

Our history

Kenya Embassy, Djibouti City

Kenya and Djibouti established diplomatic relations in 1977, laying the foundation for a longstanding partnership between the two countries. Since then, bilateral relations have continued to grow and diversify, encompassing political and diplomatic engagement, trade and investment, regional peace and security, transport and logistics, tourism, education, culture and people-to-people relations.

For several years, Kenya's diplomatic representation in Djibouti was conducted on a non-resident basis through the Embassy and Permanent Representation of the Republic of Kenya in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which played an important role in advancing Kenya's interests, facilitating official engagement and strengthening relations with the Government and people of Djibouti.

The establishment of the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya in Djibouti in 2020 marked a significant milestone in the development of Kenya–Djibouti relations, reflecting the growing strategic importance of Djibouti to Kenya's bilateral, regional and economic interests. The establishment of a resident Mission provided a dedicated platform for deepening cooperation and ensuring more consistent and effective diplomatic engagement between the two countries. Since then, the Embassy has strengthened Kenya's diplomatic presence in Djibouti by facilitating closer interaction with the Government, public institutions, private sector, diplomatic community, civil society and the people of Djibouti. It has also enhanced Kenya's capacity to provide accessible and responsive consular services, safeguard the interests of Kenyan citizens and maintain close relations with the Kenyan diaspora in Djibouti.

Kenya and Djibouti share a strong commitment to promoting peace, security, economic cooperation and regional integration in the Horn of Africa. The establishment of a resident Embassy in Djibouti has further enhanced Kenya's capacity to participate actively in regional and multilateral engagements conducted through platforms such as the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the African Union and other relevant institutions. Through its permanent presence, the Mission is better placed to facilitate dialogue, strengthen cooperation on matters of mutual regional interest and support collective efforts to build a peaceful, stable, integrated and prosperous Horn of Africa. Since its establishment, the Embassy has continued to build on the strong foundation of Kenya–Djibouti relations by promoting political dialogue, facilitating high-level visits and consultations, identifying trade and investment opportunities, supporting tourism and cultural exchanges, and providing consular and diaspora services. Through these efforts, the Mission continues to serve as an important channel of communication and cooperation between Kenya and Djibouti. Today, the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya in Djibouti serves as a centre for Kenya's diplomatic, economic, consular and public diplomacy engagement in the country.

Looking ahead, the Mission remains committed to strengthening the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation between Kenya and Djibouti and to contributing to peace, stability, regional integration and shared prosperity in the Horn of Africa.