



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE RWANDA - DJIBOUTI JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION (JMC), HELD FROM 8th -10th MAY, 2023, KIGALI, RWANDA

1. At the invitation of Hon. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, Hon. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Djibouti, attended the first Session of the Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) Meeting between the Governments of the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Djibouti, held from 8th -10th May 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda.
2. During the Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting, the Rwandan delegation was led by Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda while the Djiboutian delegation was led by Hon. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Djibouti. The Meeting was also attended by Senior Government Officials and Executives from the Private Sector from both countries.
3. The purpose of the Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting was to review the status of implementation of existing MOUs and Agreements and agree on strategies to fast-track their full implementation. The Meeting further discussed new areas of cooperation in order to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.
4. The Ministers commended the excellent relations between the Governments and the People of the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Djibouti. They reiterated their desire to continue working jointly toward enhancing political, economic, and social cooperation.
5. Desirous of further strengthening the status of bilateral relations between the two countries, the two Ministers welcomed negotiations and signing of Memoranda of Understanding under the following areas:
 - i. Diplomatic Training;
 - ii. Agriculture; and
 - iii. Tourism.

6. Both Parties expressed appreciation for the Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting (JMC), which provided an excellent dialogue and cooperation platform. They further called upon officials of both countries to ensure the expeditious and full implementation of decisions reached during the JMC and assess progress during the Mid-term review and report to the second Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting.
7. Both Ministers agreed that the Republic of Djibouti will host the mid-term review in May 2024 and the Second Session of the Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting in May 2025 at dates to be mutually agreed upon by both parties through diplomatic channels.
8. At the end of the JMC Meeting, Hon. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, expressed his appreciation and deep gratitude to Hon. Vincent Biruta and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to him and his delegation.

DONE AT KIGALI, RWANDA, this **10th Day of May 2023** in two original versions in English and French, both equally authentic texts.

For the Government of the Republic of
Rwanda

For the Government of the Republic of
Djibouti

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Vincent BIRUTA

**Minister of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation**

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Hon. Mahmoud Ali YOUSSEUF

**Minister of Foreign Affairs and
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