



JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF ETHIOPIA-UGANDA JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION (JMC)

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

3 – 4 APRIL 2025

1. The Fourth Session of the Ethiopia-Uganda Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 3rd to 4th April 2025. The JMC was convened in accordance with the decisions of the 3rd JMC Session, between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Uganda.
2. The delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia was led by H.E. Dr. Gedion Timothewos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, while the delegation of the Republic of Uganda was led by Hon. Gen. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
3. The two Ministers for Foreign Affairs noted that the 4th Joint Ministerial Commission that had been scheduled to be held in 2021, was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. They noted with appreciation that officials from both countries had worked tirelessly to ensure that the meeting is finally held.
4. The two Ministers recalled that, since the establishment of the Joint Ministerial Commission in 1993, there is substantial progress made to strengthen the cooperation between the two sister countries.
5. The Ministers noted the strong historical ties that Uganda and Ethiopia share, founded on the principles of Pan-Africanism, mutual trust, and cooperation at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels; reinforced through high-level visits, strategic engagements, and the presence of diplomatic missions in each other's capitals. They hailed the historic and cordial relations that exist between the two countries and underscored the need to continue working together to further deepen political, economic and socio-cultural ties.

6. The Ministers led deliberations that focused on assessing the level of implementation of previous decisions, addressing any outstanding or emerging issues, and exploring new areas of cooperation. Critical areas such as regional peace and security, trade, infrastructure development, and cultural exchange were emphasized.
7. The Ministers exchanged views on regional, continental and global affairs, and reiterated their continued effort and sustained cooperation in regional and multilateral fora. Accordingly, they emphasized the importance of partnership and coordination in achieving regional peace as a launch pad to achieving sustainable development and prosperity. To this end, they agreed that it is imperative to address ongoing conflicts through the IGAD and AU-led peace processes as these conflicts pose a greater challenge to regional peace and stability.
8. The Ministers reviewed the opportunities existing in trade, investment, tourism among other areas between their two countries that could be exploited for the socio-economic transformation of their respective citizens. They also reviewed the challenges that affect the free flow of bilateral trade and agreed to address these challenges through consultations with the responsible Ministries.
9. The Ministers acknowledged the signing of eight MoUs in the fields of;
 - a. Bilateral Air Services Agreement
 - b. MoU on Industrial Cooperation
 - c. MoU on Cooperation in the Energy Sector
 - d. MoU on Water Resource Management
 - e. MoU on Technical Cooperation in Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.
 - f. MoU on Cooperation in Aviation Training
 - g. MoU on Cooperation and Assistance in Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation.
 - h. MoU on Trade Cooperation
10. The Ministers reiterated the need for both countries to establish a robust Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism on Energy and the expeditious and full implementation of decisions reached during the previous and present sessions of JMC, enhance cooperation under the East African Power Pool and other multilateral frameworks in the energy sector.
11. The Ministers welcomed the entry into force of the Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA) on 13th October 2024, that paved way for the establishment of the Nile River Basin Commission.
12. The Ministers agreed to continue the coordination in regional cooperation platforms such as IGAD, EAPP, NBI and the AU.

- 13. Recalling the strong bilateral ties of friendship that the two countries enjoy, the two Ministers of Foreign Affairs reiterated their commitment to further deepen the relations between the two countries by strengthening economic cooperation, and regular consultations to solve any emerging issues.
- 14. The delegation of the Republic of Uganda visited the Adwa Victory Memorial Museum which signifies the victory of black people over colonialism. They extended appreciation to Ethiopia for preserving that heritage that fosters the spirit of Pan-Africanism.
- 15. Hon. Gen. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar expressed his appreciation and deep gratitude to his host H.E. Dr. Gedion Timothewos, and the Government and People of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, for the warm reception and hospitality extended to the Ugandan delegation.
- 16. The Ministers agreed that the Republic of Uganda will host the Fifth Session of the JMC in 2027, at a date and venue to be mutually agreed upon by both parties through diplomatic channels.

DONE AT ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA this **4th Day of April, 2025.**

For the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia For the Republic of Uganda

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