kenya at State House Nairobi on December 2, 2021.

In his welcoming remarks, the President reiterated Kenya's commitment to the strengthening of bilateral ties with the respective countries, and wished them a successful tour of duty in the country. The President received diplomatic papers from Firas Farhan Khouri (Jordan), Cristina Diaz Fernadez-Gil (Spain) & Silvio Jose Albuquerque e Silva (Brazil)

Others were Dragos Viorel Radu Tigau (Romania), Juan Manuel Rodgriguez Vazguez (Cuba) and Lebbius Tangani Tobias of Namibia who is non-residential.





## **IN BRIEF**

His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House, Nairobi met former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo who paid him a courtesy visit on December 8, 2021.

The President and Mr Obasanjo, who is the African Union High Representative for the Horn of Africa, discussed several subjects of importance to Kenya, the region and the African continent.





H.E. Dame Sandra Mason the then Governor-General of Barbados and now President of the Republic of Barbados pose for a photo with H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, Amb. Anthony Mwaniki Muchiri, High Commissioner of Kenya to Barbados and Mrs. Olive Mwaniki at Government House in Bridgeton after conferring the prestigious 'Order of Freedom of Barbados Award' to H.E. the President on October 6, 2021.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo delivered a lecture themed "Promoting African Regionalism to enhance National Security in Kenya" at the National Defence College, Nairobi on November 12, 2021









CS Amb Raychelle Omamo chaired the 59th Meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group via video conference on December 2, 2021.

The meeting was attended by and Ministers Representatives of Australia, Barbados, Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, Namibia, Samoa, UK and Commonwealth SG Rt Hon Patricia Scotland.





CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba with Kenya's Ambassador to Senegal Muhindi and Purity Mission staff in Dakar, Senegal on December 10, 2021

The CAS was in Dakar to lead Kenya's delegation at the 7th International Dakar Forum on Peace and Security in Africa.





CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba led Kenya's delegation at the 8th Annual High-Level Seminar on Peace and Security in Africa hosted by African Union Peace and Security Council in Algerian Resort City of Oran on December 2, 2021.

Ababu Namwamba CAS moderated the 1st Interactive Debate on "African Governance Architecture: Reflections on Achievements and Shortcomings"





PS Amb. Machaira Kamau met H.E. Agrina Mussa, High Commissioner of Malawi to Kenya on November 23, 2021.

Theydiscussedpossibleareasofcooperationtoenhancebilateralandeconomic relationsbetweenKenyaandMalawiwithspecialemphasistocooperativesintheagricultural sector.the





PS Amb Macharia Kamau held a meeting with Luisa Fragoso, Head of Mission Portugal Embassy in Nairobi on November 23, 2021.

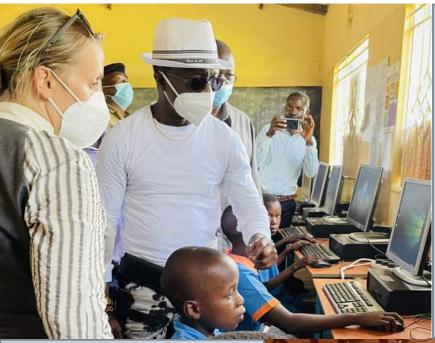
Discussions focused on various collaborative engagements including upcoming UNOC to be cohosted by Kenya and Portugal, UNEAB5.2 and the UNEP@50 commemoration.

PS Amb. Macharia Kamau met with Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, the Ambassador of Finland to Kenya on November 18, 2021.

The two discussed bilateral and multilateral issues between the two countries.







CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba with Slovakian Ambassador Katarina unveiled school Zuffa, digital hubs in 7 schools across Bunyala, Busia supported County by SlovakAid on November 30, 2021

The digital space is a critical frontier that all children in all schools must be exposed to at the earliest opportunity in learning.

On December 7, 2021, Foreign Affairs Director General, Bilateral and Political office Amb Galma Boru joined Health CS Hon Mutahi Kagwe in receiving 4.3 million J&J vaccines donated by the German government and 300,000 AstraZeneca donated by the government of Argentina at JKIA Nairobi.





Amb. Josphat K. Maikara, MBS joined the Kenya delegation in participating in the ICGLR National Coordinators Meeting held in Luanda on 2nd & 3rd December 2021. The delegation was headed by Amb. Nyambura Kamau, National Coordinator of Kenya



Ministry of Foreign Affairs Treaties Department won 1st Runners Up under the category for Public Sector Legal Department of the Year at a ceremony hosted by the Law Society of Kenya, Nairobi Chapter - November 27, 2021

This was no mean achievement considering the number of departments with legal teams in government and public sector! At the global level much of the success was correlated with MFA work in the various treaties and conferences on environment and climate change.





Kenya has been re-elected to the IMO Headquarters Council under Category C for the 2022 - 2023 Biennium.

PS Maritime, Nancy Karigithu led the Kenyan delegation to the 32nd Session of the IMO HQ Assembly in London.

The IMO is a specialized UN agency responsible for measures to improve safety and security of international shipping and to prevent marine pollution from ships.

Foreign Affairs Administration Officers participated at the Kenya National Secretaries Association (KENASA) Annual Conference held in Mombasa from November 30th to December 4th 2021.

The proffessional Association draws its membership from staff in the Office Administration cadre across the Public Service.



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