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FOREWORD FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our Mission annual Newsletter for the period July 2024 – June 2025. The Newsletter is our vital tool for the Mission to communicate with the stakeholders, build relationships, and share valuable updates about the activities that we have undertaken in line with our mandate. I am delighted to report that the feedback that we received from previous editions of our Newsletters have contributed positively to the implementation of our mandate which entails the strengthening, enhancing and deepening of the existing bilateral relations with countries of accreditation as well leveraging Kenya's interest at the regional level.

During the Financial 2024/2025 the Mission was steadfast in the implementation Kenya's Foreign Policy. The Mission was involved in the coordination and facilitation of the following key high-level events that were held in Dar es Salaam and attended by His Excellency the President: The 3rd G25 Africa Coffee Summit held on 21st - 22nd February, 2025; Joint EAC-SADC Heads of State and Government Summit on 8th February 2025; and Africa Heads of State Energy Summit on 22nd – 28th January, 2025. His Excellency the President also attended the 24th Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State on 29th -30th November 2024 in Arusha during which he was elected as the Chairperson of the EAC. It is important to note that these high-level events also provide the opportunity for bilateral engagements that contributed to the promotion and protection of Kenya's interests.

Promotion of bilateral trade in goods and services with the United Republic of has continued to be one of our key activities. Tanzania is currently Kenya's sixth largest export destination with exports worth USD 488.7 million in 2024 while imports from Tanzania were valued at USD 431.5 million same year. The Mission participated in the 8th Joint Technical Committee on bilateral trade which focused on the resolution of Non-Tariff Barriers in order to enhance the smooth flow of trade between Kenya and Tanzania. The Mission also participated in the launch of scheduled flights by Jambojet between Mombasa and Zanzibar that contributed to the promotion of Air Services between the two countries.

Diaspora engagement remained one of the priorities of the Mission. We continued to hold quarterly meetings with our diaspora with a view to addressing their needs and also ensuring their contribution to the Kenya's national development agenda. Besides diaspora engagement, the Mission coordinated and facilitated inbound visits from Kenya aimed at promoting bilateral cooperation with Tanzania in a number sectors including education, agriculture and security.

As you delve into reading our Newsletter, it is our sincere hope that you will find it informative about some of our activities undertaken during the Financial Year 2024/2025. We shall also appreciate in receiving feedback which will assist us in not only improving the next edition but also contribute in effectively discharging our mandate.

AMB. ISAAC NJENGA
HIGH COMMISSIONER



3RD G25 AFRICA COFFEE SUMMIT DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, 21ST – 22ND FEBRUARY 2025

The Kenyan delegation was led by Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya, Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMEs). The High Commissioner, Amb. Isaac Njenga was also in attendance as well as MD of the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union among other representatives from the State Department of crop development and the Cabinet Secretary's office.

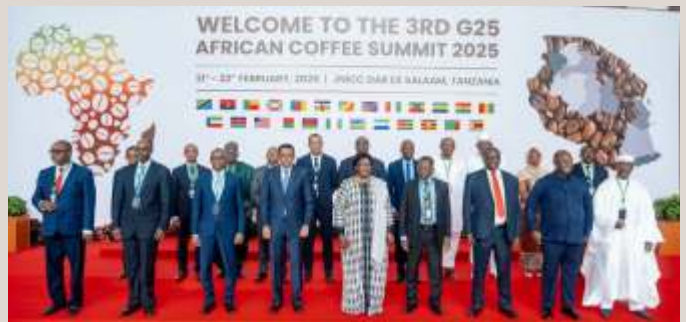
The 3rd G25 Africa Coffee Summit was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on the 21st and 22nd of February, 2025 under the theme Unlocking Employment Opportunities for the Youth through Regeneration of the African Coffee Industry. The high-level summit brought together ministers and other senior government officials, private sector players, financial institutions, and other industry stakeholders including development partners to discuss strategies for increasing coffee production in Africa, enhancing local value addition of African coffee, boosting local consumption of the locally value-added coffee, and increasing youth participation in the coffee sector.

The conference took cognizance of the youthful population in the African continent, the high market potential for coffee in Africa, the high per kilogram return on coffee, and the high global demand for coffee as demonstrated by its high global tradability that is only bettered by oil. As such, there was consensus on the need for deliberate catalytic interventions in the sector to increase coffee production, and local value addition and consumption, while incentivizing the youths to meaningfully participate in the sector.

KEY DISCUSSION AREAS

a. Increasing Coffee Production in Africa

The Summit aimed at increasing the coffee production through; Increasing acreage, providing farm inputs,



provision of extension services, capacity building and value chain awareness as well as aggregation of farmers through strong cooperative movements

b. Increasing Coffee Value Addition in Africa

The discussions aimed to increase the coffee value addition by:

- making Expanding local processing and packaging industries to ensure that more coffee is exported as finished products rather than raw beans.
- Investing in modern roasting and blending technologies to enhance the quality of locally processed coffee.
- Encouraging Intra-Africa trade in coffee through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- Strengthening cooperative societies and MSMEs engaged in coffee processing to increase their competitiveness.

c. Increasing Local Consumption of Coffee in Africa

The meeting's discussions also centered on increasing local consumption of Coffee in Africa through:

- Promoting coffee culture through targeted marketing and education campaigns.
- Establishing coffee consumption initiatives in schools, workplaces, and public institutions.
- Supporting MSMEs to develop innovative coffee-based products that cater to diverse consumer preferences. such as Tax breaks, for local coffee entrepreneurs and retailers

d. Increasing the participation of youths in the coffee sector

The meeting aimed to Incentivize youths through: Ensuring availability of Land, provision of Affordable Financing, embracing and Utilization of Technology, linkages to Competitive Markets, training and skills development, linkages to industry leaders for mentorship, technology transfer and markets for their innovations and products and whole value chain exploitation.



ALIGNMENT WITH BOTTOM-UP ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

- **Empowering MSMEs and Cooperatives:** Kenya's cooperative model is a vital driver of coffee production and processing. Strengthening cooperatives through increased value addition aligns with BETA's goal of boosting MSMEs.
- **Job Creation for the Youth:** By focusing on local processing and increasing domestic consumption, the coffee industry presents significant employment opportunities for young people, in line with the government's efforts to address youth unemployment.
- **Enhancing Incomes for Smallholder Farmers:** Grassroot/local value addition ensures higher returns for coffee farmers, reducing reliance on volatile international markets. This supports the broader vision of economic empowerment from the bottom of the economic pyramid.
- **Acceleration of Manufacturing** through increased local value addition to increase the contribution of manufacturing to the GDP.
- Expanding Intra-African Trade in locally processed coffee products supports Kenya's vision of leveraging AfCFTA for economic growth.

Based on the discussions at the summit, Kenya should consider the following strategic actions:

a. Scaling Up Coffee Production

- i. Strategic increase in acreage by embracing high potential but unexploited areas
- ii. Adopt Tanzania's Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) Model, a block farming and value addition model for youths and women
- iii. Certification of private sector players to accelerate research and seedling propagation for uptake by the government

- iv. Provision of free and quality seedlings
- v. Provision of subsidized quality inputs through New KPCU and cooperatives

b. Increasing Local Value Addition

Support MSMEs to participate in value addition through:

- i. Provision of Affordable Financing
- ii. Provision of Common user infrastructure and machines/equipment for value addition
- iii. Providing targeted incentives such as tax reductions for MSMEs and cooperatives involved in coffee processing.
- iv. Expanding access to competitive local and international markets
- v. Continuous capacity building and sensitization
- vi. Increase Public-private partnerships to expand coffee processing plants

c. Accelerating Local Coffee Consumption

- i. Domestic coffee awareness campaigns
- ii. Integrate coffee consumption into Kenya's food culture.
- iii. Providing affordable barista training opportunities for youths who are engaged in, or are interested in coffee vending.
- iv. Providing mobile coffee vending machines and equipment for youth to create and engage in mobile coffee shops – Tanzania
- v. Providing affordable financing for youth and women led MSMEs involved or interested in coffee
- vi. Creating a conducive and enabling environment for youths engaged in the value addition and sale of coffee

d. Regional Collaboration:

- i. Strengthen partnerships with other African nations to:
 - Enhance knowledge and technology sharing to increase coffee
 - Expand markets for Kenyan coffee, while creating new competitive ones.





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HEADS OF STATE

ENERGY SUMMIT

**27-28TH JANUARY 2025,
DAR ES SALAAM**

The Africa Heads of State Energy Summit was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from the 27th to 28th January 2025 under the theme “Powering Africa for Reliable, Affordable, Inclusive, Sustainable, and Clean Energy for all”, primarily focused on the "Mission 300" initiative to connect 300 million people in Africa to electricity by 2030 through collaborative efforts between African nations, development partners, and the private sector.

The Summit was held at Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and was hosted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the African Union, the African Development Bank Group, and the World Bank Group.

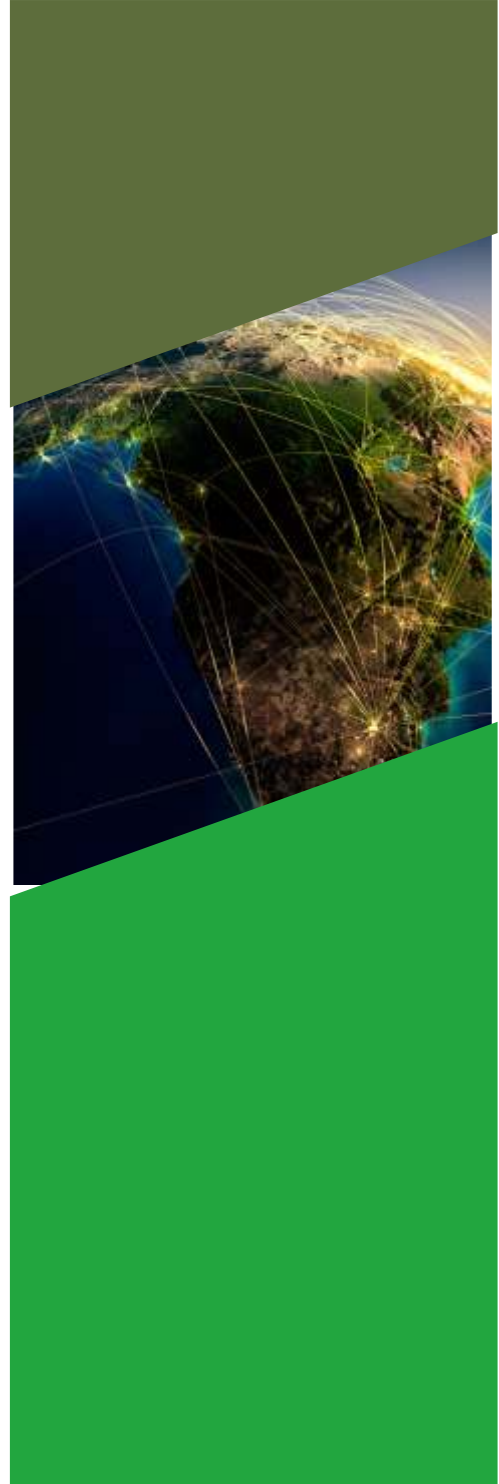
The M300 AES Summit was attended by H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya. The Summit brought together 24 Heads of State and Government, Vice Presidents, Prime Ministers as well as Ministers responsible for Energy, Finance, Foreign Affairs from almost all African Countries. As part of the key organisers, the President of the World Bank Group Mr Ajay Banga and Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of African Development Bank Group were in attendance. The Cooperating Partners including the Multilateral Development Banks, Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), Development Funding institutions such as the Rockefeller Foundation and Commercial Banks as well as global, continental, and regional energy organisations such as the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and the Southern African Power Pool also participated at the event.

Key highlights of the meeting

Over thirty African Heads of State and governments committed to concrete reforms and actions to expand access to reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity to power economic growth, improve quality of life, and drive job creation across the continent.

The Dar es Salaam Energy Declaration, endorsed at the Mission 300 Africa Energy Summit, represents a key milestone in addressing the energy gap in Africa, where more than 600 million people currently live without electricity. The commitments in the Declaration are a critical piece of the Mission 300 initiative, which unites governments, development banks, partners, philanthropies, and the private sector to connect 300 million Africans to electricity by 2030. At the summit, Mission 300 partners pledged more than \$50 billion in support of increasing energy access across Africa. The Declaration will now be submitted to the African Union Summit in February for adoption.

By addressing the fundamental challenge of energy access, Mission 300 serves as the cornerstone of the job's agenda for Africa's growing youth population and the foundation for future development.



Bilateral Engagements



On the sidelines of the summit, H.E. President Willian Samoei Ruto held talks with H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and discussed pertinent bilateral issues between Kenya and Tanzania. The UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, and discussed the raging conflict in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, the president of The Rockefeller Foundation, and explored possible areas of collaboration with The Rockefeller Foundation in expanding Kenya's school feeding programme. The President also held bilateral talks with His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai and the Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates on how to spear head the agenda on powering Africa AND H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamed, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia on peace issues in Somali.

JOINT EAC-SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT SUMMIT, 8th FEBRUARY, 2025, DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA



A Joint EAC-SADC Heads of State and Government Summit was convened on 8th February, 2025 in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, to deliberate on the security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The Summit was co-chaired by H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the East African Community (EAC), and H.E. Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The Summit was preceded by a Joint EAC-SADC Ministerial Meeting held on 7th February, 2025.

The Summit expressed deep concern over the deteriorating security situation in Eastern DRC, which has led to the loss of lives, a humanitarian crisis, and widespread human suffering, particularly affecting women and children. Among other outcomes, the following are key directives made by the Summit:

- 1. EAC-SADC Chiefs of Defence Force to convene within five (5) days to provide technical assistance on:**
 - i. Cessation of hostilities and an immediate ceasefire.
 - ii. Provision of humanitarian assistance.
 - iii. Development of a securitization plan for Goma.
 - iv. Opening of key supply routes.
 - 2. Reaffirmed the critical role of both the Luanda and Nairobi Processes and directed that the two be merged into a Luanda/Nairobi Process.**
 - 3. Implementation of the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for the harmonized plan to neutralize the FDLR and lift Rwanda's defensive measures through the disengagement of forces from the DRC, as agreed under the Luanda Process**
 - 4. A joint Meeting of Ministers of EAC and SADC to convene within thirty (30) days for further deliberation.**
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24th ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, 29 - 30 NOVEMBER 2024, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The Heads of State from the East African Community member states gathered in Arusha for the 24th Ordinary Summit of the East African Community on 29 - 30 November 2024.

The summit coincided with the commemoration of the EAC's 25th anniversary, marked by a side event attended by the Heads of State on 30th November 2024.

During the anniversary event, H.E. President William Samoei Ruto stated that the East African Community treaty deepened social, economic, and cultural ties between the countries and underscored the need to further consolidate existing trade markets, establish a monetary union, and create a political federation that would lead to an EAC political federation.

“If we have to prosper, we need a big enough market for our producers and for our business people to invest and trade, and a market that has no barriers,” President Ruto said, further pointing out the importance of regional peace in attracting investment.

President Ruto was elected as the new Chairperson of the East Africa Community (EAC), taking over from South Sudan President Salva Kiir. The President Ruto promised to enhance the lives of EAC members by focusing on increasing competitiveness, promoting value-added production, boosting inter-regional trade, and driving investment into the region's economies.



11TH EDITION OF
MERCK
FOUNDATION
AFRICA ASIA LUMINARY,
29 TO 30 OCTOBER 2024, DAR ES SALAAM



The High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga received H.E. Mrs Rachel Ruto, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, upon her arrival to attend the 11th Edition of Merck Foundation Africa Asia Luminary that was held in Dar es salaam from 29 to 30 October 2024.

H.E. Mrs. Rachel Ruto urged the Merck Foundation to consider extending their programs to cover child health and education, particularly in the area of school feeding. H.E. Mrs Rachel Ruto further expressed Kenya's appreciation to the Merck Foundation for



providing over 210 scholarships to local doctors in underserved medical specialities as part of shared commitment to empowering women, tackling stigma, and driving sustainable change.



H.E. Mrs. Rachel Ruto was a Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker at the two-day Conference that was attended by the First Ladies of 15 Countries and was officially inaugurated by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan.

TANZANIA MINING & INVESTMENT CONFERENCE (TMIC)

19th -21st
November, 2024
Dar es Salaam

Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs led the Kenyan delegation to the Tanzania Mining and Investment Conference (TMIC) 2024 that took place in Dar es Salaam, from 19th to 21st November, 2024.



In his remarks, the Hon. Hassan Ali Joho highlighted the significant opportunities that Kenya offers to investors, underscoring its favourable investment climate, rich mineral deposits and a commitment to supporting the sector's growth with its strategic location in East Africa, robust infrastructure and a government keen on fostering partnerships. Also present were Principal Secretary for Mining Mr. Elijah Mwangi, Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania Amb. Isaac Njenga and Kenya's National Mining Corporation Chairman Mr. Joseph K. Lagat.



8th MEETING OF OACPS MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR OCEANS, INLAND WATERS & FISHERIES, 9 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2024, DAR ES SALAAM

Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs led the Kenyan delegation to the 8th Meeting of OACPS Ministers responsible for Oceans, Inland Waters & Fisheries that took place in Dar es Salaam, from 9th to 11th September 2024.

The CS was accompanied by Ms. Betsy Njagi, Principal Secretary, State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries and H.E Isaac Njenga, High Commissioner, among other senior government officials

The event brought together policy leaders & experts from 79 Member States, partners, stakeholders and key organisations such as EU, FAO, IFAD, AU IBAR, Regional Economic blocks among others. The meeting focused on addressing urgent challenges facing marine ecosystems and Fisheries across the OACPS Member States. This year's meeting centred around the theme "Accelerating Action for Sustainable & Resilient Oceans Fisheries & Aquaculture in OACPS Countries & Regions".

TRADE

KENYA – TANZANIA



Tanzania has been a key export market for Kenyan manufactured products and also a crucial source of raw materials for Kenyan industries. Tanzania averages around 6 percent of Kenya's total exports and ranks in top ten destinations for Kenyan exports. It is also the second largest market for Kenyan exports in EAC after Uganda. Kenya exports to Tanzania increased by 9 percent to USD 486.29 million in 2023 and has recorded an average annual growth of 10 percent in the period 2019-2023.

Major export products in 2023 included flat-rolled products of iron & steel, detergents, medicaments, tractors, petroleum oils, matches, margarine, cement, plastic carboys, bottles, flasks, tomato ketchup and tomato sauces, prefabricated buildings, electric accumulators, nails, tacks, drawing pins and staples, mechanical shovels excavators and shoe loaders, plastic tubes and hoses, motor vehicles for transportation of goods and persons, crown corks, salt, sugar confectioneries and beauty products.

Major imports include maize, coal, sawn wood, uncoated kraft paper and paperboard, oil cake of sunflower seeds and cotton seeds (for manufacture of animal feed), detergents, dried beans and peas, fertilisers, millet, flat-rolled products of iron and steel, woven fabrics of cotton, cotton seeds, sacks and bags, knitted or crocheted fabrics of cotton.

Conversely, Tanzania exports to Kenya declined by 32 percent to USD 306 million in 2023. The decline was mainly driven by significant reduction in the exportation of maize by 69 percent from USD 154 million in 2022 to USD 47.8 million in 2023, rice by 97 percent from USD 30.6 million in 2022 to USD 1.1 million in 2023 and uncoated kraft and paper board which declined by 33 percent from USD 22.7 million to USD 15.2 million in the same period.

Investments by Kenyan Companies in Tanzania

Kenya is among the major sources of foreign direct investments (FDI) inflows in Tanzania. Over five hundred (500) Kenyan companies have invested in Tanzania and employing between 70,000 – 100,000 individuals. The Kenya Investment Authority and Tanzania Investment Centre have signed an MoU aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two institutions on issues of investment between the two countries.

Some of the major companies operating in Tanzania include: KCB Bank (T) Ltd (Banking and Finance); Kenya Airways (Air Transport); NCBA Bank (T) Ltd (Banking and Finance); Equity Bank (T) Ltd (Banking and Finance); I & M Bank (T) Ltd (Banking and Finance); Diamond Trust Bank (T) Ltd (Banking and Finance); SGA Security (T) Ltd (Security services); Davis & Shirtliff (T) Ltd (Distribution of water related equipment); Jubilee Insurance Co. (T) Ltd (Insurance Services);

Others include, East African Cables (T) Ltd (manufacturing); AAR Insurance (T) Ltd (Insurance); Britam Insurance (T) Ltd (Insurance); Avo Africa (Agri-business); Mufindi Tea Estate/Factory (Agri-business); Blue Bay Hotel, Zanzibar (Hospitality) and Basra Textile Mills Ltd (manufacturing) Ultravetis (agrochemicals), Crown Paints (manufacturing) and Chloride Exide(T) Ltd (Power Solutions).

Merchandise trade

With an estimated population of 305.3 million people, the EAC region offers a large market, with immense potential for trade in goods and services produced within the region and from the globe.

In 2023, total global merchandise trade by the EAC grew by 2.37 percent, valued at more than US\$ 80 billion. Intra-EAC total trade similarly grew by 13.1 percent to US \$12.1 billion in 2023, with the percentage share of intra-EAC trade to EAC total trade increasing to 15 percent. The European Union and Asia were the major destinations for agricultural and primary products exports, with regional markets key destinations for manufactures.

Key manufactured exports included textiles, chemicals, edible oil, cement, iron and steel, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Partner States remained net importers of commodities including petroleum products, industrial machinery, textiles, crude palm oil, motor vehicles, cereals, rice, transport equipment, fertilizers, chemicals and raw materials for industrial production. China remained the dominant source of EAC imports valued at US\$11 billion, followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with imports valued at US\$6.4 billion in 2023.

Continental trade through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) has emerged as potential driver for increased trade by the EAC, with intra-African trade expanding supported by lowering of trade barriers, enhanced infrastructure, and development of regional value chains. The Regional Economic Communities (RECs)' continue to be the major export destinations for EAC exports with COMESA registering US\$6.6 billion and SADC US\$4.1 billion in 2023. China is the dominant source of EAC imports with a value of US\$11 billion, followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at US\$6.4 billion in 2023. There is a need for substantial transformation in the industrial and agricultural sectors for EAC to benefit from regional integration to allow key products with export potential to enter the global value chain supply systems

Trade in services

Global trade in services remains vibrant, with travel and transport accounting for the highest contribution in both Africa¹ and EAC. Services play a critical role in enhancing the diversity and quality of manufactured goods and in facilitating this process at the regional level. Export of services in the EAC during the year 2023 grew marginally at 1.7%.



EAC TRADE & INVESTMENT

Total trade services remained the key driver of the Partner State economies accounting for over 40% of the respective country GDPs. In 2023 country specific services grew by 12.51% in Burundi, 13.24% in Rwanda, 32% in Tanzania declines by 12.75% in Kenya, 1.07% in South Sudan and 7.8% in DRC. Both service imports and exports were concentrated in transport, tourism.

Investment

As a result of the many challenges in the global business environment and the muted demand occasioned by high costs of living, Foreign Direct Investment maintained a slowdown during 2023, occasioned by global financial volatilities and geopolitical tensions, with Africa and the developing economies being hardest hit. However, the EAC region registered growth in both domestic and foreign

investment, with most investment directed to communications, ICT services and software and consumer products, biotechnology.

The major sources of FDI flows into Africa include USA, UAE, France and India. In 2022, the United States invested US\$ 7 billion in Africa, the most since 2018, with South Africa, Egypt, and Kenya receiving the most funds. There was substantial cross border investment, a sign of confidence in the EAC regional integration agenda. With the increase in FDI across most of the Partner States, there has been an increase in the number of jobs created through the EAC FDI such as the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Kenya. Even for Partner States that had a decrease in FDIs, recorded an increase in jobs created through domestic and cross border investments.



JAMBO JET LAUNCHES FLIGHTS BETWEEN MOMBASA & ZANZIBAR ON 1st JULY 2024

H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga, Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania attended the Jambojet inauguration ceremony at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar on 1st July 2024.

The occasion was graced by Dr. Khalid Salum Mohame, Minister for Construction, Communication and Transport of Zanzibar, Hon. Mudrick Soraga, Minister for Tourism & Heritage of Zanzibar and Mr. Karanja Ndegwa, CEO & MD of Jambojet. The occasion marked start of scheduled flights by Jambojet between Mombasa and Zanzibar following the arrival of the first flight from Mombasa to Zanzibar on 1st July, 2024 at 12 noon.

DEFENCE COOPERATION

Courtesy Visit To Kenya High Commission By Kenya Navy Undertaking The Joint Maritime Exercise "aikeyme" (africa-india Key Maritime Engagement) In Dar Es Salaam, 14 April 2025



Kenyan delegates from the Kenya Navy led by Brigadier M S Shemote paid a courtesy visit to the Kenya High Commission Dar es Salaam on 14th April 2025. They were received by Mr. Rabson Kisuya, Head of Chancery on behalf of the High Commissioner, H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga. Also present was Col. Hassan Chala, the Defence Advisor at the Mission and Members of Staff of the High Commission.

The Kenya Navy were in Dar es Salaam for the joint maritime exercise "AIKEYME" (Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement) that was taking place from 11th to 18th April 2025. The exercise was aimed at enhancing operational coordination, refining joint strategies, and improving interoperability in maritime operations and was co-hosted by India and Tanzania. The exercise had the participation of naval forces from Comoros, Djibouti, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania.

Two Kenya naval ships KNS Jasiri and KNS Shujaa had been deployed as part of the AIKEYME engagement and also primarily as part of "Exercise

Jitegemee XXVI", a sea training exercise for the Kenya Navy Junior Officers Under Training (JOUTs) and crew that was meant to equip them with skills and experiences both at sea and in port. During the voyage, the two Kenya Navy Ships made to port calls Victoria in Seychelles and Toamasina in Madagascar.

In his remarks to the delegation, Mr. Kisuya emphasized that the Kenya Defence Forces was a major stakeholder in the Kenya High Commission's work, particularly because one of the Strategic Objectives of the Mission was aimed at protecting Kenya's sovereignty and territorial integrity and promoting peace, security and stability.

Brig. Shemote appreciated the warm reception by the Kenya High Commission and indicated that the main mission of the two naval ships that were docked at the port of Dar es salaam was to take part in the AIKEYME exercise jointly with the ten other countries as well as train young naval officers and the crew on maritime security operations within the Indian Ocean.



- I. The Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME) is a strategic initiative that aims to enhance maritime cooperation between India and African nations, focusing on security, trade, blue economy, and combating piracy in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



- II. The AIKEYME exercise comprises of a harbour phase with joint training and exercises focused on piracy and information sharing, followed by a sea phase to enhance maritime security cooperation. Piracy, for instance, has been a persistent issue in regions like the Gulf of Aden and the waters off the Horn of Africa. Similarly, human trafficking and illegal fishing activities exploit vulnerable populations.



- III. Kenya is dominating within the region in terms of the maritime capabilities hence the exercise was important to enhance cooperation in maritime security and dealing with regional maritime challenges.



NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE (NDC) COURSE PARTICIPANTS VISIT TO THE KENYA HIGH COMMISSION, 9 DECEMBER 2024



The High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga together with staff of the Kenya High Commission received a delegation from the Kenya National Defence College on 9th December 2024.



The delegation was led by Lt. Gen. Juma Mwinyikai, Commandant of the National Defence College and comprised of Directing Staff and Participants of course 27-2024/25 from Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Nigeria and India.

In his briefing to the delegation, H.E. Isaac Njenga highlighted the main focus of Kenya-Tanzania bilateral relations, progress of integration in the EAC region, peace and security situation in the region, practical dilemmas, opportunities, challenges and achievements.

The visit to Tanzania by the NDC course participants was meant to cement and share lessons learnt in the course, particularly in the Defence and Strategic Studies Academic Programme.

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE (NDC) TANZANIA CULTURAL DAY EVENT, 24 JANUARY 2025

Kenya participated in the NDC_Tanzania Cultural day event held at the National Defence College in Kunduchi, Dar es Salaam on 24th January, 2024.

The event was graced by Hon. Prof Palamagamba John Adan, MP and Minister for Information Culture, Arts and Sports, Tanzania. Col. Joseph Nzioka and Col. Rama Primchard are the two

course participants from Kenya. The Kenya High Commission represented by Ms. Maxine Khakasa & Ms. Teresa Kotut.

The theme for the event was: Unity in cultural diversity for national security. A total of 17 countries including Kenya showcased the rich and diverse cultural heritage of their countries.





NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

JAMHURI DAY CELEBRATIONS DAR ES SALAAM, 13 DECEMBER 2024

The Kenya High Commission in Dar es Salaam led by the High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga hosted a Jamhuri reception on the evening of 13th December 2024 to celebrate 61 years of Kenya's Independence. The event was graced by Hon. Exaud Kigahe, Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry of Tanzania as the Chief Guest.

In his remarks, H.E. Isaac Njenga outlined the significant reforms in the 61-year journey that had contributed to Kenya's economic growth, social development, and political stability. At the bilateral level, he cited key areas of cooperation such as trade and investment, agriculture and the ongoing infrastructure projects between Kenya and Tanzania. H.E. Isaac Njenga expressed Kenya's readiness to steer the EAC regional integration process to the next level following the election of H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, as the Chairperson of the EAC,



during the 24 Summit of the EAC Heads of State held on 29 November 2024 in Arusha.

The Chief Guest, Hon. Exaud Kigahe lauded the cordial relations between Kenya and Tanzania noting that trade and investment was an important area of bilateral cooperation.

The joyous occasion brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, business community, international organizations and representatives of the Kenya Diaspora in Tanzania (KEDIT). The event culminated in a toast and cutting of the cake to commemorate Kenya's Independence and Jamhuri.





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On the evening of 11th December 2024, the High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga participated as Chief Guest in the Jamhuri Day celebrations held at the Consulate General of Kenya in Arusha. The event was attended by Ms. Nancy Sifa, Chargé d'Affaires of the Kenya Consulate and the Staff, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives from various organizations/institutions and Kenyans living in Arusha and neighbouring towns.

In his remarks, H.E. Isaac Njenga paid tribute to the galant men and women who fought for Kenya's freedom and outlined the country's progress and achievements since independence. He also highlighted Kenya's diplomatic journey, bilateral relations with Tanzania and ongoing Government initiatives. He called upon the Kenyan Diaspora to embrace the investments opportunities available and be good ambassadors of the country.



DIASPORA MATTERS

DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT AT THE KENYA
CONSULATE IN ARUSHA, 14TH MARCH 2025



The High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga attended a diaspora engagement at the Kenya Consulate in Arusha on 14th March 2025 where he joined Mr. Felix Koskei, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service for an interactive discussion with Kenyans living in and around Arusha. Mr. Koskei met with the Kenyans while on a working visit to the EAC headquarters in Arusha. Also present was Mr. Abdi Dubat, Principal Secretary, State Department for EAC, Mr. Amos Gathecha, Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Service and Ms. Nancy Sifa, Chargé d'Affaires, Kenya Consulate in Arusha, among others.

Meeting With Kenyan Students From Kenya Methodist University (kemu), 9th September 2024

On 11th September 2024, the Kenya High Commission hosted 50 undergraduate students from the Kenya Methodist University (KEMU), who were on an educational visit. They were received by Mr. Rabson Kisuya, Minister Counsellor on behalf of the High Commissioner, H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga.

The purpose of their visit was to gain more insight into the High Commission's work in representing Kenya's interests and get a deeper understanding on Kenya's bilateral relations with Tanzania, opportunities and challenges. The students were accompanied by their lecturers: Dr. Joshua Miluwi, Ms Josephine Collins and Mr. Eric Mutembei.

Meeting With Kenyan Students Studying At Aga Khan University Dar Es Salaam, 6 November 2024

On 6th November 2024, H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga, High Commissioner and Staff of the Kenya High Commission had an interactive engagement with 35 Kenyan students studying at the Aga Khan University-Institute for Educational Development, East Africa, in Dar es Salaam. The new cohort of students are undertaking a Masters Programme at the University, having recently begun their studies in September 2024.



**Meeting with Kenyan students from United States
International University Africa (USIU-Africa) in Kenya, 12 November 2024**



On 12th November 2024, H.E Amb. Isaac Njenga, High Commissioner and Staff of the Kenya High Commission held an interactive session with 31 Students from United States International University Africa (USIU-Africa) in Kenya, department of International relations, who were on a field trip to Tanzania as part of their coursework. The students were keen to understand the relationship between the island of Zanzibar and mainland Tanzania, role of Baraza la Kiswahili la Taifa (BAKITA), Ujamaa culture among others. The students were led by Professor Hussein Mahmoud an associate professor at the University.

**Meeting with Kenyan Students from Miangeni
International Schools, Makueni County, 15 November 2024**



On 15 November 2024, the Head of Chancery Mr. Rabson Kisuya, representing H.E. Amb Isaac Njenga, together with the Mission Staff hosted a team of 101 students and 23 teachers from Miangeni International Schools, Makueni County, Kenya who were on a field trip to Tanzania. The team was briefed on the functions of the Kenya High Commission and the Kenya-Tanzania bilateral relations. The team was led by Mr. Baraka Kilonzo, a Member of the Board of Management at the School.



Kenyan students pursuing different courses at the Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute visited the Mission on 14 May 2025 and met with the High Commissioner and members of the staff. In the meeting, the students were taken through the mandate of the Mission including the issues that the Mission handles relating to the Diaspora. The High Commissioner wished the students well in pursuit of their courses at the Institute. The High Commissioner informed them that the Mission was ready to assist them to have a comfortable stay in Dar es salaam in pursuit of their studies.

The visit provided an opportunity for the students to gain more insight on the Mission's work and in particular regarding the Kenya - Tanzanian bilateral relations, the progress in regional integration as well as diaspora and consular matters. The visit also offered an opportunity for the students to present any issues that they needed redressed by the Mission. It is recommended that quarterly meetings be held jointly for the Kenyan students undertaking various courses at the institutions of higher learning in Dar es salaam. Exchange programmes with students and lecturers from similar institutions in Kenya could also be explored.

LABOUR & IMMIGRATION



The Joint Technical meeting of Commissioners of Labour and Chiefs of Immigration between Kenya and Tanzania was held from 13th to 14th January 2025 at Teleposta Towers, Nairobi. The meeting was convened to discuss an outstanding issue of charges of the business permit issued to Kenyan business people by the United Republic of Tanzania.

The meeting was held pursuant to the 8th Joint Trade Committee (JTC) held from 18-22 March 2024 in Kisumu, that discussed outstanding NTBs between Kenya and Tanzania and proposed the holding of a Joint Commissioners of Labour/Immigration meeting to resolve the issue of business permit charges imposed on Kenyan business people by the United Republic of Tanzania. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Michael Mandu, Ag. Secretary for Trade, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry and Ms. Susan Mkwangwa, Labour Commissioner, Prime Minister's Office – Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities.

The meeting was attended by officials from relevant departments from Kenya and Tanzania. The Kenyan delegation comprised of officials from the State Department for Trade, Foreign Affairs, Immigration, Labour, East African Community Affairs, Kenya High Commission Dar es salaam (Represented by Ms. Christine M'kwenda and Mr. Patrick Kiarie), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers. Also present was Ms. Evelyn Cheluget, Director General - Immigration Services, Directorate of Immigration Services.

The primary objective of the Joint Labour/Immigration meeting was to discuss business permit/pass charges of USD 100 imposed by Tanzania on Kenyan business people and the duration of the permit. The meeting requested Tanzania to reciprocate by abolishing the fees and increasing the duration of validity of the permit because Kenya had waived business permit/pass fees on all East African citizens including Tanzania.

The Joint Labour/Immigration meeting also provided an opportunity to share information and experience between the two countries. For instance, Kenya submitted during the meeting that a Special category-R Work Permit for EAC citizens had been introduced, which was being issued gratis for short-term businesses. Tanzania on the other hand submitted that the immigration laws were reviewed in June 2023 to introduce a Special Pass, which replaced the Business Pass and was valid for 3 months for East African citizens.

AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC GROUP (ADG) ACTIVITIES, MAY 2025

Africa Day Marathon and Gala Dinner African Diplomatic Group (adg) Activities, May 2025 Africa Day Marathon and Gala Dinner

The High Commission participated in the Africa Day Marathon held on 17th May 2025 and the Africa Day gala dinner held on 23 May, 2025, led by the High Commissioner Amb. Isaac Njenga. The Guest of Honour was Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Special Guest H. E. Thabo Mbeki, former President of the Republic of South Africa.



TOURISM AND CULTURE

Flagging-off Ceremony Of Tanzanian Fans on a Magical Kenya Branded Bus, Travelling for WRC Safari Rally In Kenya, 18 March 2025

On 18th March 2025, the High Commissioner H.E. Amb. Isaac Njenga flagged off enthusiastic fans from Tanzania who were departing from Dar es salaam to Kenya, to witness the renowned World Rally Championship (WRC) that was held in Kenya from 20th to 23rd March 2025. The flagging-off ceremony was held at the Kenya High Commission Dar es salaam.



The Tanzanian fans travelled in a Magical Kenya branded bus, dubbed, "Tembelea Jirani" that would traverse through Arusha, Nairobi and onwards to Naivasha. The colourful flag-off event was held in partnership with Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) that was instrumental in marketing the WRC Safari Rally in the EAC region, including Tanzania, and Kenya Airways (KQ) that offered remarkable discounts to Tanzanian visitors traveling to Kenya for the Safari Rally. In his remarks, Amb. Njenga welcomed the travellers to

Kenya noting that WRC Safari Rally was bound to be an unforgettable experience combined with scenic landscape, tourist sites, rich culture, cuisine and hospitality. Amb. Njenga welcomed continued partnership with KTB, KQ and other stakeholders in enhancing collaboration between Kenya and Tanzania through regional travel and other initiatives to foster economic growth and tourism.



During the flag-off event, the Kenya Airways Regional Manager for East and Central Africa, Mr. Joseph Munyeti presented an air ticket to the winner of the promotional campaign geared towards the WRC Safari Rally. Other officials present included Ms. Suzanne Mutile and Mr. Kimutai Ngeno from KTB, Mr. George Obado, Kenya Diaspora in Tanzania (KEDIT) Chairperson, Mr. David Matete, Rally Association Chairperson, among others. The event was attended by staff of the Kenya High Commission, Kenya Diaspora in Tanzania, representatives from Tanzania and the Media.

The event contributed in boosting tourism. The 'Tembelea Jirani' initiative by KTB and flag-off ceremony by the High Commission were well received by the Tanzanian nationals who were excited to travel for the 2025 WRC Safari Rally event in Kenya, many of them for the very first time. Several media stations from Tanzania covered the flag-off event thus publicizing the event and generating interest among the Tanzanian nationals. This in turn contributed in boosting Kenya's tourism efforts in view of the large number of Tanzanian citizens from various regions who travelled to Kenya to attend the WRC Safari Rally event and also got a chance to visit other areas and tourist sites. It is recommended that similar initiatives be held frequently in order to augment the partnerships created and captivate greater interest about Kenya among the Tanzanian nationals.

African themed Fridays at the Kenya High Commission

The Kenya High Commission has embraced African themed Fridays at the Kenya High Commission where the Staff led by the High Commissioner, Amb. Isaac Njenga don colourful African outfits that reflect the rich culture and diversity that are key components of Kenya's Foreign Policy.



Courtesy calls



Mr. Gilead Teri, the Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre



Mr. Joseph Munyi, Kenya Airways (KQ) Regional Manager for East & Central Africa and Mr Julius Thairu, Chief Commercial & Customer Officer Kenya Airways



H.E. Marianne Young, the British High Commissioner to Tanzania



Ms. Caroline Khamati Mugalla, International Labour Organization Country Director for Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda



H.E. Ahn Eun-ju, South Korean Ambassador to Tanzania



Ms. Suzanne Mutile, Senior Marketing Officer and Ms. Josephine Mbela, Ass. Deputy Director (Domestic & Africa) from the Kenya Tourism Board (KTB)



Mr. Anurup Chatterjee, General Manager of Al Mansour Auto EA (Tanzania) Ltd



European Union Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, Mr. Johan Borgstam, accompanied by Ms. Christine Grau, Ambassador of European Union Delegation to Tanzania and the East African Community



Ms. Jane Obare, Ms. Jane Njoroge and Mr. Gideon Sigei from the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry of Kenya and Ms. Christine Mathu from the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services



Mr. Onesmus Nzuki (second-right) and Mr. Kenneth Gitau (right) from Kenya Revenue Authority, based at the Dar es Salaam Port under the EAC Single Customs Territory Regime



Tanzanian artiste, Ibrahim Abdallah Nampungu popularly known as Ibraah



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