

Preamble

Kenya is a nation endowed with a great cultural and natural heritage. With over 100 cultural nationalities, a natural landscape of diverse environments, rich natural resources and a dedicated and enterprising citizenry, Kenya has what it takes to be a truly great nation.

Yet, 45 years after independence, Kenya is characterized by gross inequality with an ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor, insecurity, ethnicity and political instability.

Without a far-sighted leadership to endow the country with a unifying philosophy, the country has been left to float unguided, in a turbulent sea of ethnic hatred, moral depravity, social and economic deprivation, corruption, crime and all manner of social ills.

A new governance and political order can only be gained by the complete overhaul of the / existing constitutional order. Indeed this nation will only gain TRUE UHURU when the existing political and social order is completely overhauled and replaced by a new arrangement.

Kenyans are seeking committed, visionary and selfless leadership that can steer the nation into the 2151 century.

I set out on a mission to change the course of this nation to a country where all who belong to it, will feel obligated to contribute to its destiny and prosperity as a sovereign African nation.

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Vision for a new Kenya

I have a vision for a united, progressive and prosperous nation that provides equal opportunity to all citizens, to contribute and benefit from its growth and prosperity. A nation where all citizens respect and value one another's human dignity and nationhood.

My mission

To ensure that we overcome the obstacles holding the country back, I will focus on establishing a pragmatic result-oriented leadership and policy framework, which will ensure that, within a decade:

1. 70% of the nation's citizens are able to meet their essential livelihood needs and gain access to resources necessary for their social and economic advancement.
2. A majority of Kenya's Young men and women, can access opportunities to develop their full potential and to access gainful employment.
3. A new social and economic order will be established to ensure that 70% of the nation's public resources---human, financial and technological, are utilized at the point where the needs of the citizens are most felt.
4. Gender equality and inter-generational equity are attained in all spheres of our social, economic and political life.
5. Kenyan men and women are able to enjoy a sense of nationhood, patriotism and freedom to contribute to nation building as citizens of a sovereign nation based on a unifying national ethic and philosophy.
6. A new political order is established that promotes democracy, ethical governance and the effective participation of all citizens in public affairs with a special focus on minorities and marginalized groups.

Deliberate, radical transformation in the conduct of our social and economic affairs is urgently required if our country is to overcome the daunting challenges of inequality, mass poverty, unemployment, insecurity and mismanagement of public resources.

My agenda is based on five essential pillars:

AGENDA FOR A NEW KENYA

1.0 Establishing a new ethical and social order

A unifying national philosophy

To inculcate in every Kenyan a sense of patriotic nationhood, my leadership will lay the foundation of a unifying philosophy based on the African values of

utu, uhai na uraia mwema. The national philosophy will seek to mold an ethical and socially responsible society that places high moral value on personal integrity, honesty and truthfulness, respect for the human and cultural dignity of others, family values, industry and hard work, as a lasting cure to the ills of ethnicity, corruption and inequality that have eroded our national character and image.

The curriculum at all levels of the education system will include a foundational course on Education for Responsible Citizenship. This will cover the history of the country, its peoples and positive cultural attributes, constitutionalism and constitutional democracy, the role and responsibility of citizens in nation building, human rights and human dignity, national goals, values and ethics among others.

To provide a founding basis for the education program, my leadership will launch a 3 year research project into the history of the country, its peoples and cultural heritage.

2. Investing in people

Developing the potential of Kenya's young people

Kenya's ability to prosper and advance as a 21st century nation depends on how much the country invests in the development of the productive potential of the country's young men and women. Annually, 500,000 young people join a life of unemployment and despondency. I am firmly committed to the principle that, *NOT A SINGLE YOUNG KENYAN man or woman should be wasted or condemned to a life of crime, drugs, illiteracy, unwanted pregnancy and premature death from scourges such as Malaria and HIV -AIDS.* "

Lack of a coherent youth development strategy has led to the wastage of enormous potential inherent in Kenya's young women and men.

My leadership will ensure that all out of school youth are able to access opportunities for self development and advancement. To achieve this goal, I will initiate a comprehensive national youth development scheme.

National Youth Enterprise Development Scheme

The National Youth Enterprise Development Scheme (NYEDS) will integrate and build on the positive aspects of the NYS and the village polytechnic program. The NYEDS will equip youths who are unable to continue with secondary school education with essential vocational, entrepreneurial and other life skills.

NYEDS centres will be established at locational level in rural and ward levels in urban areas. All eligible women and men will be given bursaries to meet costs of the one and half year skills training. The centres will identify and develop the potential of young people in a specific skill area.

Development of artistic and sporting skills will be given the same priority as technological training. Young women and men will be inducted in the use of ICT for enterprise development. A special priority will be given young persons with disability.

To develop a culture of social responsibility and other essential values, trainees in the centers, will be tasked to provide volunteer services to community development projects in their locality.

Education: Ensuring equal access to quality and empowering education

The national education system will be oriented towards ensuring open access by all citizens to affordable, relevant and quality education. The goal of the education system will be to develop knowledgeable, skilled and enterprising citizenry.

Development of Technical and Entrepreneurship skills

To meet the growing demand for skilled professionals and entrepreneurs, my leadership will launch a national program of middle level colleges to offer quality professional skills and entrepreneurship training to students who are unable to gain admission to universities.

The Integrated Technical and Entrepreneurship Colleges (ITEC'S) will produce skilled diploma level graduates ready for the job market. The colleges will act as incubators for young entrepreneurs and technologists. Training in these institutions will be closely linked to current and future industrial and economic needs of the country. The country's private sector will play a key role in development of the curriculum of the ITEC system.

Sporting, cultural and artistic enterprises will be a key component of the training program.

To ensure access to the colleges by all deserving students, the ITECS will be established in each district of the country. The current higher education loan scheme will be expanded and renamed the tertiary education loans scheme to provide loans to all students at university and tertiary institutions.

Equity in access to educational Funds

The management of national educational scholarships and bursaries will be managed by an independent agency to ensure transparency and equity in access to such opportunities. The scheme will seek resources and solicit for bursaries and scholarships from the government, willing donor agencies and the private sector.

All scholarship opportunities will be publicly announced in the national media and on the internet. The provision of scholarships will be done equitably to ensure the most deserving applicants receive them while ensuring regional

balance, gender and generational equity and specific emphasis on orphans and persons with disability.

To ensure social accountability in the allocation of school bursaries, special committees elected by community members will be established to oversee the management and allocation of bursaries. The allocation will be decentralized to the location and sub-location.

Access to ICT for education

To ensure the full exploitation of ICT resources for educational and knowledge generation endeavors, my leadership will institute policy measures, to ensure that all certified public educational institutions in Kenya, enjoy a tax free access to ICT technologies and services.

Sports development

Despite being a great sporting nation, Kenya lacks a coherent long term policy and programme for sports development in traditional, outdoor, indoor and water sports.

My leadership will formulate a long-term strategic plan to develop sports and sporting infrastructure for social recreation and competitive sports, in urban and rural areas. Resources will be allocated to develop school sports facilities in all major sports. These facilities will act as community sports facilities during non-school hours.

My government will initiate a special program to promote the sports industry by providing special incentives to the private sector to invest in sports development.

I will initiate a scheme to identify and support the development of talented sports men and women through the school system and respective sports associations.

Healthcare for all

A policy of universal access to healthcare by all will be adopted. My government will ensure that all Kenyans in urban and rural settings will access the best possible medical technology and medicines available.

Policies and laws governing the health sector will be reviewed and harmonized to ensure efficiency in the delivery of health services in the country and particularly in the procurement and supply system of drug and equipment. Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) will be made autonomous and run efficiently and accountable to the public through Parliament.

Community dispensaries and health centres. shall be equipped with professional staff, equipment and medicine to bring health care closer to the people.

To ensure committed involvement by local communities in health care management, a scheme to train and deploy community health workers will be launched. This program will emphasize community participation and home-based care in the provision of health care.

Major emphasis will be placed on monitoring of the health status at community level and active promotion of preventive measures.

Nutrition will be an integral part of diagnostic, preventive and curative healthcare. The pool of health workers will be trained in the management and care of the terminally sick and especially the care of those infected and living with HIV / AIDS.

My government will improve the terms of service of health professionals to stem brain drain. Funds will also be allocated in the budget for medical research and protection of intellectual property. Emphasis will be laid on research into and use of herbal medicines.

Incentives and award schemes will be set up to recognize medical excellence.

Economic empowerment of rural communities

Kenya's rural populations, who constitute 80% of the nation's population, have been relegated to the underclass of the economic ladder. In many parts of the country especially in the arid dry lands, there has never been any effort to provide opportunities for economic empowerment to the people since independence.

To stimulate economic productivity at the grassroots level and promote the generation of alternative employment opportunities in rural and urban areas, a Social Enterprises Development Capital Fund (Mwananchi Enterprise Fund) will be established to provide essential credit and technical support to rural and urban-based *mwananchi* enterprises.

The Fund will provide low interest (5%), security free credit to small-scale traders and farmers, pastoralists, community groups, artisans and cooperatives. Beneficiaries of the fund will undergo an induction course on necessary business skills.

Micro finance institutions and SACCOS will play a key role in managing the funds and providing technical support to community groups. A special program to access nomadic pastoralist communities by the use of mobile units will be created.

The fund will have the following components:

Small scale agricultural production

This component will provide credit to small scale farmers especially women, for the leasing of land for farming, purchase of equipment, tractor hire and other forms of farm inputs.

Small and medium scale agro industry

A special credit line will be established for organized community groups and cooperatives that wish to engage in small scale industry such as cotton ginneries, food oil production, fish processing and packaging, honey refineries and tanneries among others. Special consideration will be given to women groups. The scheme will provide the required induction training and organize local and external study tours for the groups.

Building capacity of Communities to invest in the financial market

The fund will support rural communities to participate in the lucrative financial market through block purchase of equities, treasury bonds and other viable products. The scheme will equip rural SACCOS and community groups with the required knowledge and technical know how to profitably invest and participate in the financial market.

Social and cultural enterprises

This component of the fund will be designed to provide financial support to community cultural and social enterprises such as sports, dance and music, art and crafts, writing and publishing clubs and community radio among others. Unlike the other schemes, a portion of the funding will be in grant form with the intention of promoting the development of culture and positive social activities within society.

Workers' Rights And Livelihood

The capacity and power of workers unions to defend and protect the rights of workers has been severely eroded by successive governments

My leadership will undertake a comprehensive review of labour laws and policies to:

- Strengthen the capacity of trade unions to protect the rights of workers and to safeguard their independence.
- Protect the rights of workers to fair and equitable remuneration, reasonable and environmentally sound working conditions; to organize democratically; to bargain collectively and to strike peacefully.

My leadership will undertake to give workers unions direct representation in the legislative assembly, local government and other policy making bodies through amendment of electoral laws.

Gender equity and empowerment of women

My government will put in place and enforce gender responsive policies and legislation to ensure that there is gender equality (50:50) in all spheres of the nation's social, political and economic life. Such measures will include:

- The disaggregation of data collected by government agencies to reflect gender disparities and enable the making of gender responsive policies.
- The valuing and reflection of women's labour which is often unpaid in national accounts
- Formulation of a policy framework to provide social and financial support for unemployed male and female parentstaking care of children including child headed households.
- Ensuring that budgetary allocations and expenditure take into account the unequal impact of poverty on the two genders
- Making Parliament gender sensitive in all its statutes, procedures and customs.
- The passing of a Political Parties Bill that requires political parties to implement gender equality in election of party leadership, nomination of candidates for elective positions and nomination of Members of Parliament
- The setting of concrete targets and specific timeframes by public decision making bodies like the judiciary, the police and the civil service for the achievement of gender parity and equality, in the proportion of women in leadership and decision-making positions.
- Reforms in electoral laws and processes to ensure a level playing field and equal participation of both genders.
- Addressing the factors contributing to school dropout by girls such as early marriages, poverty and provision of sanitary facilities.
- Introduce Specific programs in marginalized areas to address regional disparities in girl's education.
- The promotion of safe motherhood through the provision of free access to reproductive health care and maternity services including provision of antenatal, intranatal and post natal care programmes and the training of traditional birth attendants.
- The review of gender discriminatory laws in the areas of marriage, inheritance and custody/maintenance of children.
- The passing of a Marriage and Family Protection Bill and

implementing measures to support victims of domestic violence such as legal assistance as well as interim and long term medical, psychological and material support.

- Putting in place a legal and policy framework and setting up the Community Social Enterprise Development Fund to enable women access entrepreneurial skills and capital for business.

3. Accelerating Economic Growth

To transform Kenya into a modern 21st Century economy, my leadership will strategically focus on removing obstacles to investment and doing business in the country.

To achieve this goal, my government will:

- Establish a specialized agency to process and handle the registration and licensing of business to ensure issuance of a single license for newly registered business within a maximum of 5 days
- Abolish stamp duty on newly registered business.
- Provide a one-year tax break for newly registered small and medium enterprises (SMEs).
- Lower corporate tax by 10% for manufacturing and export oriented businesses.
- Establish a one stop, single signature procedure for processing of export permits and reduce processing time to 7 days.
- Create an efficient system for processing of import permits for goods and industrial raw materials to ensure that the process takes place within 10 days.
- Reduce electricity tariff rates to the manufacturing sector by 15 %.

Promoting Universal access and adoption of ICT

The ease of access and rate of adoption of ICT and other modern technologies in various sectors is a key ingredient in the growth and modernization of Kenya's economy.

My leadership will promote the principle of universal adoption of ICT in all sectors of Kenya's economy. To ensure ease of access to ICT, my leadership will lay emphasis on the development and provision of ICT infrastructure in all parts of the nation.

To promote global uptake of ICT, import tax on all ICT hardware and software inputs will be abolished while VAT on ICT services will be cut by 50%.

To promote the contribution of the corporate sector into the development of skilled manpower and technology development in the ICT sector, investments in R&D and advanced training in ICT by industry will be exempt from taxation:

Research and development as a pillar for economic progress

Kenya cannot meet its developmental challenges and advance into the 21st Century without a solid research base.

To meet this challenge a consolidated approach to research and development will be developed through a comprehensive national R&D programme. Under the programme a thirty-year research agenda based on priority needs of the country will be developed. It will include a long-term framework for collaborative research on key national priorities by different institutions including industry.

My leadership will raise the level of funding to research to 2.5% of GDP.

These will be centres of excellence offering advanced training in entrepreneurship and industrial technology in specific fields of industry. Each institute will be linked to a specific industry. A special effort will be made to promote the development of women innovators and industrial technologists through provision of scholarships.

The institutes will undertake research and technology development in new and emerging industrial technologies in collaboration with national universities and industry. They will admit diploma and degree holding graduates of universities, training colleges and industrial technicians wishing to advance their capability

The ITI'S will be developed along the lines and models of similar institutions in South East Asia

Spreading the gains of industrial growth

The new industrial development policy framework, will decentralize industrial development to the district level ensuring that each district of the country has at least one major industry. This policy will stem the growing crisis of rural to urban migration and to decentralize availability of employment opportunities. A 5-year tax break will be given to new industrial investments in the rural areas.

Energy development

To meet the energy needs of a growing economy major effort will be made to tap and develop the latent geothermal energy and renewable energy potential. To promote the application of renewable energy, a policy provision will be made to promote energy coupling in all new major development projects in rural and urban areas. It will be a policy requirement that all new housing schemes integrate solar energy technology and other appropriate forms of renewable energy in the developments.

Implement the Cotton Act by setting up cotton industries in every province in Kenya for ginning, spinning and weaving and apparel production and related agro-industries such as oils and feeds for both the local and international market.

Taxation

To enhance the participation of the ordinary citizen in the economy my government will aim at broadening the tax base while lowering the tax rate. In this regard I will seek to reduce the burden of taxation by lowering V AT on essential goods and vehicle fuel by 10%.

Through the implementation of the Social Enterprise Development Fund, my government will be able to boost overall economic growth in the short term and hence widen the tax band.

4. Making regions the engine of economic development

The over centralization of economic activities in Nairobi has robbed the nation of the ability to exploit the immense productive potential present in the regions. My leadership will initiate a major program to develop the latent economic potential of country's major regions

The Lake Region

A (10) ten-year program to develop the potential of the Lake region and the sugar belt of Western Kenya, as a major hub for the food and agro processing industry will be launched.

The program will be designed to exploit the huge potential offered by Lake Victoria as a direct and efficient channel for communication and transportation of goods and materials in the East African and the Great Lakes Region.

This will be coupled with intensive development of communications, energy and road infrastructure in the region. Of special consideration will be the establishment of an efficient and modern steamer service for goods and passengers linking major market and town centers, along the shores of the lake in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Mt Kenya Region

The long term vitality of the Mt Kenya region is dependent on the proper management of the environment and ecosystem of the Mt. Kenya catchment. Under my leadership a special program linking productivity of the region to the management of its natural habitat will be developed.

To reduce the high rate of degradation of land and natural resources of the region, my government will place special emphasis on the development of a

value addition industry to reduce the current overdependence of the region on land-based production systems.

Due to the rapid urbanization of the region and its proximity to Nairobi, it will be developed to serve as a base for an export-oriented manufacturing industry. To create a conducive environment for the investment venture the region's road, railway and energy infrastructure will be developed and upgraded.

Coastal region

The coastal region of this country is one of the most endowed regions in terms of natural resources. The region is endowed with huge potentials in terms of a unique and rich marine biodiversity, wildlife sanctuaries and game reserves, minerals of diverse nature, potential agricultural lands, natural harbours and ports, fisheries resources and coastal beach tourism resources among others.

Despite these potential, the coastal region continues to suffer deep-seated historical economic and political injustices. Hence despite being the second highest contributor to national GDP through earnings from the Port and tourism, the region is paradoxically one of the poorest in terms of per capita income and standards of living.

To correct these injustices, I will institute a major infrastructure and economic development programme aimed at unlocking the potential of the region and empowering the local people to gainfully exploit and benefit from the resources of the region.

Through devolved economic governance my leadership will implement a policy measure to ensure that 40% of the revenue generated in the region is ploughed back for development of the region.

To empower the people economically a deliberate effort will be made to ensure that the indigenous populations of the regions acquire full legal entitlement to their land resources.

To reduce the wanton exploitation of marine fisheries resources by foreigners at the expense of local people, a special program will be created to build the technical capacity of local fishermen to enable them to venture into the commercial fisheries industry. Through the Social Enterprises Fund, my government will provide soft loans for local fisheries to local fisheries cooperatives for purchase of equipment and to develop fish processing plants along the coastal beaches.

My government will also pass legislation to revive and regulate agro-based industries like coconut and cashew nut processing.

Pastoral, arid and semi Arid regions

Past and current programs of the ASAL regions have tended to place most emphasis on drought and famine management with little focus on economic and social empowerment of the people.

My leadership will deliberately develop the road and energy infrastructure in ASAL areas with roads linking district headquarters being tarmacked and upgrading of the all-weather road network in ASAL areas.

My government will also formulate a long-term program to develop the pastoral livestock industry with special emphasis on value addition. Medium scale meat and livestock product processing plants will be built in each district of the pastoral regions. The plants will process fresh and dried beef for the local and export market. Kenya Meat Commission would hence convert into a specialised collection, packing and export point for processed beef as opposed to being a slaughterhouse.

Rain and floodwater will be managed through the construction of floodwater control systems and check dams. Large volume underground reservoirs will be developed to store water for use in the dry seasons.

Through the Social Enterprises Capital Fund, a special program to support the cultural art crafts enterprises by women in the ASALS will be initiated. Pastoral communities have a rich and diverse culture that will be capacitated to become a key market economy for the region.

Returns from the tourism and wildlife game reserves and sanctuaries based in the ASALS, will be shared equally with the people of these regions.

South Central Rift valley

The tourism potential of the South and Central Rift Valley region the Rift Valley highlands as never been properly exploited. The as for years suffered from poor road, telecommunication and energy infrastructure.

My government will initiate a long-term infrastructure development program to tap the tourism and agricultural potential of the region.

The value of the Mau Forest ecosystem to the environment and livelihood of the region is immeasurable. To safeguard it from encroachment, it will be gazetted as a national heritage. A Mau Forest management and conservation Authority will be established to further this objective.

5. Quality Of Life And The Environment

The quality of life in Kenya's urban and rural areas is deteriorating at dangerous pace. Our urban centres are turning into waste and garbage dumps. Our fresh water reservoirs and catchment zones are polluted, deforested or getting irreparably eroded.

My government will make it mandatory requirement for urban councils to maintain a high degree of cleanliness and environmental hygiene. Failure to do so will lead to severe penalties and where necessary complete dissolution of such councils and municipal authorities.

To ensure effective management and conservation of our natural forests and ecosystems, my government will establish special conservation authorities to manage each one. Conservation authorities will be created for the Mt. Kenya, Mt. Elgon, Mau and Aberdare, Kakamega, Arabuko Sokokwe forests, among others.

To ensure that local communities co-exist in harmony with wildlife my government will institute policy measures, to ensure that communities are directly involved in the management of wildlife resources. Revenue and benefits accruing from wildlife will be proportionately shared by communities neighboring game reserves.

It will be mandatory by law for communities and individuals living along the borders of fresh water basins, catchment zones and natural forests to maintain the environment in a sustainable manner. Special incentives will be created to encourage conservation of sea fronts, river banks, lake boundaries and forest reserves.

Recycling and reusing of resources shall be encouraged with incentives for industries seeking to go into waste management.

6. Governance

Giving power to the people through devolved governance

The root cause of Kenya's social, political and economic disparities and problems lie in the pervasive powers concentrated in the imperial presidency and the executive at the centre.

My leadership will overhaul the existing constitutional order to create a lean, efficient national government while devolving power and decision making over resources to lower levels. Devolving decision making to regional assemblies, district councils and people's assemblies at the location level, will enable the country to realize and exploit the full potential of its economic, cultural and social resources.

Allocation of financial resources

As part of the policy to devolve the management of financial resources and ensure equity in the distribution of budgetary resources, the national financial planning and expenditure will be devolved to the district level. Each district council in the devolved government will be allocated a lump sum budget based on annual development plans for re-allocation to development priorities at the locational level. Each locational council will be expected to prepare and submit proposals and expenditure plans to the district council.

It will be a policy requirement that 40% of the income generated from economic activity in a particular region, be ploughed back into the development of that region, in addition to the statutory national allocation.

Deployment of technical personnel

Under the devolved framework, 70% of the technical and professional personnel and other support systems will be deployed to the location and district levels. National headquarters will plan, monitor and evaluate implementation of government of policies.

Promotion of parliamentary democracy

My governmental will adopt and promote a parliamentary system of governance to ensure greater accountability and transparency in the management of public affairs. I will set out to strengthen the independence of parliament by giving it constitutional powers to control its control its own business and calendar.

The powers of oversight vested in the various organs of parliament will be enhanced.

To ensure the efficient functioning of the various government organs and ministries, the post of a prime minister and leader of government business will be established through constitutional changes.

I will institute measures to ensure that parliamentary proceedings are made public.

Safeguarding the public's right to know

Most mega scandals involving misuse and mismanagement of public funds have been caused by the secrecy surrounding public financial deals and transactions. To end this practice I will institute a *Citizens Right to Know Policy* on all major plans and transactions that may involve the use of public resources.

Under this policy a parliamentary oversight committee on public finance and expenditure, will be established and empowered to review and scrutinize all proposed and planned transactions involving public finances. The committee will have ready access to the register of public debt. Except for information that may undermine the security and sovereignty of the nation, a citizen or group of citizens will have the right to access and review any public information they may deem necessary to their social concern.

Dealing with insecurity

The approach to security issues in Kenya has not kept pace with the character of the nation's development. To correct this situation a

comprehensive review of the nation's security needs and arrangements will be undertaken.

The review will be designed to determine the key causes of insecurity in different parts of the country and to propose lasting solutions. This will be undertaken to correct the generalized solutions to issues of security in different regions which tends to prescribe a generalized solution. The review will look into the appropriateness and relevance of current methods applied to deal with insecurity, governing of the security apparatus and its relevance to the needs of the people.

Given the increasing threats the nation is facing from lawlessness in countries bordering it, my government will as matter of urgency establish a special border security unit. The security unit will focus on monitoring and control of illegal small arms smuggled into the country.

To deal with the unique threats faced by nomadic pastoral communities my government will in close consultation with local communities establish mobile camel mounted community security.

Because of the special needs and problems faced by women and children in the hands of security forces, the women and child section of all security units will be strengthened.

Critical to the provision of effective security is the increase in personnel numbers on the ground, quality training, adequate equipment, proper remuneration and the provision of decent living conditions.

7. Building beneficial international and regional partnerships

The foreign affairs policy under my leadership will be geared towards promoting the sovereignty of the Kenyan state and the interests of the Kenyan people in world affairs.

Our foreign missions will be tasked to seek and forge beneficial partnerships between this country and other nations.

Opening up avenues for new export markets, removal of trade barriers for Kenyan goods and marketing of our tourism potential will be the principle focus of our international relations.

My government will honour, respect and domesticate all international agreements which Kenya has ratified.

I will invigorate the push for greater regional cooperation under the auspices of the African Union and other regional bodies such as COMESA, IGAD, the East African community the Great Lakes region and other relevant organs.

My government will stand firmly against all negative and destructive acts of terrorism directed against this nation and its citizens.