



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT TO
RWANDA BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

4th-5th APRIL, 2023, KIGALI, RWANDA

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, undertook a State Visit to Rwanda from 4th – 5th April, 2023.
2. The purpose of the State visit was to review and strengthen the current state of bilateral relations between the two countries and evaluate progress made in the implementation of different areas of cooperation while exploring cooperation in other new areas of mutual interest.
3. During the State visit, President of the Republic of Kenya was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs; Education; Public Service, Gender, and Affirmative Action; East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, and Regional Development; Agriculture and Livestock Development; Attorney General; and other Senior Government Officials.
4. The Heads of State expressed their fervent desire to continue strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries. Deliberations between the Heads of State focused on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.
5. The Heads of State further commended the historical and continued good relations between the Governments and the Peoples of the Republic of Rwanda and of the Republic of Kenya, and reiterated their desire to continue working jointly towards enhancing political, economic and social cooperation. In this regard, the Heads of State agreed to revive the engagements on the Northern Corridor Integration Projects.
6. In furtherance of the bilateral relations between the two countries, the 9th Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation (JPCC) between Rwanda and Kenya was held in Kigali from 1st to 3rd April 2013. The two Presidents witnessed the signing of the following Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs):
 - i. MoU in the Field of Education;
 - ii. MoU in the Field of ICT;
 - iii. MoU in the Field of Gender and Child Development;
 - iv. MoU in the Field of Youth;
 - v. MoU in the Field of Capacity Development between Rwanda Management Institute and Kenya School of Government;

- vi. MoU on Correctional Services
 - vii. MoU in the Field of Health;
 - viii. MoU in the Field of Diplomatic Training;
 - ix. MoU in the Field of Agricultural Sector; and
 - x. MoU in the Field of Cooperatives.
7. The Heads of State further directed the Minister/Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs to hold Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation (JPCC) biennially and to conduct Mid-Term Review annually to assess and track the implementation of agreed areas of cooperation.
 8. The Heads of State noted with satisfaction the existing cooperation between the two countries within the framework of the East African Community and the African Union. They further reaffirmed their commitment to continue participating in the AfCFTA including the Guided Trade Initiative and advancing the EAC integration agenda.
 9. During the State Visit, His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto was received by His Excellency Paul Kagame at Urugwiro Village for a tête-à-tête meeting and bilateral discussion with members of both delegations. The Heads of State then addressed members of the press. His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto laid a wreath at the Kigali Genocide Memorial in honour of the lives lost during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi, ahead of the 29th commemoration period. During the Visit, the President of the Republic of Kenya also interacted with students at Carnegie Mellon University, Africa and the Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture (RICA), where the Heads of State observed the latest technology being used in sustainable agriculture practices. His Excellency Paul Kagame hosted a State Banquet in honour of His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto and his delegation. The President of the Republic of Kenya also visited and interacted with staff at Irembo, an online platform that offers access to over 100 public services. His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto concluded his visit by meeting with the Kenyan diaspora living in Rwanda.
 10. After the Visit, His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya expressed profound gratitude to His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, the Government and the People of Republic of Rwanda for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to him and his delegation. He further extended an invitation to His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda to make a State Visit to Kenya.
 11. His Excellency Paul Kagame thanked His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto for undertaking a State Visit to the Republic of Rwanda and accepted his invitation to undertake a State visit to Kenya. He conveyed best wishes of peace, stability and prosperity to the Government and the People of the Republic of Kenya.

5th Day of April 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda.