



AUG/ SEP 2022
ISSUE NO. 027

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

Diplomacy

A Publication of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



CHANGE OF GUARD

**HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO
THE FIFTH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



In this issue...

Presidents arrive for H.E. Dr. William Ruto's Inauguration	3
H.E. Dr. William Ruto holds Bilateral Meetings with Delegations	6
PICTORIAL : Swearing-in Ceremony	9
Hand Over of Instruments of Power	10
World Leaders Congratulate H.E. Dr. William Ruto	11
Farewell Speech	14
Inaugural Speech	17
PICTORIAL: Inauguration Ceremony	22
CS Omamo Inaugurates Kenya's Diplomatic Enclave	25
Kenya witnesses the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement in Kinshasha	26
Government Opens One Stop Service Centre for Diplomatic Community	27



Editorial Team

Chair Editorial Board : Amb. Isaiya Kabira
 Editor : Edwin Limo
 Sub-Editor : Julius Bargorett
 Design & Layout : Kawira Githinji
 Photography : Kuria Muigai, Paul Mtonyi
 Content Developers:
 Kawira Githinji, Andrew Kuria, Ian Abwao



Presidents arrive for H.E. Dr. William Ruto's Inauguration



H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of Mozambique arrives in the Country for inauguration of President - Elect H.E. William Samoei Ruto. He was received at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by Amb. George Orina and Amb. Paul Ndungu.



H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of South Sudan arrives in the Country to attend the inauguration ceremony of President - Elect H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. He was received by Amb. Matwanga and Amb. George Orina.



H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan, President of Seychelles arrives in the Country ahead of the Inauguration of H.E. William Ruto as the 5th President of Kenya. He was received by Cecily Mbarire, Embu County Governor and Amb George Orina.



Rwandan President H.E. Paul Kagame signs the visitors book on arrival to attend the Inauguration of H.E. William Ruto, 5th President of Kenya. He was received on arrival by Amb. Philip Githiora, Kenya's High Commissioner in Kigali and Amb. George Orina.



H.E. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo arrives in Kenya ahead of Inauguration of President H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. President Nguesso was received on arrival at JKIA by Kericho Senator Aaron Cheruiyot and Amb George Orina.



The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia H.E Hassan Sheikh Mohamud at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport upon arrival in the Country to witness the inauguration of Kenya's 5th President, H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. He was received at JKIA by Hon. Adan Duale MP Garissa Township.



Presidents arrive for H.E. Dr. William Ruto's Inauguration



Democratic Republic of the Congo President H.E Felix Tshisekedi was in Kenya to attend the inauguration of Kenya's 5th President. On arrival at JKIA, he was received by Nandi Governor Stephen Sang and Amb. George Orina.



H.E. Lazarus Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi arrives in Kenya for the swearing in of President - Elect H.E Dr. William Samoei Ruto. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb.Yabesh Monari.



H.E Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of Zimbabwe arrives ahead of inauguration process of the 5th President of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. President Mnangagwa was received at JKIA by Amb. Stella Munyi.



H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of Comoros arrives in the Country for the Inauguration of H.E. Dr. William Ruto, 5th President of the Republic of Kenya. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb.Peris Kariuki.



Guinea Bissau President H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló arrives in the Country to witness the Inauguration of President-Elect H.E. Dr. William Ruto. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb. Samuel Gitonga.



The President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic H.E Brahim Ghali arrives in the Country to attend the Inauguration of President - Elect H.E. Dr. William Ruto. He was received at JKIA by Amb. Arthur Andambi.



Presidents arrive for H.E. Dr. William Ruto's Inauguration



H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi has arrives in Kenya to witness the Inauguration of the 5th President of Kenya H.E. William Samoei Ruto. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb. Daniel Wambura.



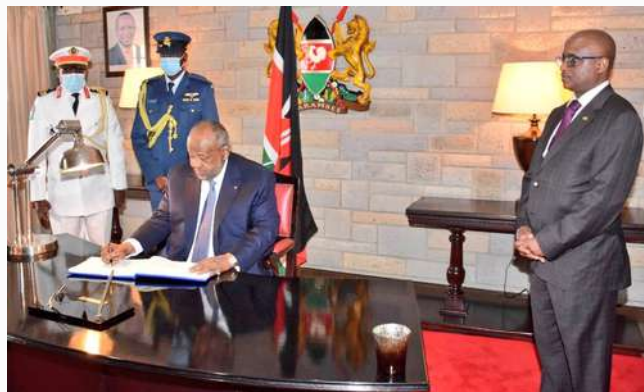
H.E. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda arrives in Kenya to witness the Inauguration of H.E. William Samoei Ruto as the 5th President of Kenya. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Kenya's High Commissioner to Uganda H.E. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) George Aggrey Owino.



H.E. Abiy Ahmed, Ethiopian Prime Minister arrives in Kenya for the Inauguration of Kenya's 5th President H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb. Galma Boru.



H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania arrives in the Country to witness the swearing in of Kenya's 5th President H.E. Dr. William Ruto. On arrival at JKIA she was received by Hon. Anne Waiguru, Kirinyaga County Governor.



H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti arrives in Kenya to witness the swearing in of Kenya's 5th President H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto. On arrival at JKIA he was received by Amb. Salim Salim.



H.E. Dr. William Ruto holds Bilateral Meetings with Delegations



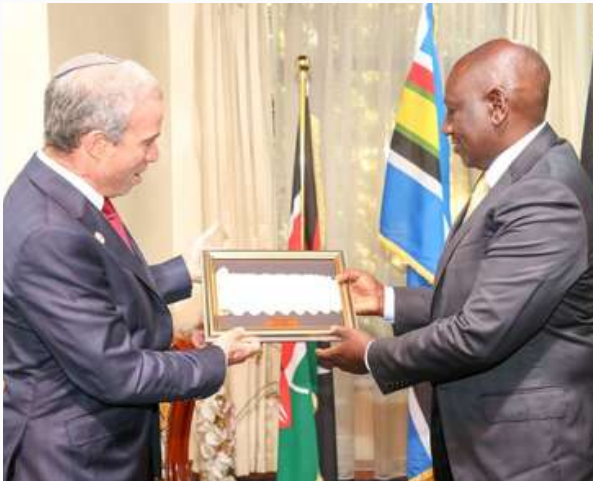
H.E. Dr. William Ruto hosted Tanzania President H.E. Suluhu Samia at the Karen Office in Nairobi County.

"We will expand our engagement with Tanzania on trade, agriculture, security among other areas of interest, besides working together in the spirit of the East African Community for our mutual benefit."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto at the Karen Office met with H.E. Filipe Nyusi, the President of Mozambique.

"Kenya values the ties it enjoys with Mozambique and commits to further this cooperation to expand and diversify her basket of export products to the Southern African nation."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto hosted a delegation representing the Government and the people of Israel led by the Minister of Intelligence Elazar Stern, Karen, Nairobi.

"Kenya looks forward to increasing relations with Israel to pursue shared interests and strengthen ties, especially in agriculture, technology, security, among other issues for sustainable economic development."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met the Special Representative of the Chinese Government on African Affairs Liu Yuxi at the Karen Office, Nairobi County.

"We cherish the robust friendship that Kenya enjoys with China. We will step up and expand these relations on infrastructure, agriculture, education, among other broad array of issues for the mutual benefit of our countries."

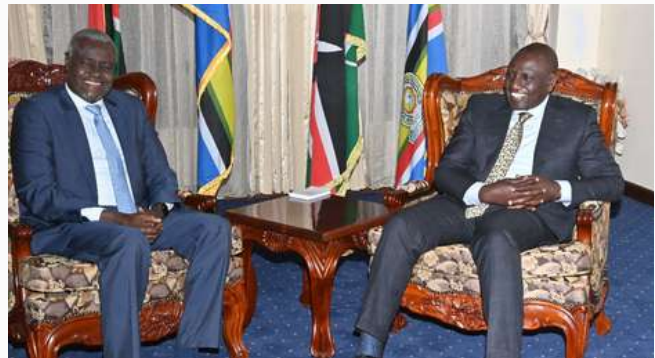


H.E. Dr. William Ruto holds Bilateral Meetings with Delegations



H.E. Dr. William Ruto held talks with Rwanda President H.E. Paul Kagame at the Karen Office in Nairobi .

"Kenya and Rwanda have a long established relationship based not just on geography but mutual interests and long standing partnerships on economic and security issues. We will seek to build and expand our cooperation for the mutual benefit of the citizens of our countries."



Kenya will continue to play a prominent role in peace and stability efforts in the region so as to further Africa's economic development. At the Karen Office in Nairobi, H.E. Dr. William Ruto received message of congratulation from the Chairperson of the African Union Commission H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat.



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met with the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo H.E. Felix Tshisekedi at the Karen Office in Nairobi.

"We are indebted to the Democratic Republic of Congo's cordial friendship with Kenya, which has given room for the exploration of huge economic and social opportunities that are mutually beneficial to the people."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto with USA Trade Representative Katherine Tai, who was the delegation head at State House, Nairobi.

"Kenya and the USA share a long history of social and economic partnership in diverse areas such as health, trade and security.

We also share a common belief in building prosperity for our people from the bottom and we hope this can provide a platform for an even stronger partnership in the days ahead."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met with Former German President Christian Wulff who presented the country's goodwill message to Kenya at State House, Nairobi.

"We are scaling up ties with Germany in the areas of technical training for our youth, renewable energy and agriculture in appreciation of their centrality in Kenya's sustainable economic growth agenda."

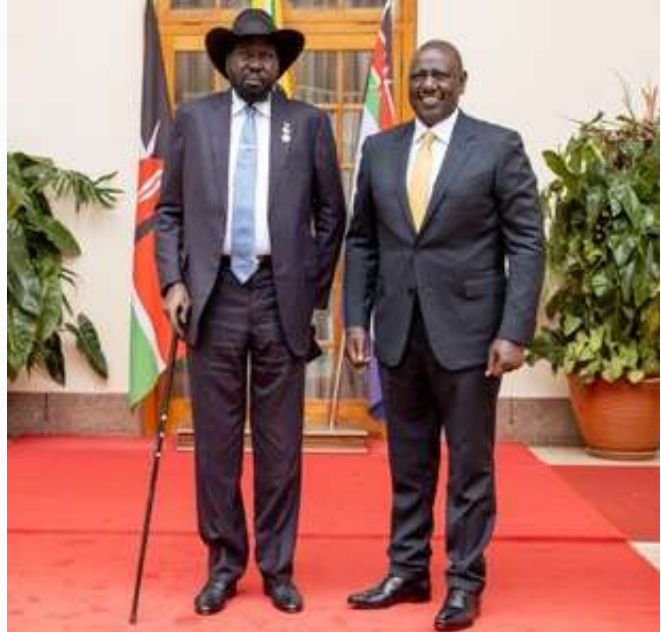


H.E. Dr. William Ruto holds Bilateral Meetings with Delegations



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met a delegation from ESwatini led by Prime Minister Cleopas Sipho Dlamini at State House, Nairobi.

"Kenya and Eswatini will continue to strengthen economic ties for the benefit of our people. We shall strengthen our agricultural export capabilities to boost crop production and collaborate on green energy to support our joint push towards the sustainable development goal on energy."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met with South Sudan President H.E. Salva Kiir, discussed various bilateral agreements and areas of cooperation, including security and regional infrastructure development, State House, Nairobi.



H.E. Dr. William Ruto held discussions with Somalia President H.E. Hassan Mohamud that also included the security situation in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, State House, Nairobi.

"We will fast track the implementation of the Joint Commission for Cooperation between Kenya and Somalia. This will boost trade in Miraa and fish and ease movement between our two nations."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto met the Republic of the Congo President Denis Sassou Nguesso at State House, Nairobi.

"There is tremendous potential for agriculture in both Kenya and the Republic of the Congo which we are keen to exploit to make both countries food secure."



H.E. Dr. William Ruto held talks with the French delegation led by Mrs Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, the Secretary of State to the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Dr. William Ruto held discussions with delegations from Egypt and Algeria. The delegations were led by Special Envoy General Sedki Sobhy Sayed Ahmed, the Assistant to the President and H.E Ibrahim Boughali, the Speaker of the People's National Assembly respectively.



PICTORIAL : Swearing-in Ceremony





Hand over of Instruments of Power

Outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta hands over the the instruments of power to his successor His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto after he took the oath of office.





World Leaders Congratulate H.E. Dr. William Ruto

H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China



Chinese President Xi Jinping congratulated Kenya's President-elect William Ruto and signaled continuity of Beijing's policy on Nairobi. A dispatch from Beijing said Xi labelled ties with Nairobi as "a time-honoured friendship" which will continue under Ruto.

"Noting that he attaches great importance to the development of China-Kenya relations, Xi said he is willing to make joint efforts with Ruto to push forward the development of China- Kenya comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, so as to benefit the two countries and peoples," it said.

H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

I congratulate the President-Elect of the Republic of Kenya, Dr William Ruto on his victory in the August 9, 2022, General Elections. I also commend the people of Kenya for the peaceful outcome of the elections.

H.E. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Congratulations to William Ruto on his election as the next President of Kenya. I have no doubt he will serve his country, his people and our continent with distinction.

H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia

I warmly congratulate President-Elect William Samoei Ruto of the Republic of Kenya, following his election victory. The President looks forward to working with William Ruto towards stronger bilateral relations & closer cooperation between Somalia and Kenya.

H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Congratulations to my brother @WilliamsRuto on the decision of the Supreme Court to uphold your election as the President of #kenya. I was there during the 2013/2017 elections & keep vivid memories. Kenyans should be proud of their Leaders, deepening democracy & strong judiciary.

H.E. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

I rang H.E @WilliamsRuto to congratulate him on the Supreme Court's unanimous decision to uphold his election as the 5th President of Kenya. I look forward to working with him to strengthen our Strategic Partnership in advancing the EAC agenda. God bless the people of Kenya.

H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Today I spoke with President-elect @WilliamsRuto of the Republic of #Kenya to congratulate him on his election success. We reiterated our firm commitment to continue strengthening the #Somalia-Kenya bilateral ties and discussed taking on our shared global and regional challenges.

H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

On behalf of the Government and People of Rwanda, I congratulate our Brothers and Sisters, the People of Kenya, for conducting peaceful elections on 9 August 2022. I also congratulate H.E. Dr William Samoei Ruto, the President-Elect.

The Government of Rwanda attaches great importance to the good relationship and cooperation between Kenya and Rwanda.

H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi

Your leadership will be the cornerstone for the reinforcement of the historical relations of our countries while fostering the regional integration

H.E. Joseph Biden Jr., President of the United States of America

We congratulate William Ruto on his election as president of Kenya. We commend Raila Odinga for abiding by the Supreme Court's ruling. We also congratulate the people of Kenya on the conclusion of a peaceful electoral process we commend Raila Odinga and other candidates for abiding by the Supreme Court filing transparent electoral processes and the peaceful adjudication of disputes our testimony to the strength of democratic institutions. The United States and Kenya share a strong and long-standing partnership based on a commitment to democracy security economic prosperity.

H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa



I offer my warm congratulations to President-Elect William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya. A prosperous and united Kenya is an important prerequisite for and contributor to a prosperous and peaceful continent. We look forward to working with you in pursuit of #TheAfricaWeWant



World Leaders Congratulate H.E. Dr. William Ruto

H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia

Congratulations to Dr. William Samoei Ruto, on being declared 5th President of the Republic of #Kenya. Look forward to working with Your Excellency @WilliamsRuto to strengthen & enhance historical good relations between & based on our shared priorities for our two peoples.

H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



I congratulate the President-Elect of Kenya, William Ruto, on his victory in the August 9, 2022 general elections. I wish him a successful inauguration and tenure in office, while also looking forward to more fruitful and robust engagements between Nigeria and Kenya

H.E. Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

My congratulations William Ruto on your election as the President of the Republic of Kenya. I wish you best of luck in your endeavours ahead and we look forward to working closely with you on common bilateral and regional interests.

H.E. Ahmed Sheikh Madobe, President of the Jubaland State of Somalia

Congratulations to the President-elect of the Republic of Kenya, H.E @WilliamsRuto, on his victory in the recently concluded election. My best wishes to the people of Kenya for a peaceful and prosperous future

H.E. Samia Suluhu, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

I would like to congratulate my brother William Ruto on the decision by the Supreme Court of Kenya to uphold his election as the 5th President of the Republic of Kenya. I look forward to working with you to strengthen the historical bond and cooperation between our two nations

Mr. John Dramani Mahama, Former President of the Republic of Ghana

Congratulations Dr. William Samoei Ruto on your election as president of Kenya. As bearer of the trust of the Kenyan people, as affirmed in a clear, transparent manner by the Supreme Court, this is the time to unite the good people of Kenya for continued growth and prosperity. I have every confidence that you will deliver on your mandate to the people.

H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles

The strong mandate reflects the trust that the Kenyan people have in your leadership and your vision for Kenya. I am confident that you will lead the Republic of Kenya to greater heights during your time in office

H.M. Mohamed VI, King of the Kingdom of Morocco

In this message, the Sovereign wishes the newly elected Kenyan president every success in the exercise of his high office.

Given the ties of African brotherhood that unite the two peoples of Morocco and Kenya, HM the King assures the Kenyan president that the Kingdom of Morocco is keen to open a new page in its relations with the Republic of Kenya, based on fruitful cooperation, active solidarity and mutual respect, so as to serve the supreme interests of the two peoples and contribute to the prosperity and development of the African continent.

H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, The Chairperson of the African Union Commission

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat warmly congratulates H.E William Kipchirchir Samoei Arap Ruto upon his election as the President-elect of the Republic of Kenya following the successful conduct of General Elections on 9th August, 2022 and the unanimous judicial confirmation of the election outcome.

The Chairperson also commends the outgoing President H.E Uhuru Kenyatta for his strong and impactful leadership during his tenure of office. The Chairperson further wishes to congratulate the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission of Kenya, and all national stakeholders, for their collective efforts and exemplary conduct in holding peaceful elections up to the final outcome of the election petition by the Supreme Court of Kenya.

In this regard the Chairperson expresses deep gratitude to H.E Enerst Bai Koroma, former President of the Republic of Sierra Leone for his leadership of the African Union Election Observer Mission, working jointly with COMESA which was led by the former Minister of Health and Social Development of Seychelles, Ambassador MariePierre Lloyd, a member of the COMESA Committee of Elders.

The Chairperson further reiterates the continued support of the African Union Commission to the Republic of Kenya in her journey to deepen the country's democracy, constitutionalism, good governance and sustainable development.



World Leaders Congratulate H.E. Dr. William Ruto

The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth



I'm proud of the example of civility, dedication and decorum displayed by the electoral and judicial institutions of Kenya. The commitment of all parties to Kenya's election resolution procedures and their recognition of the Supreme Court decision is an excellent demonstration of Kenya's love for the values enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter.

I celebrate deputy President-Elect Ruto and former Prime Minister Odinga for their statesmanship and show of respect for the country's democratic institutions.

I united myself to the feelings expressed by the Deputy Chief Justice when she noted that we must be mindful that many Kenyans will today be upset that their candidate has lost. I urge continued magnanimity by the victors, and acceptance of the judgment by those who wanted a different outcome.

I congratulate the President-Elect of the Republic of Kenya, Dr William Ruto on his victory in the August 9, 2022, General Elections. I also commend the people of Kenya for the peaceful outcome of the elections.

East African Community

The East African Community (EAC) congratulates the Republic of Kenya for holding peaceful General Elections and upholding the rule of law.

We congratulate the 5th President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. William Ruto, and look forward to his leadership in advancing the EAC integration agenda. Long Live EAC!

Dr Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

I congratulate President-Elect @WilliamsRuto and the People of the Republic of Kenya for the successful conclusion of the electoral process with the #SupremeCourtRuling upholding the result. This is a victory for all Kenyans and people of our Region.

Hon. Vicky Ford, The United Kingdom's Minister for Development

I congratulate Kenya's President-elect William Ruto, who I look forward to working with to strengthen our Strategic Partnership

Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of EU Commission

We congratulate William Ruto on his election as president of Kenya. We commend Raila Odinga for abiding by the Supreme Court's ruling. We also congratulate the people of Kenya on the conclusion of a peaceful electoral process we commend Raila Odinga and other candidates for abiding by the Supreme Court filing transparent electoral processes and the peaceful education adjudication of disputes our testimony to the strength of democratic institutions. The United States and Kenya share a strong and long-standing partnership based on a commitment to democracy security economic Prosperity we look forward to.

H.E. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India

Congratulations to @WilliamsRuto on being elected the President of Kenya. I look forward to working closely with him for strengthening our historic bilateral relations.

Mr. Daniel del Valle Blanco, The International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF) High Representative for Youth

As 'rafiki' of the Republic of #Kenya and its people, and admirer of its culture and history, today, together with my office and on behalf of the #IHRF (@Declaracion), I want to express my sincere congratulations to H.E. @WilliamsRuto, on his proclamation as President-Elect.

H.E. Mahdi M. Gulaid (Khadar), Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia

I offer my congratulations to H.E: @WilliamsRuto for being formally & legally endorsed as President-elect by Kenya's Supreme Court today. Was monitoring the court hearing and deliberations of the Judgement and that's a clear manifestation of Kenya's robust democratic credentials!

Joint Statement by the following Embassies and High Commissions: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, The UK, and the USA

Following the Supreme Court of Kenya's ruling yesterday, we would like to congratulate Dr. William Samoei Ruto on being elected to serve the Republic of Kenya as its fifth President. We look forward to working with Dr. Ruto and his administration. We acknowledge the contribution of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga to Kenya's democratic evolution.

We commend the people of Kenya and its independent institutions for an election conducted in the spirit of democracy, freedom, and the rule of law.

H.E. Flemming Møller Mortensen, Minister for Development Cooperation and Nordic Cooperation

Congratulations to H.E. @WilliamsRuto, confirmed by @KenyaJudiciary as the 5th President of Kenya. Denmark looks forward to deepen our close cooperation on governance, climate action and an inclusive refugee response.



Farewell Speech - Former President H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH



"My fellow Kenyans, today is my last opportunity to speak to you as your President.

Since independence, we have every five years, without fail, reaffirmed our democratic credentials. We have done so by returning to the people, the sovereign of our nation, for a mandate to serve. We have in this context put our nation on consistent and predictable journey of deepening and maturing our democracy.

Tomorrow (September 13), I will emulate that honoured tradition and hand over the mantle to my successor, The Hon. William Ruto. I am profoundly grateful for the honour and privilege you bestowed upon me to serve as the Fourth President of the Great Republic of Kenya.

In my service to you the people of Kenya, I was supported by a Cabinet, Principal Secretaries, Holders of Constitutional Offices, the Security Agencies, Our Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives in our missions abroad and all public servants.

Most importantly, you the ordinary Kenyans have walked with me each step of the way, cheering me and chastising me as the occasion dictated. To you all and to all those who have served with me during my tenure as President, accept my immense gratitude.

Tomorrow's inauguration, the last step in a process of electioneering is a moment to come together as one people, to pursue the promise of Kenya, as destined by God.

This afternoon, ahead of tomorrow's inauguration, I hosted the Incoming President, the Hon. Dr. William Ruto, at State House, Nairobi.

As you are aware, the transition process commenced on the 12th of August, 2022, and over the last week, the doors of State House and the Office of the President have been open to the technical teams from the office of the President-Elect so as to facilitate a smooth transition and hand-over. This afternoon's meeting between the President-Elect and myself is the final step in that process.

The work of building a nation is a continuous endeavor passed from one generation to another, as one Administration hands over to the next, in an unbroken chain that seeks to progressively build a more united, equitable, and prosperous Kenya.

On my part as the Head of State, I hand-over leadership of a nation that has undergone consequential transformation over the last decade in every aspect of our national life.

With the mandate you bestowed upon My Administration, we have fostered and integrated devolution as a way of life; reinforced our educational and technical excellence; and successfully led the nation through the worst global health crisis in a century. We also turned a number of challenges we inherited and those that emerged during our tenure into areas of opportunity for a better Kenya.

The baton we received from the late President Mwai Kibaki was not dropped. We built on his legacy and those of the previous two administrations in every area of public life.

In an unbroken chain, we built on President Daniel Arap Moi's love for education that was further built upon as free primary education by President Mwai Kibaki. And with the mandate you gave us, we institutionalized free secondary education, heralding 100% transition from primary to secondary education.

To further enhance the competitiveness of our workforce, we have placed the nation on a pathway to Competency Based Curriculum (CBC); which institutionalizes a system that nurtures creativity and innovativeness for our children.

Aware that insecurity can break the chain of our national development and deter the realization of the National Anthem's promise of plenty within our borders; we built on the work done by previous administrations and created a much improved security environment.

Critically, we muted the wave of terror attacks that had placed a strangle hold on our nation, reduced crime rates, and secured significant progress in addressing livestock theft, trade in illicit firearms, and other longstanding security challenges.

We achieved this by retooling our security organs and making them more capable to address the dynamic contemporary security challenges that Kenya faces.

To realise the dream of equitable development, we have in an unbroken chain fostered and given impetus to the devolved system of governance. In line with the 2010 Constitution, we institutionalized devolution and forever changed the face of Kenya.



Farewell Speech

Through devolution, government is much closer to the people, with Ksh. 2.5 Trillion transferred by the National Government to the Counties from 2013 to-date: Now wananchi's needs can be heard and addressed in real time; and the funding transferred to Counties, is better aligned to the priorities at the local level.

With the mandate you gave me, in an unbroken chain, we pursued the vision of all previous administrations for greater economic integration within the East Africa region, and led the push to admit the Democratic Republic of Congo into the East African Community.

With this singular move, the EAC common market grew by 90 million people; yielding an expanded market of 300 million persons and the consequent enhanced opportunities for Kenyan enterprises.

Building on the place of pride earned by our forefathers in the clamour for independence, on the global stage, in an unbroken chain, we fortified our global footprint. Our non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council, has amplified Kenya's voice on international peace and security matters.

From 2013 to-date, we have had over 100 inbound and outbound State visits, hosting Heads of State and Government from across the world. Kenya is now a consequential voice and an undisputed leader in continental and global issues.

This has enhanced opportunities for Kenyans in both the diaspora and also within the international civil service. As a consequence, diaspora remittances have increased tenfold over the last decade; and they now stand at an all-time-high at over Ksh. 400 billion per annum as of 2021, surpassing some of our traditional exports as foreign exchange earner.

We have also built on the aspiration of the independence generation to foster inclusivity and gender parity.

We have furthered the pioneering spirit of the Second Administration that elevated women leadership. And in an unbroken chain built on the progress made under the Third Administration, we



have vastly expanded women's participation in governance and significantly increased the number of women in the Cabinet and in the senior ranks of Government and in our security organs.

In an unbroken chain we have built on President Mwai Kibaki's pathbreaking investments in infrastructure. We hand-over in unbroken chain 11,500 kilometres of newly tarmacked roads under our administration, having doubling the number of kilometres constructed from the dawn of the republic to 2013.

Typified by the iconic Nairobi Expressway, My Administration has upgraded Kenya's infrastructure in terms of roads, ports, floating bridges, fibre optics and power generation and transmission. As a result, Kenya now stands out as an investment destination of choice, and a continental and global hub.

In unbroken chain of enhancing service delivery, with the mandate you gave us we also transformed the way the government services reach you. We did this through the introduction of Huduma Centres and the eCitizen online platform; which together have made access to public services a fast and pleasant experience and not the toil that every citizen had to endure in the past to obtain basic services. Now Passport Applications, Birth Certificates, Marriages, Business Registration, Driver's License, and so many others can be done online from anywhere in the world.

Building on the baton received from my predecessor President Mwai Kibaki, in unbroken chain we have moved Kenya from being the 12th largest economy in Africa to its current position as Africa's 6th largest economy.

We have almost tripled the wealth of our nation from a GDP of 4.5 trillion in 2013, to close to 13 Trillion currently. Consequently, the income per capita also rose sharply from Ksh. 127,065 per person in 2013 to Ksh. 245,045 per person in 2021. This saw Kenya graduate from a low-income country to a lower middle-income country. It is notable that if we continue on this growth trajectory, what this means is that by next year, we will join the league of middle-income countries.

In another milestone, and as a mark of this remarkable growth, our tax revenues have more than doubled, from slightly above Ksh. 800 billion in FY 2012/13 to Ksh. 2 trillion in FY2021/22.

The dream our forefathers was to rid the country of disease, ignorance, and hunger. To bring the nation closer to this goal, in addition to the educational gains I highlighted earlier, my Administration connected more than 13 Million Kenyans to clean water and registered a 400% growth in the number of Kenyans insured under NHIF – with 17.1 Million Kenyans currently insured compared to 4.4 Million insured as at April, 2013



Farewell Speech

To enhance access to healthcare, we have constructed countrywide an additional 1,912 healthcare facilities across all levels of care; representing a 43% increase in the total number of public health facilities in the country. These facilities range from the recently commissioned modern state-of-the-art Level 6 Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital to health centres and dispensaries at the village level.

Every Administration has added arrows to our national quiver in energy production. When I took the Oath of Office in 2013, Kenya's total grid was 1,300 megawatts. Now it stands at 2,700 megawatts.

Even as we doubled power production, we ensured that our exploits do not break the inter-generation chain of sustainable development.

Thus, 80 percent of this power is green energy; propelling Kenya to an enviable position as a continental leader and a pioneering global role model in the generation of green energy.

To share in this plenty with all Kenyan families, we have tripled the number of households with access to electricity by connecting an extra 6.3 million households, up from 2.3 million households in 2013.

Even as we doubled power production, we ensured that our exploits do not break the inter-generation chain of sustainable development.

Thus, 80 percent of this power is green energy; propelling Kenya to an enviable position as a continental leader and a pioneering global role model in the generation of green energy.

To share in this plenty with all Kenyan families, we have tripled the number of households with access to electricity by connecting an extra 6.3 million households, up from 2.3 million households in 2013.

I, therefore, handover in unbroken chain the country that has connected electricity to more homes to power than any other country in Africa over the last decade.

We also heeded the inter-generational call to consciously conserve our heritage and splendour so as to pass it on to future generations in as good a state, UNBROKEN, as it was given to us, if not better.

We have done this by leading the planting of 1.34 billion trees, moving our forest cover from 6.99 percent in 2013 to 8.83 percent in 2022; and increasing our tree cover to 12.3 percent, thus surpassing the set constitutional threshold of 10% in a record five years.

As a result of our conservation efforts and other legal and institutional reforms, we have also recorded the lowest levels of poaching in our nation's history and thus registering the highest wildlife population for our Big Five and a majority of other wildlife species that share Kenya with us.

While we have made remarkable progress, it is important for us to appreciate that building a nation is a journey. There is much more to be done to move our nation to the next level of development towards realizing our Vision2030. The Fourth Administration, which I had the privilege to lead, has built on previous Administrations to lay a foundation upon which the Fifth Administration can build on.

To serve one's country is the greatest honour any citizen can receive. It is a sacred trust and immense privilege that I have not taken for granted.

I thank you all for the immense opportunities you have accorded me to serve in various public roles over the last two and a half decades, which have included: Chairman of the Kenya Tourism Board, Member of the Jomo Kenyatta University Council, Chairperson of Disaster Emergency Response Committee, Member of Parliament, Cabinet Minister serving in the Ministries of Local Government, Trade and Finance, The Leader of the Official Opposition, Deputy Prime Minister, and as the President of the Republic. I also salute the people of Gatundu South for the honour of having served as their Member of Parliament.

In all the work I have done as President, in every presidential decision I have made, in every executive action I have taken, in every bill I have proposed and assented to; I have been guided by the dream of our forefathers - to eliminate poverty, ignorance and disease, to improve the quality of life of all Kenyans and to create conditions for everyone to achieve their dreams.

As a hallmark of our democracy, I will tomorrow, before God and my fellow countrymen, hand-over the instruments of power to our new President at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani. With that the Fourth Administration will come to an end and the tenure of the Fifth Administration will begin.

My entire family and I join all Kenyans in wishing our very best to our next President, Dr. William S. Ruto, and in extending to him our warmest congratulations for receiving the mandate of Kenyans to lead us as our Fifth President.

Mr. President-elect, as you walk the path to your inauguration and beyond, you will be President not just for those who voted for you but for all Kenyans. In the prophetic words of our national anthem - we are all summoned to purposefully dwell in unity, peace and liberty; working hard and together, so that plenty will be found in our borders.

We, therefore, pray for your success, as your success will be Kenya's success.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless Kenya."



Inaugural Speech : H.E. Dr. William Ruto, CGH

SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, C.G.H., PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES DURING THE INAUGURATION OF H.E DR. WILLIAM RUTO, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AT THE MOI INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, KASARANI, ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

A Kenya for Everyone.

1. This is a momentous occasion for Kenya. Our politics and elections have never failed to be emotive, engaging and dramatic. The most recent installment, however, showcased our most exemplary democratic performance ever. This day comes on the back of a peaceful election following an intense, issue-based campaign, in which major coalitions, made up of strong political parties canvassed their agenda for examination by the people of Kenya. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) stewarded a transparent and credible election, whose result faithfully reflected the democratic will of the Kenyan people.

2. Dissatisfied parties exercised their right of petition before the Supreme Court, whose proceedings and determination not only gave comfort to the doubtful, but also restored faith in our electoral and judicial institutions. Many countries aspire to have moments like this, and we should not take ours for granted. This is the third election under the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the second peaceful democratic transition.

3. We have had a robust conversation about the moment we are in and what it demands of us, and we sought to answer whether this was a constitutional or an economic moment. In this process, we have demonstrated the maturity of our democracy, the robustness of our institutions and the resilience of our people.

4. My competitors and I mobilized vigorously to offer the citizens of Kenya the most appealing agenda as well as the best roadmap to achieving it. I remain firm in the conviction that all sides in the last election did their best to present a pathway to actualize the people's aspirations. The just concluded election was a choice between competing agendas towards the Kenya we want. Elections and democracy entail unifying competition, not divisive rivalry.

5 The performance of our security services, the IEBC and the Judiciary was put to severe test. By and large, these institutions lived up to our expectations. We can only aspire to do better in future, and I give my undertaking that my administration shall work to ensure that the bar is raised even higher for the next election.

6. A significant dividend of our electoral and democratic process is the tremendous achievement we made in breaking the glass ceiling by enhancing the participation of women in leadership. 7 women were elected governors, up from 3 in the last election. 29 women were elected as members of the National Assembly up from 23 in 2017. 7 women Deputy Governors and 3 women Senators were also elected.



7. It is very clear that this election had many winners far exceeding those who were actually elected. By far, the people are the biggest winners. We have done well. We have blazed the trail in an increasingly challenging environment where democracy is consistently on trial.

8. We have come a long way in our nation's journey to freedom and going by our most recent performance in the election, we conclude in confidence that we are almost home.

9. Allow me to single out the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) for special commendation for the courage to do the right thing under exceptionally challenging circumstances. As an institution, they have set a new standard in public service that is uncompromising, professional and exemplary, raising the bar of integrity of our public officials and institutions.

10. It is appropriate to celebrate our Judiciary for sustaining its tradition of boldly giving much-needed guidance, especially in allaying post-election anxieties and resolving grievances in a sensitive, credible and authoritative manner. Its articulation of the aspirations and standards enshrined in the Constitution has deepened our democracy and institutionalized the rule of law. Our Judiciary is now, without doubt, Kenya's biggest constitutional dividend. It has successfully arbitrated 3 election disputes and defended the nation against formidable onslaughts on our Constitution. Our Judiciary has demonstrated transparency in its proceedings and decision-making thereby consolidating thereby consolidating its independence, authority and legitimacy.

11. I also take this opportunity to say a special word of appreciation to our security services for a commendable job at a critical period in our nation. Their service and the heroic sacrifices they have made beyond the call of duty has kept our nation safe. I am aware that our uniformed services effectively resisted concerted attempts to foment unrest and subvert the will of the people.



Inaugural Speech

12. My special commendation to all candidates who contested various positions. Their participation enhanced competition and enriched public debate that underpins democratic choice. Special recognition goes to my worthy competitor and friend, the Hon Raila Amolo Odinga and his running mate Hon Martha Wangari Karua, who mounted a vigorous and determined campaign.

13. Our special gratitude also goes to millions of Kenyans in the Hustler movement for tirelessly mobilizing for the campaign and executing a historic revolutionary feat, perhaps as great as the daring exploits of our legendary freedom fighters. This includes all our campaign volunteers, agents, mobilizers and those who contributed whatever they could, in whatever form, to keep the movement going.



14. I also appreciate our religious community and institutions for their support, prayers and encouragement. I commend the Church in particular, and in equal measure the Islamic religious leadership, for their considerable support to us and our campaign. We also appreciate them for continuously exploring avenues for inter-faith understanding and solidarity, which have gone a long way to enhance tolerance and cohesion in Kenya. Faith-based institutions continue to play a noble and indispensable role in our communities and I commit that we will enhance our partnership, collaboration and support.

15. At this juncture, it is important for me to speak directly to the youth and especially those who participated, in one way or another, in the election campaigns. I commend them for resisting pressure and enticement to be misused as agents of conflict and disruption during the electioneering period. I also congratulate those who went out to seek various roles within campaigns and election, thus playing their part in keeping Kenya's democracy robust. Even if your candidates did not win, your participation in the activities of political parties, campaigns and elections is the beginning of political internship. My political journey similarly began as a young campaign volunteer, fresh out of university. Your experience and lessons learnt should form the basis for your leadership journey.

16. We have all, therefore, emerged out of this contest stronger, more united and alive to the issues that are common to all of us. We should remain conscious that we have all been elected to work together in ensuring that our children go to school, our people have food and decent healthcare, our youth have jobs and our workers have dignified livelihoods, for it is our strong belief that every hustle matters.

17. Dreams and ambitions live in the hearts of Kenyans, who struggle daily against daunting odds, often with nothing except stubborn hope. Some succeed, others fail while the others do not even get a decent chance. Before the nation and the world today, I stand with great humility and profound joy, as a living testimony, that with faith in God, willingness to work hard and commitment to a vision, dreams can become reality in the fullness of time. I promise to throw open every door of opportunity and to keep them open until success stories become the norm rather than the exception and urge all other leaders to do the same, so that we can together expand opportunity and chance for many more.

Ladies and gentlemen

18. We should consolidate our success in the just-concluded elections and enhance the capacity and performance of all our governance institutions.

19. The innovative deployment of technology to secure election results has been the electoral commission pioneering breakthrough. Going forward, we will support IEBC's institutional capacity so as to expand the deployment of technology to cover all elections from the MCA to the President.

20. I also believe that there is tremendous opportunity for IEBC to support electoral processes in our political parties as part of broader democratic development.

21. To consolidate the place of the judiciary in our constitutional and democratic dispensation, my administration will respect judicial decisions while we cement the place of Kenya as a country anchored on democracy and the rule of law.

22. Our campaign for financial independence of the Judiciary has paid off with the implementation of the Judiciary Fund, on July 1st this year. My administration will scale up the budgetary allocation to the judiciary by an additional Ksh 3 billion annually for the next 5 years. These resources will support the bottom-up scaling of justice by increasing the number of small claims courts from the current 25 to 100. We will also work with the Judiciary to build High Courts in the remaining 7 counties, magistrates courts in the remaining 123 sub-counties and support their ongoing digitization program. These interventions will empower the Judiciary to adjudicate and expeditiously conclude corruption cases, commercial disputes and all other matters, thereby enhancing access to justice and efficiency in the Judiciary.

23. To further demonstrate my commitment to the independence of the Judiciary, this afternoon I will appoint the 6 judges already nominated for appointment to the court of appeal, three years ago, by the Judicial Service Commission and tomorrow, I shall preside over their swearing-in ceremony so that they can get on with the business of serving the people.



Inaugural Speech

24. As required by Article 245 of the Constitution, the Inspector-General of Police is mandated to exercise independent command over the National Police Service. The services' operational autonomy, however, has been undermined by the continued financial dependence on the Office of the President. This situation is going to change.

25. As I address you, I have instructed that the instrument conferring financial autonomy to the National Police Service by transferring their budget from the Office of the President and designating the Inspector-General as the accounting officer, be placed on my desk for signature.

26. Financial independence to the police will give impetus to the fight against corruption, and end the political weaponization of the criminal justice system; an undertaking I made to the people of Kenya.

27. I understand the deep fissures and low morale in the public service. The intimidation that was visited on IEBC commissioners and staff during the last election was also meted on various other agencies and staff in the Public Service. This is now in the past. I assure all public officers that my administration will respect their professional service, and no public servant, even chiefs and their assistants, will be required to run political errands so for any political party or formation.

28. Ladies and gentlemen, we anchored our campaign on the platform of the economy premised on job creation and the well-being of the people and we have been working continuously on the measures to bring down the cost of living.

29. Our people are confronted daily with increasingly unaffordable prices, especially food and transport. In our economic forums across the country during the campaign, citizens consistently shared their anxiety, pain and fury on this matter. It calls for an urgent and decisive resolution.

30. The interventions in place have not borne any fruit. On fuel subsidy alone, the taxpayers have spent a total of Ksh144 billion, a whopping Ksh 60 billion in the last 4 months. If the subsidy continues to the end of the financial year, it will cost the taxpayer Ksh 280 billion, equivalent to the entire national government development budget. Additionally, there was an attempt to subsidize Unga in the run up to the election, a program that gobbled up Ksh 7 billion in one month, with no impact. In addition to being very costly, consumption subsidy interventions are prone to abuse, they distort markets and create uncertainty, including artificial shortages of the very products being subsidized.

31. The cost of living challenges are related to production. Our strategy to bring down the cost of living is predicated on empowering producers. The forecast for maize harvest this year is below 30 million bags against the normal production of 40 million bags. The main cause of the decline in production is the high cost of inputs.



32. Our priority intervention therefore, is to make fertilizer, good-quality seeds and other agricultural inputs affordable and available. For the short rain season, we have already made arrangements to make 1.4 million bags of fertilizer available at Ksh3,500 for a 50kg bag down from the current Ksh 6,500. This will be available from next week. I appeal to county governments in Eastern, Central and Western regions, to work with us in making sure that the fertilizer is available to farmers. Additionally to cushion tea farmers, we have made arrangements with KTDA to immediately supply tea farmers with fertilizer at Kshs 3,500 down from Kshs 6,500. This is our initial intervention, we will be doing more for the medium term and the long term.

33. We are alive to the challenges of drought that face seven counties, which are now at 'alarm' and 13 that are at alert stages respectively. We are determined to ensure that no county slips into the emergency phase and will coordinate with county governments, which are the first line of response. We are mobilizing resources to reverse this situation.

34. Our goal is not just to provide relief and recovery to restore the situation, but to invest and unlock the huge economic potential of the rangelands that constitute two-thirds of our country.

35. Jobs is our other priority. It is time for us to stem the tide of youth unemployment. Every year, 800,000 young people join the workforce and over 600,000 of them do not find opportunities for productive work. Moreover, our young people in cities and towns face very hostile environments, many times treated as a nuisance and their hustles criminalized. Those who seek to set up formal businesses are faced with the bureaucratic monster that is multiple licences.

36. Our immediate agenda is to create a favourable business and enterprise environment, decriminalize livelihoods and support people in the informal sector to organise themselves into stable, viable and creditworthy business entities.

This is the essence of the bottom-up economic model, which creates a path for traders and entrepreneurs to build linkages, experience safety, and enjoy security. We will work with county governments to create frameworks that provide secure trading places in our cities and towns.



Inaugural Speech

37. Financial inclusion and access to credit are critical in addressing the fundamental factors of the cost of living, job creation and people's well-being. We shall take measures to drive down the cost of credit. Our starting point is to shift the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) framework from its current practice of arbitrary, punitive and all or nothing blacklisting of borrowers, which denies borrowers credit. We will work with Credit reference bureaus a new system of credit score rating that provides borrowers with an opportunity to manage on their creditworthiness. This will eliminate blacklisting.

38. In our engagements, traders also complained about the onerous burden involved in cash transactions exceeding Kshs 1 million. Many have reverted to storing money under their mattresses at great risk, which is clearly not the intention of the anti-money laundering regulations. While we remain fully committed to mitigating this risk, we believe that there is scope to make compliance less burdensome on genuine business transactions. I have been assured by the Central Bank that work on how to ease this burden without compromising the security of the financial system is underway.

39. We shall implement the Hustler Fund, dedicated to the capitalization of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises through chamas, sacco and cooperatives to make credit available on affordable terms that do not require collateral.

40. To implement all these interventions, we shall establish a Ministry of Cooperatives and SME Development mandated to ensure that every small business has secure property rights, access to finance and a supportive regulatory framework.

41. Furthermore, to deal with the huge challenge of youth unemployment we will roll out our social and affordable low-cost housing program, targeting an average of 250,000 units a year. This will create opportunities in the entire job market. We will engage TVET institutions to provide necessary skills to enable the Jua Kali industry supply standardized products for our housing program. We will leverage on our competitive advantage in leather and textile to roll out our labor intensive Agro-processing industrialization program. This will start with the Dongo Kundu and Naivasha industrial parks.

42. This afternoon, I will be issuing instructions for clearing of all goods and other attendant operational issues to revert to the port of Mombasa. This restore thousands of jobs in the city of Mombasa.



43. Ladies and gentlemen, we must stabilize our public finances. This year, we will spend 60 per cent of our revenues to service our debt. We are faced with Ksh 600 billion in pending bills for goods and services supplied to the government. Clearly, we are living beyond our means. This situation must be corrected. I am aware that many individuals, families and their companies have been driven to ruin and forced to shut down, over government unpaid bills.

44. We shall give priority to the expeditious resolution of our pending bills so that the government can meet its obligations and facilitate better economic performance. In the coming weeks, we shall advise government creditors on the mechanism for the resolution of their outstanding payments. We are committed to ensuring that they are paid in the shortest time possible.

45. Additionally, we urgently need to expand our tax base. Our job-creation agenda and the capitalizing SMEs will go a long way in broadening our tax bracket.

46. We will make KRA more professional, efficient, responsive and people-friendly. I urge taxpayers to respond by undertaking their patriotic duty and pay taxes.

47. In furtherance to this, oversight institutions such as the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget will be adequately funded to execute their mandates.

48. On the matter of gender parity, I am committed to the two-thirds gender rule as enshrined in the Constitution. We will work with Parliament to fast-track various legislative proposals and establish a framework that will resolve this matter expeditiously. The participation of women in our governance does not make us lesser; it makes us greater. And their role can no longer be nominal; it has to be substantive.

49. Ladies and gentlemen, our health agenda is premised on fundamental reform in the way healthcare is financed and provided. We shall reform the National Health Insurance Fund to make it a social health insurance provider, improve procurement of medical supplies, deploy an integrated state-of-the-art health information system and most importantly, provide adequate human resources at all levels. Contributions will now be graduated and will now be based on income.



Inaugural Speech

50. There is a robust conversation in the country on education, in particular the implementation of the CBC curriculum. Public participation is critical in this matter. We will establish an Education Reform Taskforce in the Presidency which will be launched in the coming weeks. It will collect views from all key players in line with the constitutional demand of public participation. We are particularly alive to the anxieties of parents on the twin transitions of the last 8-4-4 class and the first CBC class in January next year. I assure that there will be a solution to the matter before then.

51. We have elevated our diaspora to be the 48th County. The complaint has been that the diaspora has not received the attention they deserve. The focus has been on remittances, while their fundamental rights as citizens have been neglected. To correct this oversight, I pledge to:

- a. Elevate diaspora issues at a ministry level.
- b. Strengthen diaspora services in all embassies.
- c. Work with parliament to set up a committee that will exclusively deal with diaspora issues.
- d. Set up a mechanism for public participation by the Diaspora.
- e. Work closely with the IEBC to expand and enhance diaspora participation in elections.

52. Ladies and gentlemen, devolution and sharing of power and resources is not just a national value and principle of governance in the Constitution, but it is the crown jewel of our constitutional dispensation and the proudest achievement of the citizens of Kenya. Every part of the country has experienced the positive impacts of this invaluable institution and Kenyans yearn for a better performance of devolved units.

53. One of the best ways of accelerating national development is through collaboration with county governments. As Deputy President, I witnessed first-hand the tremendous potential of inter-governmental synergy and look forward to scaling up our capacity to harness these bountiful possibilities.

54. Because of this realization, I have no hesitation in accelerating the transfer of outstanding functions to counties, together with the attendant resources.

55. To promote budget efficiency and minimize disruptions and delays in devolved service delivery, my administration commits to take necessary measures to secure the timely disbursement of revenue allocations to county governments.

56. The success of devolution depends on sound inter-governmental relations. There is a template which incorporates lessons from successes as well as failures in past engagements, and we stand a stronger chance of making devolution work better.

57. Kenya will continue to be a dedicated partner to peace, security and prosperity in the East African region. We look forward to deepening our integration. We welcome our newest member, the DRC, whose entry now extends our region from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic. Kenya is fully committed to the implementation of the EAC treaty and its protocols of free movement of people, goods and services. Equally important is our commitment to the full actualization of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

58. Ladies and gentlemen, Kenya will continue playing its key role in international diplomacy at the bilateral and multilateral levels, appreciating that we are host to major international agencies, including the United Nations.

59. Among the central concerns of my government will be climate change. In our country, women and men, young people, farmers, workers and local communities suffer the consequences of climate emergency.

It is not too late to respond. To tackle this threat, we must act urgently to keep global heating levels below 1.5C, help those in need and end addiction to fossil fuels.



60. Africa has the opportunity to lead the world. We have immense potential for renewable energy. Reducing costs of renewable energy technologies make this the most viable energy source. Kenya is on a transition to clean energy that will support jobs, local economies and the sustainable industrialisation. In Kenya, we will lead this endeavor by reaffirming our commitment to transition to 100% clean energy by 2030. We call on all African states to join us in this journey.

61. As members of the international community, we shall support a successful Climate Summit in Africa in November, by championing delivery of the finance and technology needed for Africa to adapt to climate impacts, support those in need and manage the transition.

62. My administration is ready to work with global partners to fight pandemics and other health emergencies. We are also committed to promoting Kenya's vigilance and efficacy in responding to emerging public health challenges. We stand ready to play our role in the collective efforts to keep the public safe. I call upon countries that have developed vaccines to make them accessible.

63. Ladies and gentlemen, my government commits to create a business-friendly environment, eradicate barriers that hamper business development and growth, and make Kenya one of the most compelling and attractive business destinations.

64. We are an open, democratic society founded on freedom and justice. We take pride in receiving visitors and offering them our legendary hospitality. Kenya is a land of immense natural beauty and unforgettable delights.

65. Ladies and gentlemen, I stand here on my Day One as your President. I make a commitment that, in the days ahead, I will make pronouncements that are going to better define the trajectory of my administration. I promise to make every Kenyan proud and ensure the economic well-being of all.



PICTORIAL: Inauguration Ceremony





PICTORIAL: Inauguration Ceremony





PICTORIAL: Inauguration Ceremony





CS Omamo Inaugurates Kenya's Diplomatic Enclave



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo during the inauguration of the Kenya Diplomatic Enclave in Gigiri, Nairobi on 8th September 2022

By Ian Abwao

On the 8th September 2022, Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo on behalf of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta inaugurated the Kenya Diplomatic Enclave in Gigiri, Nairobi.

Speaking during the function, the Cabinet Secretary stated that the new diplomatic enclave will simplify the process of land acquisition for embassies and other multilateral diplomatic organizations in the country. This will open opportunities for Kenya to own land in other foreign countries.

CS Omamo stated that the diplomatic enclave will play an important role in transforming Nairobi into an even better international diplomatic and multilateral capital, adding that the enclave will strive to meet international standards and respond to the needs of Nairobi's growing international bilateral and multilateral diplomatic community.

The Cabinet Secretary remarked that as a country, we have risen from humble beginnings after independence to occupy our rightful place in the community of nations as a major preferred diplomatic hub.

This has been demonstrated through policy leadership in both regional and global organizations. Kenya has expanded its commitment to fostering a more integrated and multilateral world, which is why we strive to open up other cities other than Nairobi to the transformative and uplifting experience of hosting diplomatic and international entities.



The Cabinet Secretary said, Kenya has made significant investments in infrastructure development and connectivity. This progress has aided the evolution of Nairobi City and enhanced the living conditions for diplomats, expats, and local residents.

She emphasized that Kenya continues to expand its international footprint with new missions and embassies abroad, there is a growing demand for a larger diplomatic zone at home, necessitating the expansion of the diplomatic zone and the identification of additional land for the construction of new embassies and consulates which will be served by the new diplomatic enclave.

The Enclave will be built on the grounds of the former Kenya Technical Trainers College (KTTC), which spans eighty acres. It will accommodate numerous diplomatic missions' Chanceries and Ambassadorial Residences.



Kenya witnesses the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement in Kinshasha



PS Amb. Macharia Kamau at the signing ceremony of the Status of Force Agreement in DRC

By Kawira Githinji

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau made a two day working visit to Kinshasha, Democratic Republic of Congo from 6 – 8 September, 2022 to attend and participate at the signing ceremony of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).

The Principal Secretary attended the ceremony in his capacity as the Special Envoy of His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta on the EAC-Led Nairobi Process of the Inter-Congolese Consultations on Restoration of Peace and Security in Eastern DRC, In a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Felix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo on 8th September 2022, the Principal Secretary conveyed greetings from His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Chief Facilitator and Champion of the peace process and also greetings from the new President H.E. William Samoei Ruto and reaffirmed continuation of government business after the smooth political transition. The meeting focused on issues of mutual benefit between the two countries aimed at further solidifying the already strong diplomatic relations.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the PS Kamau acknowledged the warm and cordial relations between Kenya and DRC, founded on shared values and common aspirations on socio-economic transformation for the well-being and prosperity of the two countries and the larger East African community.

Noting that the security situation in Eastern DRC continues to be of great concern, the PS called for closer cooperation and collaboration with regional and international partners. He stressed the need for everyone to redouble their efforts to pursue dialogue, de-escalation and the use of effective national, regional and international mechanisms to resolve disputes.

“Kenya commends His Excellency Felix Tshishikedi Tshilombo for his dedication and commitment to the peace and security situation in the region,” PS Kamau said, and assured of Kenya’s unwavering commitment and support to the people of DRC and the Government of H.E. President Tshisekedi in promoting and upholding peace, stability and security in the region.

Amb. Kamau urged regional countries to remain committed to the agreed upon decisions, utilize approved framework and positively engage to issues and concerns for the benefit of respective countries.

He emphasized that a concerted support for the EAC- led Nairobi process will accelerate actions aimed at reaching set goals at both political and military track of the process.

Towards, this end, PS Kamau reiterated Kenya’s unflinching support to efforts that seek diplomatic and military solutions to sustainably restore peace and stability in the east of DRC, noting that regional peace and security is a collective enterprise.

“Kenya’s conviction is that its own stability and economic wellbeing are dependent on the stability of the region, Africa and the rest of the world,” the PS stated, adding that, peace and stability is a necessary pre-condition for economic development and prosperity.

“Today marks a great day. We have witnessed the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement in reaffirmation of the principles of strict respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of Congo.” PS Kamau said.

He further called upon the Eastern Africa Community Regional Force to fully support and work together with the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo in concretizing and bringing law and order in Eastern DRC and more importantly supping in the Disarmament, Demobilization, Community Recovery and Stabilization Program.

He also called for partnership and support to the joint secretariat in reaching out to Partners and Stakeholder for resource to support the two-track process of the EAC – led Nairobi Process of the Inter-Congolese Consultations on the peace and security situation in Eastern DRC.

“Kenya remains a valued and reliable partner to the DRC and the region at all levels,” the Principal Secretary reiterated.

The PS while in Kinshasha visited the Kenya Chancery where he was received by Amb. George Masafu, Kenya’s Ambassador to DRC and members of staff. The Principal Secretary officially launched the Embassy’s Annual Diplomatic Magazine – FY 2022.



Government Opens One Stop Service Centre for Diplomatic Community



By Kuria Muigai

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo graced the opening of Government of Kenya - United Nations service centre at UNON Headquarters in Gigiri.

The centre will provide one stop post where UN Staff and Diplomatic community will access the Kenya Government services including Immigration and National Transport and Safety Authority Services.

Speaking at the event CS Omamo underscored the role of UNON in the region and its critical role in providing administrative and common services to other organisations of the United Nations.

She said the service centre would enable the Government provide improved services to UNON and other UN agencies and also strengthen Nairobi as a multilateral diplomatic hub.

Present during the event were CS for Interior and Coordination of National Government, Fred Matiangi, Director General UNON, Ms. Zainab Bangura and PS Interior Karanja Kibicho.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo and Interior CS Fred Matiangi during the opening of Government of Kenya - United Nations service centre at UNON Headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi on 31st August 2022.



CONGRATULATIONS!

H.E. DR. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs fraternity and on my own behalf I convey to His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto congratulations and best wishes following his election and swearing-in as Kenya's Fifth President

AMB. RAYCHELLE OMAMO, SC, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KENYA



VISION

A peaceful, prosperous and globally competitive Kenya.

MISSION

To project, promote and protect Kenya's interests and image globally through innovative diplomacy, and contribute towards a just, peaceful and equitable world.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HARAMBEE AVENUE
P.O. BOX 30551—GPO 00100
NAIROBI
TEL: +254 20 4949 000
+254 20 331 8888

Website:: www.mfa.go.ke
Twitter: @ForeignOfficeKE
Facebook: ForeignOfficeKE
YouTube: Foreign Office KE



VISION

A peaceful, prosperous and globally competitive Kenya.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HARAMBEE AVENUE
P.O. BOX 30551—GPO 00100
NAIROBI
TEL: +254 20 4949 000
+254 20 331 8888

MISSION

To project, promote and protect Kenya's interests and image globally through innovative diplomacy, and contribute towards a just, peaceful and equitable world.

Website:: www.mfa.go.ke
Twitter: @ForeignOfficeKE
Facebook: ForeignOfficeKE
YouTube: Foreign Office KE