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Kenya, South Korea pledge to work together



H.E. President William Ruto with his host H.E. President Yoon Suk Yeol toast during the bilateral meeting in Seoul, South Korea.

By Kawira Githinji

Kenya and South Korea will continue to nurture and expand ties aimed at contributing to the socio-economic development of the two countries. It is in this context that H.E. President William Ruto, on invitation by his host, H.E. Yoon Suk Yeol, made a 3-day official visit to South Korea from November 21 – 24, 2022.

In a bilateral meeting between the two Presidents, South Korea agreed to support Kenya's development agenda by committing Kshs.120 billion to various projects including: - Agriculture, ICT, Health, Energy, Infrastructure, Education, Affordable Housing and Urban Transport.

"Kenya will work with South Korea to develop manufacturing plants in the Konza Technopolis, an export promotion zone dedicated to pharmaceutical manufacturing, vaccines production and value addition in Agriculture," President Ruto said.

Separately in a meeting with the H.E. Kim Jin Pyo, Speaker of South Korea Parliament, President Ruto urged the South Korean Parliament to pass legislations that will ease trade between the two countries and secure job opportunities for Kenyans. The leaders pledged to work together to enhance clean energy to mitigate the effects of climate change and manage the effects of drought.

President Ruto also presided over the Kenya-South Korea Business Forum themed – '*Unlocking Trade and Investment Opportunities between Kenya and South Korea.*' Kenya and South Korea Business organisations signed partnership agreements aimed at enhancing trade and investment, promoting effective public-private partnerships

and addressing youth unemployment. The business entities agreed to prioritise investments that will fast-track the realization of the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In an engagement with the Kenyan Diaspora in Seoul, President Ruto said Kenya will work closely with the South Korean Government to unlock opportunities in technology, trade, investment and maritime operations for the benefit of Kenyans especially the estimated 300 of them residing in South Korea.

On November 22, 2022, Dr. Alfred Mutua, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs and his counterpart Dr. Park Jin, South Korea's Minister of Foreign Affairs, held fruitful bilateral talks. They discussed ways and means of deepening existing ties between Kenya and South Korea.

The two Foreign Ministers lauded the historical ties between the two countries founded on common values and principles since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1964.

Dr. Mutua appreciated South Korea for the continued support and cooperation in various sectors including water, agriculture, education and infrastructure development which are in sync with Kenya's national priorities.

The Cabinet Secretary, encouraged the Republic of Korea, Korean companies, businesses and people to partner and invest in Kenya which is the gateway to the East African Community (EAC) and the Common Markets for Eastern and South African (COMESA) region which have a combined population of over 300 million people and a perfect hub for South Korea's strategic positioning into Africa.

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CS Dr. Alfred Mutua while in Seoul, South Korea, held a meeting with his counterpart, Dr. Park Jin - Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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Under Economic Cooperation, CS Mutua highlighted that since the establishment of the Joint Economic Commission in 1997, both sides had benefitted immensely. Notably South Korea has since established Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) project, the ongoing construction of the Kenya Advance Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) at Konza Technopolis and other key development projects including dam construction, water, affordable housing and urban transport.

The two Ministers also deliberated on ways to further strengthen the Kenya, South Korea relations through cooperation in energy; ICT, Health; Transport and Cultural collaboration.

Kenya and Republic of Korea enjoy cordial relations based on mutual trust and benefits. Kenya Exports to South Korea include: Tea, Coffee, Tobacco and Ore's slag. Kenya's main imports from Korea include manufacturing goods such as boilers, tires, tubes, textiles, raw materials, sugar, steel products, electronic goods, vehicles, chemicals, fertilizers and synthetic fibres.

The Cabinet Secretary welcomed his counterpart to visit Kenya to keep the friendship and partnership strong for the benefit of the two peoples.



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua handed over a letter of intent to International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Director-General Jerome Kim at a meeting chaired by H.E William Ruto in Seoul, South Korea. Kenya has started the process of becoming a member of the International Vaccine Institute (IVI)



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with his counterpart, Dr. Park Jin - Minister for Foreign Affairs, South Korea.



Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua met with the Kenyan Embassy staff in Seoul led by Ambassador Mwendu Mwinzi on November 25, 2022.

Issues of staff welfare, service to Kenyan diaspora and how to leverage on relationship with South Korea so as to grow the economy dominated the meeting.

The CS shared with them the new thrust of economic diplomacy based on mutual interests with friendly nations'.

"Enhancing trade, tourism, cultural exchanges, scholarships and jobs are important components of our Kenya Kwanza diplomatic plan," the CS said.

CS Mutua participates at the G7 Foreign Ministers meeting



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua attends G7 Ministerial meeting in Munster, Germany on November 4, 2022

On matters of International Peace and Security, the Cabinet Secretary reaffirmed Kenya's principled stand on adhering to an effective rule based multilateral system that is responsible to the current global challenges. Noting that, this is the basis that informs Kenya's role as an anchor state and guarantor of regional peace and security.

Dr. Mutua further advocated for the need for increased investments, job creation, trade and development in Africa and reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to multilateralism, to the values and principles of international cooperation and to mutually beneficial partnerships that will safeguard and advance international peace, security and global prosperity.

The G7 Ministerial meeting was the first multilateral engagement by Dr. Alfred Mutua as Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.

By Kawira Githinji

Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Alfred Mutua participated in the deliberations of the G7 Foreign Ministers meeting held in Munster, Germany on November 4, 2022.

Speaking at the meeting, the Cabinet Secretary advocated for a collective future that requires urgent action against the Triple Planetary Crisis of Climate Change, Pollution and Bio Diversity Loss.

"Climate change has intensified and broadened violent conflicts and insecurity," the CS stated, adding that this is particularly the case in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes Region, the Chad Basin and in the Sahel region of Africa.

"In this, I wish to stress that, we will need to shape and finance climate adaptation initiatives in Africa, that respond to the climate change-security nexus," Dr. Mutua stated.

The Cabinet Secretary expressed Kenya's serious concern over the unfolding global food crises occasioned by the ongoing droughts, unpredictable and severe weather patterns, global pandemics and ongoing conflicts that have adversely impacted the global supply chain.

To this end, CS Mutua highlighted that, Kenya welcomes the Black Sea Grain Initiative among other similar initiatives by the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres aimed at addressing the Global Food Crisis.



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with U.S Secretary of State H.E. Antony Blinken



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with German Foreign Minister H.E. Annalena Baerbock



G7 Foreign Ministers meeting - Pictorial



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with Japanese Foreign Minister H.E. Hayashi Yoshimasa



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua attends G7 Ministerial meeting in Munster, Germany.



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with French Foreign Minister H.E. Catherine Colonna



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with United Kingdom Secretary of State H.E. Ames Cleverly



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua during a press conference after attending the G7 Foreign Ministerial meeting



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua with the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles



Newly appointed Ambassadors present Credentials



President Dr. William Ruto on October 13, 2022 received credentials from newly appointed Ambassadors of Turkey, Italy, India and France.

He affirmed to the diplomats that Kenya was keen on furthering diplomatic ties with the countries for the benefit of the people.

The President further noted that the development underscored Kenya's commitment to working with its allies to furthering global prosperity.

The credentials received at State House, Nairobi, were from Subutay Yüksel (Turkey), Dr Roberto Natali (Italy), Namgya Khampa (India) and Arnaud Suquet (France).





CS Mutua holds fruitful discussions with US Ambassador, Qatar Ambassador and DG UNON



Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs with H.E. Meg Whitman, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya on November 2, 2022

By Kawira Githinji

On November 2, 2022, Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs held fruitful discussions with H.E. Meg Whitman, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Jabor Bin Ali Al-Dosari, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Kenya, and the H.E. Madam Zainab Bangura, Director General United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON).

During the meeting with the US Ambassador, CS Mutua acknowledged the fact that US was Kenya's biggest exporter thanks to the strong and cordial relations between the two countries.

Dr. Mutua, thanked the US Ambassador for her determination and focus in further strengthening Kenya and U.S relations. During the discussions, the two leaders explored available areas of cooperation that will benefit the peoples of the two friendly nations.

Dr. Mutua reiterated that Kenya will work with US to seek ways of empowering the Kenyan people to export more to the American market.

The CS also met with the Qatar's Ambassador H.E. Jabor Bin Ali Al-Dosari. He underscored the importance of the State of Qatar, that is home to over 60,000 Kenyan professionals.

"We will work closely to grow trade between our countries and specifically for Kenya to export more goods and services to Qatar, the CS said.

Dr. Mutua wished Qatar all the success as they host the 2022 FIFA World Cup.



Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs with H.E. Jabor Bin Ali Al-Dosari Qatar's Ambassador to Kenya on November 2, 2022

The Cabinet Secretary also held fruitful discussions with H.E. Madam Zainab Bangura the Director General United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON). Dr. Mutua underscored the special place of the U.N system in Kenya.

"We are happy to be the host of the only UN Agency in the global south," the CS said.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized that Kenya will support and create strategic partnerships with the UN that have positive impact to humanity.



Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs with H.E. Madam Zainab Bangura, Director General United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) on November 2, 2022



*Foreign and Diaspora Affairs
Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred
Mutua in a meeting with
representatives of
employment agents on
October 31, 2022*

Finding solutions for Kenyan diaspora workers

By Edwin Limo

Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua held a meeting with representatives of employment agents who recruit Kenyans for jobs in Saudi Arabia and other regions on October 31, 2022.

The Cabinet Secretary revealed that the meeting was informative with complex mind boggling revelations and a deep cry for help in many instances.

"My mission was to understand the issues so that as a Government we can ensure that Kenyans in the Diaspora are safe and sound," Dr. Mutua stated

He added that the information gathered painted a different story from the blame-game trending in the media channels.

"We want to move to a point where we get to the root cause of the challenges that Kenyans face while working with governments and states that are offering opportunities for our people," said CS Mutua.

During the meeting the CS announced that he will be travelling to Saudi Arabia in the course of that week to meet the authorities and Kenyan Diaspora with a view to gathering more information that will enable him institute long lasting solutions on the challenges faced by Kenyan workers.

Dr. Mutua underscored that the Government will do everything possible to get to the bottom of the matter so as to keep the citizens working outside the country safe and sound.

The Government will also facilitate the recruitment agencies to be able to conduct their business successfully for the benefit of Kenyans.



Representatives of employment agents who recruit Kenyans for jobs in Saudi Arabia and other region.



CS Mutua official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs made a two-day official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia between November 2 – 4, 2022.

By Kuria Muigai

Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs made a two-day official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia between November 2 – 4, 2022.

During the visit, the Cabinet Secretary held bilateral talks with his counterpart, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Bin Farhan Alsoud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Vice Minister of Labour H.E. Dr. Abdullah Nasser Abuthnain with whom he discussed bilateral issues between Kenya and the Kingdom of Saudi.

The leaders agreed to work together to push the international agendas of both countries; enhance trade and investments; expand the tourism sector; improve matters of immigrant labour and the issues facing Kenyan workers, all aimed at further deepening relations for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

Speaking during the engagements, CS Mutua requested for the support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on tackling the drought situation facing the country due to the effects of climate change.

Later in the day, Dr. Mutua interacted with the Kenyans living and working in the Kingdom.

“Listening to the Kenyans, agents, Kenya Government officials and Saudi Government officials, it is clear that the problems facing some of our people start back home due to flawed and corrupt systems. There is massive corruption in the way Kenyans are prepared before they leave to take up domestic work in Saudi Arabia and their follow up when they arrive,” the CS stated adding that this was a major concern to both Governments and pledged to break cartels and the unscrupulous agencies.



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua held bilateral talks with his counterpart H.R.H. Prince Faisal Bin Farhan Alsoud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on November 2, 2022



CS Dr. Alfred Mutua met with Senior Saudi Government officials the Minister of Foreign Affairs His Highness Faisal Bin Farhan and also a team of the Ministry of Labour led by Vice Minister of Labour H.E Dr. Abdullah Nasser Abuthnain.



Saudi Arabia official visit - Pictorial



CS Dr. Alfred Mutai met with Kenyans living and working in Saudi Arabia



CS Dr. Alfred Mutai met with Kenya Embassy Staff in Riyadh



CS Dr. Alfred Mutai in a meeting with the Ministry of Labour in Saudi Arabia



President Ruto's Inaugural Speech at the 77th Session of United Nations General Assembly

'Building Back Better From The Bottom'



His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto delivers his maiden speech at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA on September 22, 2022.

By Pauline Opemo

His Excellency William Samoei Ruto, President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces while making his maiden speech at the 77th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on September 22, 2022, called for decisive actions to tackle Global Threats. He identified regional conflicts, Covid – 19 Pandemic and the triple planetary crisis as the greatest impediments in achieving the sustainable development goals.

In his remarks, the President highlighted Kenya's success in conducting a peaceful election and transition, terming it, "the manifest ability of African peoples to invest in stronger institutions and secure future by directing robust constitutions, effective institutions, and the impartial administration of the rule of law towards the achievement of shared aspirations."

The President noted that drought has devastated many African countries, and called on global leaders, "to demonstrate strong political will and showcase effective cooperation by supporting the most affected countries, through sharing among others land restoration and climate adaptation technologies."

He said the region has not achieved fundamental transformations as a result of severe climate change adding that arid regions were gravely impacted by drought not experienced in the past 40 years. He attributed the drought crisis to scarce rainfall in three consecutive seasons saying that it has contributed to poor crop yields, water scarcity, starvation and high cost of food.

To tackle prevailing severity of climate change, the President said there was need to invest in modern agricultural technologies, noting that Kenya has made, "registration of farmers to direct incentives, improving farmer practices through customized extension services, monitoring of emergency food reserve stocks using a Digital Food Balance Sheet, and the use of an Early Warning System to monitor food supplies and market prices."

Echoing the United Nations Secretary General's statement that, "without action now, the global fertilizer shortage will quickly morph into a global food shortage," President Ruto said that Agriculture holds the key to creation of equitable and sustainable growth for Kenyans, by promising to find answers to inaccessibility of fertilizer to farmers worldwide.

The President further noted that dependency on digital access by education, health and agriculture called for greater investment in ICT infrastructure and policy innovation to promote inclusive development. He called for, "stronger global partnerships to enhance ICT infrastructure in developing countries and bridge the yawning digital divide between the global south and the rest of the world."

On climate change mitigation, the President said that, Kenya is committed to working closely with other nations to pursue legally binding instruments aimed at bringing to an end plastic pollution. Further, he urged developed countries to, "invest in sustainable fishing, protect marine ecosystems and to share ocean-based climate solutions with developing countries."

He urged all global leaders to urgently deliver on all commitments made on climate change financing, as the world heads to the 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27)

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'Building Back Better From The Bottom'



His Excellency President William Ruto with United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres during the 77th Session of United Nations General Assembly in New York , USA on September 22, 2022.

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In the wake of the COVID pandemic and associated disruptions, President Ruto said that Kenya has demonstrated its resilience by restructuring its recovery plan aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of the pandemic.

He added that, "Kenya and the rest of Africa, like other developing countries, are in need of greater international partnership and cooperation to avert an economic crisis in the wake of the pandemic." The President urged the World Bank to stretch pandemic related reliefs most affected countries.

In order to achieve sustainable peace, the President said Kenya has continued to play a critical role in peace building within and beyond the region through diplomatic engagement and urged for more concerted efforts to foster peace, security and stability.

As Kenya winds down its tenure at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), President Ruto said Kenya's engagement in the last two years had, "prioritized Regional Peace and Security, Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism, Peace Support Operations, Climate and Security as critical contributions to collective efforts to build a safer, more prosperous, and peaceful world."

The President noted the country's commitment in renewal of the African Union Security structure that will foster regional peace and stability. He said that, "a just and inclusive world order cannot be spearheaded by a United Nations Security Council that persistently and unjustly fails the inclusivity criterion."

His Excellency President Ruto pledged Kenya's support to the Global Fund, which he said is a key partner in addressing the HIV, Malaria and Tuberculosis pandemic in Africa. He called on African states, "to remain at the forefront in championing for successful replenishment of the fund."

The President joined world leaders in championing for multilateralism terming it, "as the only sustainable path to a peaceful, stable, and prosperous world for all." He said that robust National frameworks should be anchored in multilateralism in order to help to achieve universal qualities of equality, inclusion, justice and solidarity.

President William Ruto with Kenyan delegates during the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City, US - September 22, 2022





Change of Guard at the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs

By Edwin Limo

The outgoing Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo, handed over to her successor, Dr. Alfred Nganga Mutua at the Ministry headquarters on October 27, 2022.

In her brief remarks, Amb. Omamo congratulated the new CS and wished him well. She also thanked the Ministry Staff for their support accorded to her during her tenure and asked them to extend the same to the new Cabinet Secretary.

On his part Dr. Mutua thanked the outgoing CS for her exemplary service at the Ministry which made it reach great heights.

He thanked the staff for welcoming him warmly and said that he looked forward to working with them in making the Ministry attain greater heights for the benefit of all Kenyans.

He said he will work closely with Kenyans in diaspora under the increased mandate of the Ministry to ensure maximum utilization of opportunities, partnerships and inclusivity.





CS Mutua pledge to work closely with the Diplomatic Corps in Kenya



By Kawira Githinji

Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs on November 14, 2022 held a meeting with African Ambassadors in Nairobi to apprise them of Kenya's diplomatic engagements and trajectory the new administration is focusing on.

Dr. Mutua conveyed his appreciation to the African Diplomatic Corps led by the Dean, H.E. Ambassador Beyene Russom (Ethiopia), for the compliments and messages of goodwill on his appointment as Cabinet Secretary.

The CS congratulated the Dean saying that under his leadership, the African Diplomatic Corps had fostered mutual understanding and cooperation.

Dr. Mutua said Africa is at the core of Kenya's Foreign Policy, and in pursuant of the Pan Africanist ideals will advance a stable, secure and prosperous Africa. Kenya is a noteworthy champion of the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"In October this year, H.E. President William Ruto flagged off the first consignment of Kenyan tea destined for Accra Ghana under the AfCFTA guided initiative, the CS stated, noting that, this clearly demonstrates that it is possible to foster increased volumes of trade by jointly working to eliminate barriers to facilitate free movement of persons and goods in order to elevate trade and economic growth.

On the issue of Peace and Security, the Cabinet Secretary emphasized that, Kenya values close engagements and consultations on issues of concern to ensure a secure peaceful and stable continent.

He said this engagement extend to Caribbeans with singular aim to forge lasting partnership between Africa and the CARICOM.

On the Multilateral level, Kenya as a member of the United Nations Security Council continues to execute its continental and regional mandate of promoting peace, security and stability which dovetails with the tenets of the African Union's declaration of 'Silencing the Guns in Africa'.

On climate change, the CS noted that the lives and livelihoods of over 100 million people in the continent are under threat. He said climate change is a global problem requiring global solutions, noting that Africa faces the bulk of the crisis.

"Together with our partners and friends, we need to collectively shape and finance climate adaptation initiatives in Africa that responds to climate-security nexus and speak in one voice to advocate for sustainable means in order to alleviate the adverse impact of climate change," said the Cabinet Secretary.

He called on the diplomats to take the lead in actions geared towards mitigating rising impact of climate change by taking initiatives such as planting trees to help increase tree cover and at the same time push for sufficient allocation of national budgets for management and prevention of disasters caused by climate change.

Dr. Mutua urged the envoys to continue forging stronger friendships between Kenya and their respective countries and reiterated commitment to work closely together for the benefit, stability and prosperity of the continent.



H.E. President William Ruto flags off the inaugural consignment of Kenya value-added tea to Ghana under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on October 5, 2022.

President Ruto flags off inaugural consignment of Kenya value-added tea to Ghana



By Kuria Muigai

On October 5, 2022, H.E. President William Ruto flagged off the inaugural consignment of Kenya value-added tea to Ghana under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), marking Kenya's maiden export to the West African country in first AfCFTA guided trade deal.

Kenya and Ghana were the first African Union (AU) Member States to deposit their instruments of ratification of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area with the African Union Commission.

Kenya, was one of the eight countries selected to participate in the pilot phase of the AfCFTA guided trade initiative. The other nations selected for the initiative including Egypt, Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Tunisia, Cameroon and Mauritius. The piloting countries are

required to identify products that can access each other's markets.

Also present at the function were outgoing Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Industry, Trade and Enterprise Development, Betty Maina, AfCFTA Secretary General, Wamkele Mene, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Dampsey B. Asare, Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials, Director Economics and Commercial Diplomacy Amb. Fred Matwanga, Director - Africa and AU Amb. Yobesh Monari, among other senior government officials.

Through an Ad Hoc Committee formed to spearhead this initiative, Kenya identified several products including tea, batteries, confectionery, leather bags, incinerators, beaded products, vehicular filters, textiles, sisal fibre, avocados and fresh produce.

H.E. President Ruto said that Kenya is strongly committed to exploiting the full potential of value addition and unlocking the opportunities available within AfCFTA framework.

Additionally, President Ruto observed that the country will take decisive action to enhance the diversification of its economy to unleash the full force of its manufacturing sector for its farmers to benefit from better prices. He further encouraged the private sector to leverage the opportunities under the AfCFTA and join Ghana and Kenya on the journey to boosting African economies.

On his side, AfCFTA Secretary General said that the partnership between Kenya and Ghana was a step in the right direction as it has set the continent towards industrialization and economic prosperity. Further, he exuded confidence that what Kenya and Ghana were doing was to give commercial meaning to Africa Union's project of integrating markets and economy as a continent.



PS Kamau bids farewell to outgoing Ambassador of Oman

By **Kawira Githinji**

The Ambassador of Sultanate of Oman in Kenya H.E. Saleh Sulaiman Al-Harhi made a farewell call on PS Amb. Macharia Kamau upon completion of his tour of duty.

The PS congratulated the Omani Ambassador for a successful tour of duty in the country since 2014.

PS Kamau appreciated his dedication to strengthening and deepening the long-standing historical, cordial, bilateral and trade relations between Kenya and Oman particularly in economic diplomacy by renewing the Kenya-Oman export of livestock trade after 16 years ban and the Partnership between Port of Lamu, Port of Mombasa in Kenya and Port of Salalah in Oman.



PS Amb. Macharia Kamau bids farewell to H.E. Saleh Sulaiman Al-Harhi, outgoing Ambassador of Sultanate of Oman in Kenya

Kenya exports livestock to the Sultanate of Oman

By **Philip Oporora**

On Tuesday October 18, 2022 Kenya began a historic journey with the export of live livestock to the Sultanate of Oman, through the Port of Lamu.

The arrangement which started in January 2022, done through Omani Government Agency, Al Bashayer Company, will see 200 cattle and 15,400 sheep and goats exported through the port of Lamu. It was the first time that the port is being used for Livestock Export and MV Bunyas Lome with a capacity of (about 2000) livestock will undertake the task.

The ship was flagged off for Salalah Port by the Chief Executive Officer of Al Bashayer, Ghalib Al-Saidi among other delegates.

The historic export was timely especially when drought ravaged most parts of the country. It continues to offer opportunity for Kenyan livestock owners to sell their animals in a promising market thereby preventing loss of thousands of animals to the current drought and empowering livestock farmers.

The livestock export also gives renewed impetus in the utilization of Lamu Port as a central cog in international trade by facilitating quick and efficient use of sea transport.

The direct and indirect impact of the trade to Kenya's Livestock Sector will further improve as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region which enjoys close proximity to Kenya, opens up for Kenya's products/produce.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs has prioritized economic diplomacy and appreciates other relevant agencies including the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kenya Ports Authority which designated a Livestock Bay at Lamu Port, for cooperation that has ensured the success of this venture.

The Kenya Embassy in Oman has been instrumental in facilitating the port.





Ministry staff meet with new CS, Dr. Alfred Mutua

By David Gatobu

On October 28, 2022, Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Alfred N. Mutua held his inaugural meeting with the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs staff in person and virtually with those in Kenyan Missions abroad.

The CS sought to enumerate on his agenda for the ministry and the work that lies ahead.

Present in the meeting held at the Kenyatta International Convention Center (K.I.C.C.) was outgoing Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary, Amb. Macharia Kamau.

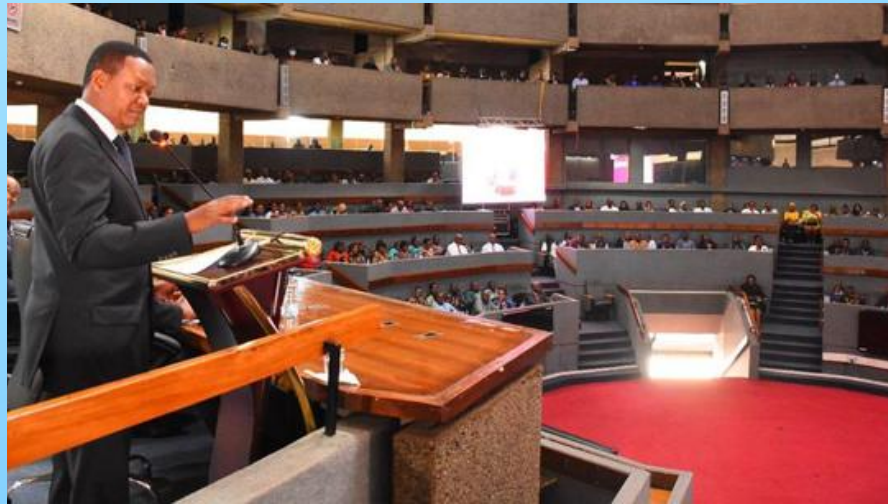
CS Mutua thanked his predecessor, Amb. Raychelle Omamo and Amb. Macharia Kamau for the excellent leadership of the Ministry.

CS Mutua said one of his main agendas moving forward is to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of Kenyan workers living in the Diaspora and vowed to ensure no Kenyan will be mistreated under his tenure.

He announced that he will hold talks with Labour Immigration agents in Kenya responsible for sending workers to the Middle East region and subsequently travel to Saudi Arabia to meet the authorities and Kenyan Diaspora with a view to coming up with long lasting solutions on the challenges faced by Kenyan workers.

He pledged to help strengthen Kenya's economic and trade ties with other countries focusing on manufacturing and tourism.

He also emphasized that staff and by extension Kenyans will be provided with more opportunities to train in various skills through Scholarship opportunities as a way of bolstering the Diaspora to enable them get better remuneration and hence better remittances.



The Cabinet Secretary promised that more staff meetings will be held in the near future to ensure all staff are listened to and their needs addressed in order to have a better, more efficient workforce that will drive the Ministry to greater heights.



Zambian Defence Services Command and Staff College delegation, led by Colonel M. Mutemwa, paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director-General, Foreign Service Academy, Amb. Stella Mokaya Orina on October 5, 2022.

Zambian Defence Services Command Study Tour in Kenya

By Sophia Wamuti

On October 5, 2022, the Republic of Zambia Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) delegation, led by Colonel M. Mutemwa paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director-General, Foreign Service Academy, Amb. Stella Mokaya Orina, where they discussed Kenya and Zambia's bilateral relations.

Amb. Stella Orina noted with appreciation Kenya and Zambia's steadfast relations that go back to attaining independence by the two countries. Additionally, she also recognized the warm relations evidenced by the exchange programs between the Defense Colleges of the two African nations and joint military exercises.

The Zambian delegation, which comprised students, faculty, and support staff, visited the Foreign Service Academy for an instructive study tour. The objective of the tour was to aid Zambia learn the best practices from other nations in socio-economic and political matters. The Head of the Delegation, Colonel Mutemwa, indicated the theme of the study tour this year was Appreciating the Role of the Military in the Contemporary, Global Security Environment.

Dr. Fatma A. Abdallah, a Foreign Service Officer, aptly presented on Kenya's Foreign Policy and Bilateral Relations with Zambia. She underscored that Kenya's bilateral relations with Zambia were immensely rooted in colonial legacies, shared values, and mutual interests in multifaceted areas. Dr. Abdallah viewed with appreciation that Kenya and Zambia's diplomatic relations had strengthened over time due to rising opportunities, robust collaborations, and strategic partnerships in new and emerging fields.

Jointly, Amb. Orina and Col. Mutemwa delegation acknowledged the excellent bilateral relations between the two nations, highlighting the Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding on International Relations studies and research, areas of cooperation in exchange programs in teaching and learning diplomacy, exchange of training experiences, exchange of students and faculty on the training of foreign languages, and exchange of information beneficial to joint research projects.



Colonel M. Mutemwa, paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director - General, Foreign Service Academy, Amb. Stella Mokaya Orina on October 5, 2022.



ICGLR holds Regional Youth Forum



Amb. Catherine Mogaka, the ICGLR National Coordinator for the Republic of Kenya

Amb. Catherine Mogaka, the ICGLR National Coordinator for the Republic of Kenya, in her opening remarks welcomed the ICGLR Youth to Kenya and wished them fruitful deliberations.

She challenged the Youth of the Great Lakes Region to respond effectively to the needs of the region emanating from the effects of drought, COVID-19 as well as challenges arising from the Russia-Ukraine war that are adversely affecting the region. She observed that the urgency of these efforts is not lost on the youth, as they have the most to lose if solutions are not enacted.

Following the election of new Regional Youth Forum Steering Committee and Bureau, Kenya was selected to Chair the Committee on Peace and Security. This Committee is aimed at promoting, maintaining and enhancing cooperation in the fields of peace, conflict prevention and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

By **Evance Oguta**

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Regional Youth Forum General Assembly meeting was held in Movenpick Hotel, Nairobi on 2nd and 3rd November, 2022.

The key objectives of the meeting were to formally adopt the Regional Youth Forum Strategic Plan (2022 -2025) and the election of new office bearers who will have the mandate to oversee the operationalization of the Youth Forum Secretariat in the Republic of Kenya and the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

ICGLR is an inter-governmental organization of the countries in the African Great Lakes Region. Its establishment was based on the recognition that political instability and conflicts in these countries have a considerable regional dimension and thus require a concerted effort in order to promote sustainable peace and development. These conflicts constituted a major threat to international peace and security.

The organization is composed of twelve member states, namely: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Republic of South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia. ICGLR implements its programs through various institutions including; Forum of Parliaments, Civil Society Forum, Women Forum, Private Sector Forum, Youth Forum as well as Genocide Prevention Committee. Kenya hosts the Youth Forum Secretariat following the signing of the Host Country Agreement establishing in Nairobi on 31st January 2022.

The meeting was officiated by Hon. Ababu Namwamba E.G.H. Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts. Participants included the ICGLR Deputy Executive Secretary, ICGLR Director of Democracy and Good Governance, Regional Youth Forum Steering Committee and Bureau, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representatives and other ICGLR partners.

62 Kenyans rescued from human traffickers in Myanmar and Laos

By **Philip Opwora**

On 22nd of September 2022, under the combined efforts of a multi-agency team spearheaded by the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, the Kenya Embassy in Bangkok and the Governments of Thailand and Lao PDR and the IOM in Thailand and Lao PDR managed to rescue 62 citizens including 9 Ugandans and 1 Burundian in the spirit of the East African community.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs continues to warn Kenyans to stop applying for online jobs that are advertised in South East Asia without authenticating them, as this exposes them to grave dangers including harvesting of their body organs.

To this end, the Ministry calls for concerted efforts by parents, media houses, church leaders, and Imams as well as Members of Parliament/Senators/Governors to sensitize their constituents against applying for fake jobs in such dangerous environments. Public sensitization remains the best weapon to raise awareness and reduce the threat posed by the crime to the safety and well-being of Kenyans.

It has now emerged that there could be hundreds of young Kenyans aged between 20-35 working in the 'Fraud Factories' in South East Asia, some of which may be facilities for extracting and storing human organs. The influx of young and educated people is critical for the traffickers because of their ability to use technology to commit cyber-crimes.

The Kenyans are lured by irresistible adverts promising lucrative perks and easy work workloads. The journey usually begins in Nairobi upon obtaining tourist visas from the Thai Embassy in Nairobi and once they arrive in Bangkok, they are whisked across the border to Myanmar and Laos by the cartel networks in the region.

The biggest losers in this growing crime of human trafficking are unsuspecting Kenyan families who sell family property including taking loans to buy air tickets for their relatives to go abroad in the hope that they will earn good money and salvage the family from poverty. On the other hand, the Chinese cartels and their Kenyan agents are raking in millions from their victims. The situation of the victims and their families is made worse by the demand for huge ransom for the victims to be released.



Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau presided over the launch of the in-house training program conducted by the Foreign Service Academy on October 11, 2022

Foreign Service Officers Trained

By David Gatobu

The Foreign Service Academy (FSA) on October 11 – 14, 2022 conducted an in-house training program on drafting documents for the Ministry's Foreign Service Officers.

The first group of 28 officers mainly Third Secretaries underwent the training which is part of mentoring and coaching in the Service for officers and developing skills for effective delivery of the Ministry's mandate. It will also contribute to the realization of the provisions of the Foreign Service Act, 2021.

The officers were trained in the topics of drafting Letters, Report and Minute writing, drafting Note Verbales, Preparation of Country Briefs, drafting Talking Points and preparing Congratulatory messages.

Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau who presided over the launch of the in-house training said drafting is a key skill needed at the Ministry along with the art of negotiation and scripting. He encouraged the officers to embrace the training and use what they have learnt in their respective directorates to advance the Ministry and help it succeed in its mandate.



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The training was facilitated by Amb. Moi Lemoshira, Director General, Bilateral and Political Affairs together with Amb. J. Maikara, Secretary Foreign Service Administration (SFSA), Amb. Stella Orina, Ag. Director General, Foreign Service Academy, Amb. Isaiya Kabira, Director General, International Conferences, Media Events and Communications (DICE) and Amb. Arthur Andambi, Director, Asia, Australasia and Pacific Islands Directorate with other resource persons drawn from the Ministry's senior officers.

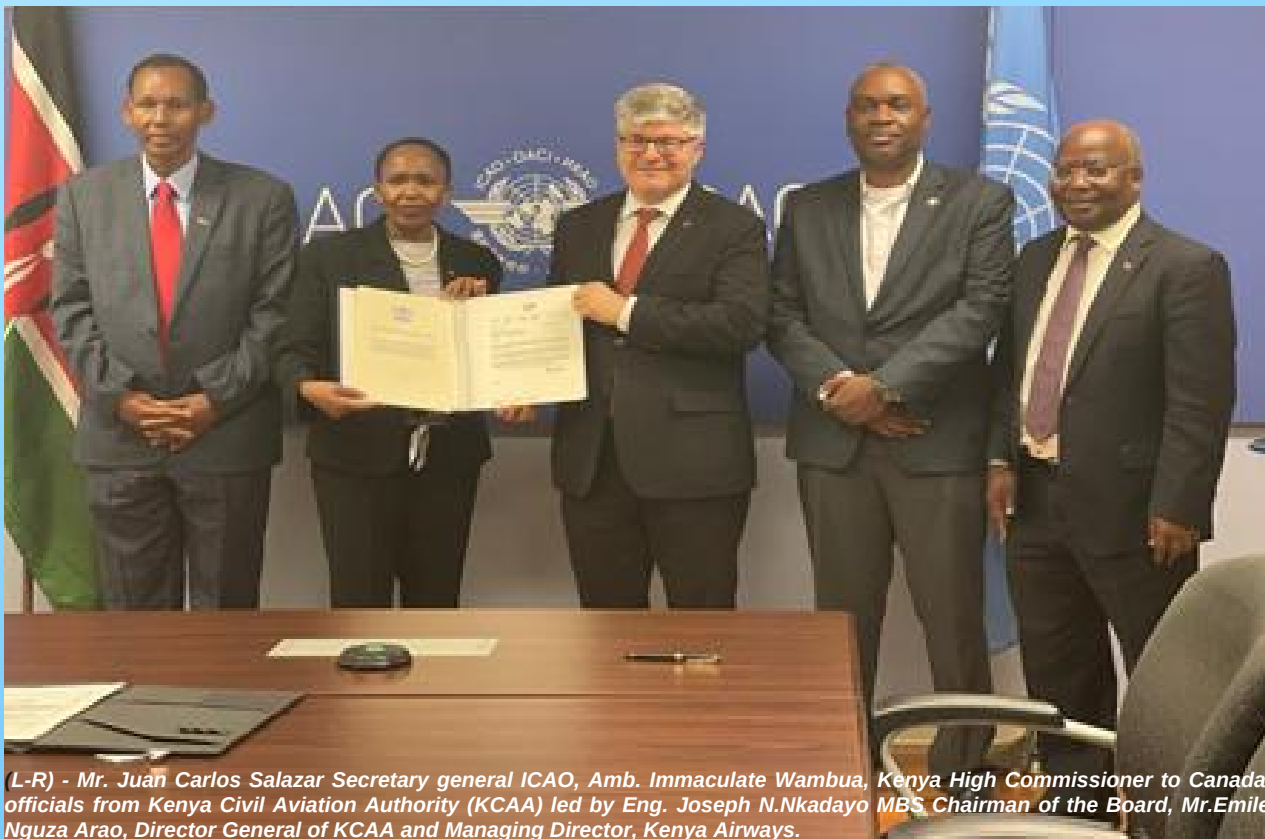
It is expected that the training will be conducted on a monthly basis to ensure all Foreign Service Officers are trained adequately for better and more efficient delivery by the officers.

Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau gives key note address during the launch of the training program at the 316 Upperhill Chambers.





Kenya supports the protocol to amend the convention on offences and certain other acts committed on board aircraft



By Kariuki Ngure, Legal Attachee

On October 7, 2022, Kenya deposited the Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft at the sidelines of the 41st Assembly gathering of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) at the headquarters in Montreal Canada. The Montreal Protocol 2014 will enter into force for Kenya on December 1, 2022.

Kenya is a contracting state to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since 1964 having formally notified the Convention on International Civil Aviation of its adherence on May 1, 1964.

On June 22, 1970, Kenya ratified the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (Tokyo Convention, 1963). Subsequently, on November 22, 2018 the Cabinet Secretary approved a memorandum on the Ratification of the Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (Montreal, 2014).

The objective of ratifying the protocol is to address the smaller contraventions of disruptive behavior that are likewise becoming more common in both domestic and international travel.

Of necessity, the Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft gives Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) pre-requisite mandate to deal with the issue pertaining to unruly passengers which have increasingly become problematic to many airlines locally and even globally.

The Protocol seeks to promote, facilitate and enhance Civil Aviation safety and security by extending jurisdiction to the state landing and state operator and recognizing that airlines have a right to and may seek compensation from unruly passengers for costs incurred as a result of their unruly behavior, clarifying certain behaviors which should be considered, at the very least, as an offense and encouraging States to take appropriate criminal or other legal proceedings.

The Office of Registrar of Treaties is dedicated to working in consultation with other public institutions, ministry and private sector to facilitate and enhance Civil Aviation safety and security.



IN BRIEF



President Dr. William Ruto bid goodbye to the Ambassador of Sahrawi to Kenya, Mr. Bah El Mad on October 13m 2022.

He acknowledged the cooperation between Kenya and Sahrawi and pledged to step up the partnership in fishing, mining, agriculture and tourism.

On October 25, 2022, the President of the Government of Spain, H.E. Pedro Sánchez, arrived in the country for a two day official visit.

During the visit H.E. Sánchez held talks with his host President William Ruto.

The talks were aimed at further deepening bilateral and trade relations between Kenya and Spain.

The visiting President was received at JKIA by Foreign and Diaspora Affairs CS Dr. Alfred Mutua,



Amb. Khaled El Abyad, outgoing Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Kenya paid a farewell call on PS Amb. Macharia Kamau on October 19, 2022.

The PS congratulated the Ambassador on successful tour of duty and commitment to enhancing relations between Kenya and Egypt.

The duo discussed opportunities in trade and investment and exchanged views on the regional and international affairs including on the upcoming 27th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change set for Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from November 6 - 18, 2022



IN BRIEF

On October 31, 2022, DG Amb. Isaiya Kabira met with officials from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation led by Rebecca Davies, Director of Operations, to discuss the proposal for Nairobi City to host the next Ibrahim Governance Weekend early next year.

The Governance Weekend is the Foundation's flagship event and pre-epidemic held in different African cities every year. The Governance weekend is also a celebration of Africa's music.



H.E. Juan Manuel Rodriguez, Ambassador of Cuba to Kenya paid a courtesy call on Amb. George M. Orina, Director General, Multilateral, International Affairs and UNON to discuss matters of mutual concern both at the bilateral and multilateral fora on October 19, 2022.

The Ambassador and the Director General affirmed the commitment of the two countries to continue working together and to collaborate for the common benefit of the two nations and peoples.

On October 2022, Kenya elected to International Telecommunication Union Council for the period 2023 - 2026.

Kenya got the highest votes for Region D region, 146/180.



Amb. Ann Wanjohi, Director Cultural Diplomacy attended the 7th Edition of the World Kiswahili Conferences - CHAUKIDU held at Howard University, Washington DC, USA. CHAUKIDU brings together World Kiswahili scholars and students abroad in an effort to promote Kiswahili globally in Washington DC on October 3, 2022.

In her address Amb. Wanjohi emphasized on closer partnership toward the goal of making Kiswahili the 7th UN Official language.



IN BRIEF



MFA staff donning made-in-Kenya attire on Friday.

This is in compliance with the Presidential directive on promoting locally produced garments to support local textile industries and champion Kenyan culture at the workplace.





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