KENYA
AU ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR
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2021 - 2022

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AFRICAN UNION CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL 2021-2022

KENYA PROFILE SUMMARY BOOKLET

KENYA'S PROMISE

Kenya has an exemplary and enviable record at the multilateral context and also at the regional level

Kenya has established meaningful relations and partnerships with countries that are part of major intergovernmental negotiations including the P5 (Permanent Members of Security Council- China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and United States), the A3 (African Non-Permanent Security Council Members, currently Niger, South Africa and Tunisia), G77 & China, the African Group, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Western European and others States (WEOG), Latin American and Caribbean States, the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the Pacific and Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) and the BRICS – (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Kenya aspires for a United Nations (UN) rooted at the center of a rules based international system. A UN where all states exercise all rights due to them equally as enshrined in the Charter of the global body. Kenya will work with the entire UN membership in executing the mandate of the UNSC in an inclusive, responsive and consultative manner irrespective of size and military might.

Since admission to the UN, Kenya's commitment to the principles and ideals of the UN has been resolute and consistent, particularly on matters of peace and security, sustainable development, global environmental and climate change issues.

Kenya believes strongly that sustainable development, which is humanity's aspiration, can only be achieved when there is peace and security for all. Similarly, peace and security will be at risk in any situation where development is not inclusive, gender balanced and sustainable.

Located along the coast of the Indian Ocean, making it the Eastern gateway to Africa, Kenya has strong links with East Africa, the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes region , Southern African regions of the continent and across the Indian ocean with India and other asian countries. Owing to the fragility of her locale, Kenya has been relentless in the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Africa, and the world at large. Our anchor role in pursuit for peace particularly in the Horn of Africa has led to a strong and evolving peacemaking doctrine within and beyond our borders.

Kenya is an open democratic country that is an expression of the spirit and the letter of the Kenya Constitution promulgated in 2010. Kenya's free market economy continues to be the anchor and bedrock of Kenya's economic development, stability and growth.

Kenya's promise is to bring its wealth of experience in preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and post conflict reconstruction to the UNSC.

This orientation frames our campaign for the UNSC seat: Peace and Security for Sustainable Development.

Kenya is the African Union candidate for the non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the term 2021-2022. We seek your vote at the elections to be held on 17th June, 2020.

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KENYA'S 10 POINT AGENDA TO THE WORLD

Kenya is a safe pair of hands and will be a steadfast partner at the Security Council. Kenya will leverage on its wealth of experiences and work towards delivering peace for sustainable development with all the United Nations Member States. Kenya is willing, ready and able to serve in the United Nations Security Council. and calls on all the members of the United Nations to Support Africa by Voting Kenya into the Council in June 2020.

BUILDING BRIDGES

We have continued to use our diversity to build bridges within our region and globally. We believe in the equality of all States regardless of size; and as such we have partnered with all member states to address critical and contemporary global issues

Kenya will be a bridge and consensus builder between permanent and non-permanent members of the UNSC, the Peace Building Commission (PBC) and the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Multilateralism is at the core of Kenya's Foreign Policy. Kenya has consistently sought and found lasting solutions to challenges to regional peace & security through inclusive consultations.

REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

As an anchor state and guarantor to various peace processes within the Africa region, Kenya will bring a wealth of experience in peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction to the Security Council.

Kenya is a Member of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC) serving a second term that ends in 2022. Within the AU PSC Kenya has contributed to efficient responses to conflict and crisis situations in Africa, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Kenya has been recognised for the role it plays in hosting and facilitating peace negotiations between its neighb-ouring countries.

Kenya is an active member of the Peace Building Commission since 2014 and has been able to change the limiting narrative around peace building to ensure that it is no longer considered as just a post conflict activity

PEACE KEEPING AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS

We have contributed over 40,000 peacekeepers including mission leadership in Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans, and Asia. We believe inclusive triangular consultations between the Security Council, the UN Secretariat and Troop and Police contributing countries are essential in making peace operations fit for purpose.

Kenya has contributed to more than 55,000 troops and other personnel to peacekeeping operations in over 40 countries

Kenya hosts the International Peace Support Training Center which is one of the largest and oldest peace keeping training centers on the continent

Kenya is ranked the 13th largest African Union contrib-utor of uniformed UN peacekeepers.

COUNTERING TERRORISM & PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Kenya as a member of the Security Council will continue to push for technical assistance, capacity building and enhanced coordination to strengthen global counter terrorism capacities including through the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the Office of Counterterrorism (OCT) and other UN entities

Kenya is committed to fighting Terrorism and Violent Extremism and hosted the first ever African Regional High-level Conference on Counter Terrorism and the Prevention of Violent Extremism Conducive to Terrorism

The Kenya National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is a multi-agency instrument primarily of security agencies built to strengthen coordination in counter terrorism

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Reaffirm our commitment towards the protection of refugees, with regards to future large-scale refugee movements, as well as to existing protracted refugee situations, including realization of the social and economic rights of all persons of concern.

Kenya has hosted over 600,000 refugees from Eastern and Central Africa

Kenya has hosted 5 of the worlds largest refugee camps for over 20 years - including Dadaab, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Hagadera Refugee Camp, Dagahaley Refugee Camp and Ifo Refugee Camp

In 2016, 5 refugee athletes from Kenya competed in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Athletics championships

JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY

Kenya believes strongly that peace and security, development and human rights are mutually reinforcing and will champion a people centered, Sustainable Development approach to securing peace. Peace, security and stability cannot be enjoyed without Justice, Human Rights and Democracy.

Kenya has served two terms at the United Nations Human Rights Council where it contributed immensely to the promotion and protection of human rights globally.

Kenya is member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 2019 and has been instrumental in the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention by the State Parties.

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

Kenya recognizes the crucial link between women, peace and security particularly as critical change agents and catalysts for peace. Kenya has and will continue to leverage gender perspectives in seeking lasting solutions to peace and Security.

Kenya ranks high in female deployment currently standing at more than 19%

Kenya is implementing the landmark UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) which calls for women's participation in peace building.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Kenya recognises that the youth play a significant role in maintaining and promoting peace & security. Kenya will therefore continue to promote the empowerment and inclusion of youth as agents of peace, security and development.

President Uhuru Kenyatta is the United Nations global Champion of the Young People's Agenda

Innovations such as expansion of 4G Networks, the rise of Fintech solutions has led to Kenya being referred to as the Silicon Savannah where the youth develop solutions that create employment

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA

Kenya has a long and distinguished tradition in environmental conservation and protection. Kenya believes in the sustainable management of the environment and natural resources for socio-economic development. Kenya advocates for constructive, consultative and inclusive dialogue on the nexus between adverse effects of climate change and conflict.

Kenya hosts the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN – Habitat and builds consensus on the environmental and sustainable development agenda

Kenya hosted the first ever Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi in November, 2018, which focused on creating economic growth, ensuring healthy waters and building safe communities.

Kenya is currently powered by 70% renewable energy sources, three times more than the global average.

Kenya is the largest geothermal power producer in Africa, and the 8th largest in the World

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AGENDA

Kenya recognizes that sustainable development and peace, security and stability are mutually dependent. Kenya will work with others to support a reformed UN system that can deliver peace, security and development and one that will address the challenges of development as central to international peace and security.

Kenya and Hungary Co-Chaired the 13th session of the Open Working Group (OEWG) which tabled the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2014/2015.

Kenya also co-facilitated with Ireland the Post-2015 Development Agenda Process leading to adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Kenya will use its special leadership roles in global and regional organizations such as its presidency of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and membership of the Bureau of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) to drive the implementation of the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS FROM KENYA

01 9th African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Summit 9th -10th December, 2019

02 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) Summit 12th - 14th November, 2019

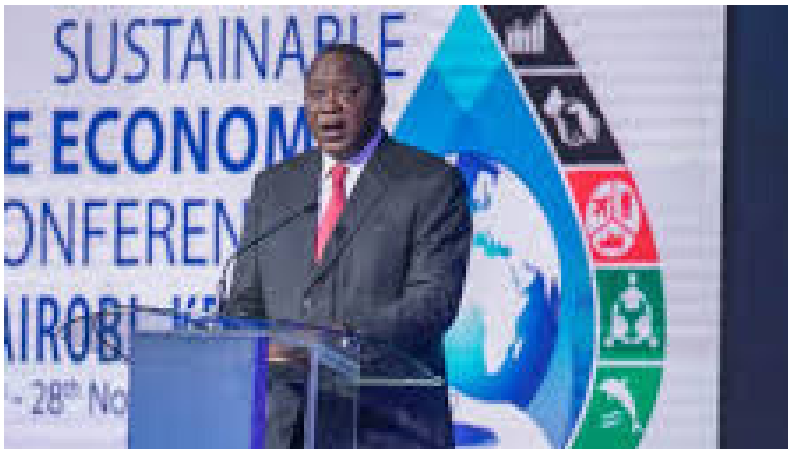
03 African Women Leaders Network Inter-Generational Retreat on Leadership in Africa 16th - 18th August, 2019

04 African Regional High Level Conference on Counter Terrorism and the Prevention of Violent Extremism Conducive to Terrorism 10th -11th July, 2019

05 First UN Habitat Assembly 27th - 31st May 2019

06 4th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 4) 11th - 15th March 2019

07 One Planet Summit 14th March, 2019



08 Global Sustainable Blue Economy Conference 26th -28th November, 2018

09 3rd United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 3) 4th -6th December 2017

10 2nd High Level Meeting of Global Partnership (HLM2) Conference 28th November - 1st December, 2016

11 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) 27th - 28th August 2016

12 14th Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 17th to 22nd July 2016

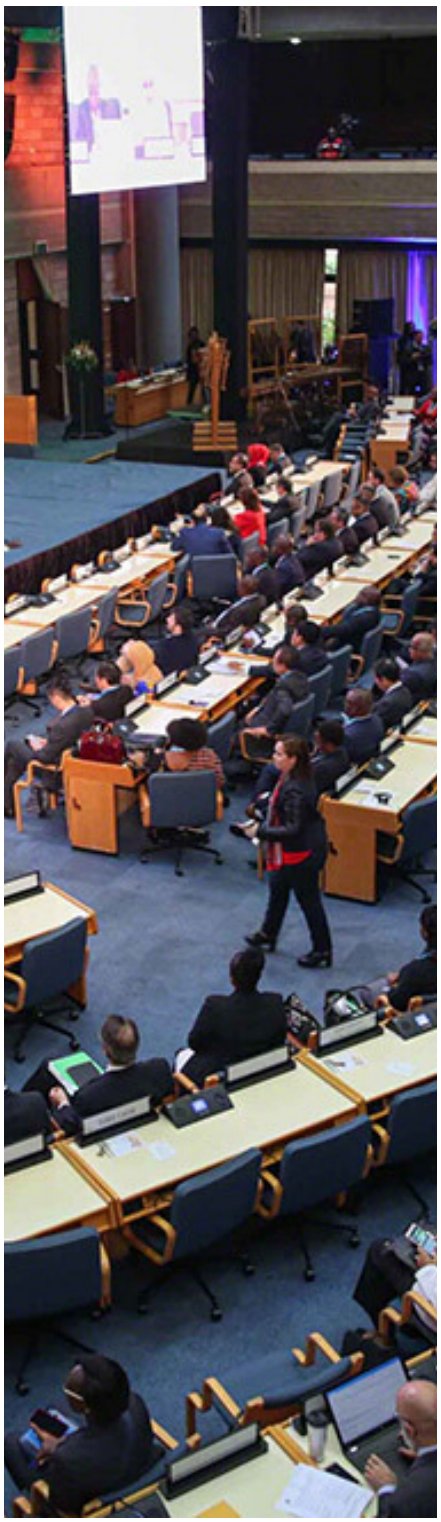
13 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 2) 21st - 22nd May 2016

14 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (MC10) 15th-19th December 2015

15 Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 25th -26th July 2015 - attended by the US President, Barrack Obama

16 99th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers on the Development of the ACP Commodities Sector 16th-18th June, 2014

17 First United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-1) 23rd- 27th June 2014



KENYA – A MEMBER OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

African Union (AU)

United Nations (UN)

East African Community (EAC)

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

The Commonwealth

The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States

Group of 77 and China

Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)

KENYA INSPIRING GLOBAL EXCELLENCE

PETER TABICHI, WINNER OF THE GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE 2019

Peter has dedicated his life to helping others. He gives 80% of his teaching salary to local community projects, including education, sustainable agriculture and peace-building

DR. PATRICK AMOTH, A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS IN TIMES OF CRISIS GLOBALLY

Kenya's health Ministry's Director of Health Dr. Patrick Amoth has been elected to serve as the Vice President of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Amoth who was elected alongside four other Vice Presidents during a virtual meeting on Friday will be representing the Africa region and will serve for a period of two years.

ELIUD KIPCHOGE, BEACON OF HOPE, CHALLENGER OF NORMS, WORLD CHAMPION & MR. 1:59

He is the world record holder in the marathon with a time of 2:01:39, at the 2018 Berlin Marathon. His run broke the previous world record by 1 minute and 18 seconds.In October 2019, He become the first person in recorded history to break the two hour barrier over a marathon distance

NGŨGĨ WA THIONG'O, A POET, NOVELIST, WRITER, ACTIVIST

Ngũgĩ is a writer, poet, novelist with multiple plays, books and novels to his name written mostly in his mother tongue, "GIKUYU". He has taught at Yale University and also at New York University. Ngũgĩ has frequently been regarded as a likely candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature

WANGARI MAATHAI, AN ACTIVIST, A CONSERVATIONIST, A FIGHTER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD

Wangari Maathai was a renowned Kenyan social, environmental and political activist and the first African woman to win the Nobel Prize. Wangari was focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women's rights across the World.

COLLINS INJERA, RECORD HOLDER AND THE FACE OF GLOBAL RUGBY ACHIEV-EMENT

Collins Injera is a Kenyan rugby player.He holds the all-time record for number of tries scored on the IRB Sevens World Series circuit with 235 . He is known for his achievements with Kenyan national rugby sevens team.

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DR. JOSEPHINE KULEA HSC, A CHAMPION FOR CHILD RIGHTS & EDUCATION

Dr. Josephine Kulea and through her organisation, has rescued over 1,200 girls and through her organization is supported over 400 girls to get an education. She has been recognised as the UN Person of the Year 2013, YALI Washington Fellow 2014, African Union Youth Hero 2015, Top 40 under 40 women award 2016,

FRANCIS KAMAU, A CLIMATE CHANGE HERO WITH A TICKET

Francis Kamau is a 29 year old environmentalist. He was given a green-ticket to speak on climate change at the 74th session of the UN General Assembly as well as at the first ever United Nations Youth Climate Summit. He has received awards from the Tony Elumelu Foundation

TEGLA LOROUPE, A WORLD BEATER, A GLOBAL VOICE FOR PEACE

Tegla Chepkite Loroupe is a Kenyan long-distance track and road runner. She is also a global spokeswoman for peace, women's rights and education. Loroupe holds the world records for 25 and 30 kilometres and previously held the world marathon record

WAWIRA NJIRU, KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL & A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Wawira Njiru, a 29 year old Kenyan businesswoman, was awarded $250,000 from the Global Citizen Prize for her organizations work 'Food4Education' which currently provides food to 2,000 lower income students a day.

BRIGID KOSGEI, A CAPTAIN, A LEADER, A WORLD RECORD HOLDER

Brigid Jepchirchir Kosgei is a Kenyan marathon runner who won the 2018 and 2019 Chicago Marathons and the 2019 London Marathon. She is the current marathon world record holder for women running in a mixed-sex race

KENYA WOMEN'S VOLLEY BALL, TEAM WORK TO DELIVER RESULTS

The Kenya women's national volleyball team represents Kenya in international volleyball competitions. Kenya has also represented Africa in Volleyball competitions across the world

"Endorsement is the Ultimate expression of Multilateralism ..

..Endorsements are a tradition We must jealously guard"

H.E Mr. Lazarus O. Amayo, Ambassador
Kenya's Permanent Representative to the United Nations