

Our history

Kenya Embassy, Muscat

Kenya and Oman share long-standing historical and cultural ties dating back to the 17th century when merchants from the Persian Gulf travelled and settled along the East African Coast. The diplomatic relations between the two friendly countries were established in 1976 and one year later in 1977 the first Omani Ambassador presented his credentials to the late President Jomo Kenyatta. Oman closed its Embassy in Nairobi in 1986, however, the Embassy was reopened in July 2013.

The Kenyan Embassy in Muscat was opened on 2nd April 2011 and officially inaugurated on 12th November 2011 by the then Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Moses Wetangula, and Hon. Yusuf Bin Abdullah Bin Alawi, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman. H.E. Mr. Muhammad Dory Muhammad Yakub became the first Kenyan Ambassador to be formally accredited to the Sultanate of Oman in 2015.

Bilateral relations between Kenya and Oman have strengthened significantly following an escalation of interactions and activities since the Mission was opened. There has been an increase in the number of engagements at various levels, involving the Embassy, Kenya government officials and the government of Oman, as well as with other agencies, private sector, and people-to-people contacts, all of which have contributed to the enhancement of relations between the two countries

Trade between Kenya and Oman has been growing steadily over the years. Kenya's main exports to Oman are labour (skilled and semi-skilled) metallic salts, tea, meat, vegetable materials, coffee and coffee substitutes, fruits and nuts while the imports from Oman are petroleum oils, stones, machine tools, crude minerals, aluminium, pumps, ships and boats. Oman offers a potential market for Kenyan live animals, meat products, nuts, tea, coffee and flowers.