

Our history

Kenya Embassy, Dakar

The Government of the Republic of Kenya, opened its resident embassy in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 8th January, 2020. The pioneer group of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were Ambassador Purity W. Muhindi, (MBS) Mr. Anthony Safari, First Counsellor, Mr. James Karani, Financial Attaché and Ms. Lilian Obonyo, the Administrative Attaché. Mr. Danny Mukhobi Ambale Dishon, Second Secretary, joined the staff in September the same year. The new team was fortunate to find a welcoming, well organised Kenyan Community in Senegal (KENSEN), under the very able leadership of Mr Godfrey Mawaa and Franklin Omondi.

The opening of the mission was historic as it was the first Kenyan embassy in Francophone West Africa. The presentation of credentials by Amb Muhindi, to H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal on 10th March, 2020, opened new opportunities for more enhanced engagements in bilateral cooperation with the Republic of Senegal, which has a resident mission in Nairobi.

The Embassy is currently accredited to the Republics of Mali, Guinea Bissau and the Gambia. Through the Embassy, Kenya's vision is to build strong mutually beneficial political and socio-economic relations with Senegal and countries in the region, underpinned by Africa's Agenda 2063, leveraging in particular on the prospects and potential offered by the Africa Continental Free Trade Area.

The Embassy, which was established under the shadow of the COVID 19 global pandemic, and its resultant challenges, has nonetheless facilitated numerous positive developments, including high level visits by private and public sector officials.

The mission was singularly honoured to receive H.E. President William Samoei Ruto, who officially opened the Embassy on 26th January, 2023.