



KENYA EMBASSY, ROME

MESSAGE TO THE KENYAN DIASPORA IN ITALY, POLAND, HELLENIC REPUBLIC, CYPRUS AND MALTA

1. The Government of Kenya recognizes the significant role and contribution that the Kenyan Diaspora plays in the growth of our economy and the national development process in line with the aspirations and goals of the Kenya Vision 2030.
2. In that regard the Government developed a Diaspora policy whose broad objective is to empower Kenyans abroad to effectively make greater contribution to the development of the country.
3. In pursuit of that objective, the Embassy has the responsibility to engage all Kenyan citizens abroad to facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship between the country and its Diaspora.
4. Accordingly, the Embassy encourages all Kenyan Diaspora in all countries of accreditation to create a platform(s) through which the Embassy and other stakeholders can hold structured dialogue on issues of mutual interests.
5. In that regard, the Embassy appreciates the efforts and vision of the Kenyan Diaspora Association in Italy (**KEDITA**). Since inception, **KEDITA** has been a useful interface between the Embassy and Diaspora, mobilizing Kenyans across Italy for national events and welfare activities.
6. The Embassy also emphasizes that Diaspora Associations are also vital tools for social investments, developing services and filling gaps to protect its members.
7. The Embassy recognizes that with numbers, **KEDITA** can achieve much more and even transform itself into a viable investment vehicle. To this end, the Embassy encourages **KEDITA** to endeavour to reach out to all Kenyans resident in Italy and to form various chapters.

8. Similarly, the Embassy encourages all Kenyan Diaspora in Poland, the Hellenic Republic, Cyprus and Malta to form umbrella associations in their respective countries of residence and to register the same with the Embassy of Kenya in Rome, Italy. This will be a valuable platform for effective and efficient engagement between the Embassy and its Diaspora.
9. The past few months have been very trying and difficult. Worldwide, Covid-19 has caused deaths, heightened concern, anxiety, stress, and economic hardships. We have all endured some form of restraints forcing everyone to reorganize priorities and make significant sacrifices.
10. In the middle of the unprecedented challenges, you continued to demonstrate friendship, patience, compassion and supported one another. Your resilience was unparalleled and reaffirmed the strong Kenyan collective spirit and strength in times of crisis.
11. The Embassy takes this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to all of you even as we hope for brighter days ahead.
12. For more information on Diaspora matters, kindly visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya at www.mfa.go.ke and the Vision 2030.

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