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Strengthening Bilateral Agreements Between Kenya and Tanzania



The Joint Technical Team for Co-operation between the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania held successful sessions in Arusha, Tanzania from 8th to 12th November 2021 to negotiate agreements including: MOUs on immigration matters, correction services , investment matters as well as treaties on the transfer of sentenced persons, mutual legal systems in criminal matters and extradition.

This meeting was convened by Hon. Dan Kazungu, EGH Kenya high commissioner to Tanzania, Dr. John Simbachawe-Tanzanian high commissioner to Kenya, and the technical working teams from both countries as a follow-up of the successful maiden state visit by Her, Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan to Kenya from 4th to 5th May 2021.



The delegations from both Tanzania and Kenya were led by Hon. Amb Liberata Mulamula (MP), the Tanzanian minister of foreign Affairs and his Kenyan counterpart Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs respectively

During the state visit, H.E President Uhuru and his counterpart H.E Samia Suluhu underscored the urgent need to further strengthen and deepen the existing bilateral relations and cooperation between the 2 countries in areas of Labor mobility, economic, security , economic and social spheres.

The Heads of state further directed that the Ministers of Trade meet and address issues affecting trade among other issues. This Bilateral implementation meeting was therefore part of the steps made towards the implementation of the Presidential Directives

ABOUT NEA

The National Employment Authority (NEA) was established in April, 2016 by an Act of Parliament (the National Employment Authority Act 2016) . The Authority main policy priorities are the promotion of employment in all aspects of national development. Specific policy priorities are:

1. Employment creation, especially for the youth, minorities and marginalized groups
2. Provision of labour market information;
3. Re-engineering of public employment services; and
4. Promotion of foreign employment.

Sensitization Forum for the Private Recruitment Agencies and the Migrant Workers



The National Employment Authority (NEA) and the International Labour Organization(ILO) under the NEA/ILO fairway project held successful focused group discussion with various recruitment agencies representatives most of who were directors and managers on 10th November 2021 and thereafter held an engaging workshop on 11th November 2021 with over twenty-nine returnee migrant workers from different parts of the country at Utalii hotel

The objective of the discussion with the representatives of the private recruitment agencies was to reflect on challenges and experiences in the industry and come up with possible solutions so as to strengthen the industry, on the other hand, the meeting with migrant returnees provided a much-needed platform to shared experiences in the Arab countries.

While making his opening remarks on behalf of the NEA Ag. Director General Mrs. Edith Okoki, Mr. Haron Kertich (ICT director NEA) reiterated the need to embrace the NEAIMS system in the recruitment processes . He encouraged the participants to use the NEAIMS system in job applications, registering as a job seeker, emergency reporting of distress calls and getting all information regarding labor migration. Mr. Kertich noted that the use of NEAIMS was vital in addressing most of the challenges faced by both the agencies and the migrant workers . He further underscored the importance of the use of NEAIMS in follow ups incases of complains and violations related to recruitments which include: late salary payments, delays of migrant workers coming back after expiry of contracts, long working hours especially with house helps, salary deductions and denial to send money back home, sexual harassment, lack of proper documentation, poor working conditions, foreigners owning unlicensed agencies in Kenya, lack of control over migrants passports who take advantage and disappear incurring losses, breach of contracts by migrant workers upon arrival at destination countries and many more.



The National Employment Authority in collaboration with ILO has fully embraced reintegration of migrant workers by setting up **a migrant resource center which is a one stop shop for migrant workers to seek the relevant information about labor migration.** This has gone a long way in facilitating easy access to labour migration information through the Migrant Resource Center [MRC], to potential migrant workers and returnee migrants who have lost their jobs in other countries, access to Information about job opportunities and how to apply for jobs through NEAIMS portal and Reintegration of migrant workers

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