

Kenya and Thailand

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BILATERAL RELATIONS AT A GLANCE

i. Date Relations Established: 25th July, 1967.

ii. Major Cooperation Areas

- Political and diplomatic cooperation
- Trade and investment
- Agriculture, agribusiness and food security
- Public health and Universal Health Coverage
- Development and technical cooperation
- Tourism and hospitality
- Education, scholarships, research and TVET
- ICT, digital economy and innovation
- Blue Economy, fisheries and aquaculture
- Renewable energy and climate action
- Aviation, logistics and connectivity
- Peace, security, migration and countering transnational organized crime
- Culture and people-to-people exchanges

iii. Key Bilateral Agreements / Cooperation Instruments

The following are established or documented bilateral cooperation instruments/frameworks:

- Agreement establishing the Kenya–Thailand Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (signed 9 November 2005).
- Bilateral Trade Agreement / framework for trade cooperation.
- Air Services Agreement / bilateral aviation arrangements.
- Technical and development cooperation framework implemented through Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA).
- Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation toward Universal Health Coverage (2019), including capacity building, research, health financing and health technology assessment.
- Cooperation framework supporting the Thailand–Kenya Agricultural Technology Learning Centre at the Kenya School of Agriculture.

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- Thailand–Africa Initiative / Thailand–Africa Development Forum cooperation framework, under which Kenya is a priority development partner.
- Education and human-resource development cooperation through TICA/TIPP scholarships and short-course training.
- Bilateral mechanisms for exchange of support and coordination in multilateral candidatures and international organizations.

NB: A number of additional instruments have been under discussion over time.

Instruments in force

- Kenya - Thailand Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) (signed on 9 November 2005). The first session was held in Nairobi in June 2010. The two countries have continued to advocate revitalization of the mechanism as the principal framework for reviewing and advancing bilateral cooperation.
- MoU on cooperation toward Universal Health Coverage (signed in 2019). The MOU covers capacity building, research, health financing and health technology assessment.