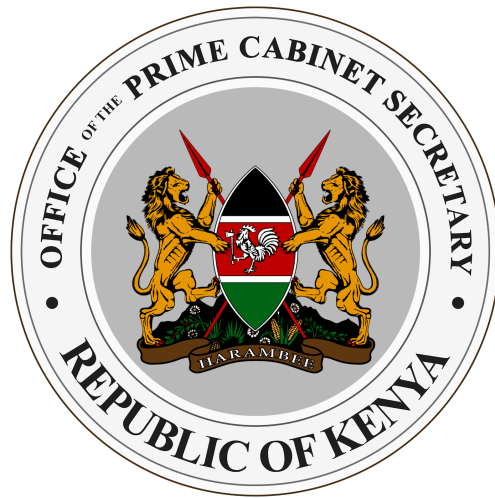




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CABINET SECRETARY AND CABINET SECRETARY FOR  
FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS DURING THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NATIONAL FOUNDATION CELEBRATIONS DAY OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**



**Your Excellency Zhou Pingjian, Ambassador of the People's  
Republic of China to Kenya,**

**Cabinet Secretaries,**

**Dean of the Diplomatic Corp,**

**Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,**

**Under Secretary General and Director General of the United  
Nations Office in Nairobi,**

**Senior Government Officials,**

**Members of the Diplomatic Corps,**

**Friends of Kenya and China,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. It is a pleasure to join Your Excellency and distinguished guests on this auspicious occasion commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Foundation Day of the People's Republic of China.
2. On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Kenya, I extend warm congratulations to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China for this milestone.



3. We also join in celebrating and commending the people of the People's Republic of China and the heroes who bravely sacrificed for political and socio-economic independence and advancing the people and Country.
4. Indeed, we can all confirm that in the past 75 years, the Government of China has made tremendous political and socio-economic development that is unmatched in the world, which includes lifting Chinese people from poverty to high-quality living standards.
5. China is the world's second-largest economy, the largest manufacturer, the largest trader of goods, the second-largest consumer of commodities, and the largest holder of foreign exchange reserves. Therefore, China stands tall in global political and economic affairs and is a key stabilizer in an unstable global economy.
6. China has further demonstrated how sustained good governance, discipline, and commitment to implement national development priorities, which is people-centered, long-term, and inclusive sustainable modernization unique to a particular country and reflects peculiar cultural and national needs and sensitivities.

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7. At the global level, it is also important to acknowledge China's indomitable best practices which contribute towards peace and stability and enhanced South-South cooperation, including the five principles: mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.
8. China continues to be the "*north star*" and a firm voice for many developing countries in an international system that is unfair, unjust, and insensitive to the peculiar needs of developing countries.
9. Further, H. E. President Xi Jinping's vision of countries pulling together for the good of humanity as espoused in the four Initiatives: Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Global Development Initiative (GDI), Global Security Initiative (GSI) and Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) as well as the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), are all attributes of efficient connectivity between and amongst continents and regions.
- 10.** These Initiatives have spurred development and resulted in the economic transformation of countries through the implementation of projects, including in Kenya. The Initiatives and FOCAC combined are catalysts towards impactful, affordable, and sustainable socio-economic development,



pulling together to build a community with a shared future for humanity.

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- 11.** China is Kenya's leading bilateral development partner. It has contributed to Kenya's long-term socio-economic transformation in a visible, tangible, and significant manner especially in the last two decades under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- 12.** Other key sectors of the economy such as ICT, Renewable Energy, Education and joint research, Retail, Hotel, and Housing, have also benefited from the support of the Government of China as well as the participation of the Chinese private sector.
- 13.** In this context, the Kenya Government will take deliberate steps to facilitate Chinese private sector investment in other sectors of the economy beyond the Belt and Road Initiative projects.
- 14.** This is a deliberate move aimed at enhancing the Kenya-China strategic partnership and most crucially, ensuring that every aspect of bilateral cooperation will bring our peoples together through people-to-people contact and collaboration.



- 15.** Presently, Kenya is investing significant resources in infrastructure development to unlock existing, yet unexploited opportunities to create jobs and alleviate poverty, especially in rural areas.
- 16.** Kenya acknowledges and appreciates the support of the Government of China, without which Kenya would not be one of the key Belt and Road Initiative partners. Further, Kenya appreciates the Government of China for encouraging the Chinese private sector to invest in Kenya in Belt and Road Initiative projects as well as other sectors.
- 17.** Towards this end, the Government is committed to the Kenya-China Joint Vision and advancing modernization, taking into account the 2024 FOCAC Summit outcomes while at the same time promoting the four Initiatives at national, regional, continental, and global levels.
- 18.** At the multilateral level, Kenya enjoys historical collaboration with China on matters of South-South cooperation.
- 19.** China is a strong voice for Kenya and other developing countries, a partnership that is focused on championing the reform of the international financial architecture to be a fair, just, and rule-based system. This will facilitate access to affordable financing for sustainable socio-economic development in the long term.
- 20.** Another key area of the Kenya-China multilateral cooperation is the reform of the UN Security Council to



ultimately ensure that it is inclusive and reflects the current realities of global political and security affairs. Additionally, China leads by example on climate change mitigation and sustainable economic development support.

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- 21.** Let me conclude by reaffirming that Kenya greatly values the strategic partnership with China, which is people-centered, mutually beneficial, and permanent.
- 22.** We are happy with joint measures by both Governments to enhance the Kenya-China strategic partnership through the implementation of the Joint Vision for advancing modernization and building an even closer Kenya-China community with a shared future.
- 23.** This concrete joint policy is now part of Kenya's foreign policy and will continue to shape our bilateral engagements for enhancing our strategic partnership for the next 60 years.

**It is now my pleasure to invite you all to join me in a toast to the People of China, good health and long life of the leadership of Kenya and China, the friendship of the two peoples, and to the prosperity of our two countries.**

**Thank you.**