

KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE

(KDC)



Vision

The Party's vision shall be to establish a prosperous, nation where every citizen enjoys social, economic and democratic rights

Mission

To build a social, democratic state and society in which all Kenyans will have a better life and feel at home as individuals and cultural, marginalized communities and people living with disabilities.

Guiding Principles and Values

The KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE Values and Guiding Principles of governance include;

- i. Nationalism and patriotism
- ii. Commitment to absolute fairness and equal opportunities for all
- iii. Social justice
- iv. Protection and non-discrimination of minorities and Persons with disability
- v. Equality, Equity, Tolerance and Inclusivity
- vi. Respect for Human rights and fundamental Freedoms
- vii. Respect for constitutionalism and the rule of law
- viii. Peaceful, harmonious and cohesive co- existence with mutual understanding

Unity in diversity, Integrity and honesty

Party Ideology

KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) is a **Social Democrat**, Social democracy is a political philosophy that identifies with socialism on the left side of the political ideology spectrum, however, it is social democracy is closer to the center of the spectrum making it more identifiable with the Democrats and liberals than leftists' parties.

KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) aims to protect the Constitution and laws of Kenya with a view to building a peaceful, united and prosperous Kenya. It is formed with the ultimate intention of establishing a democratic, just and accountable Government founded on the national values and principles of governance as enshrined in the Constitution.

KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) shall be a leading force in transforming Kenya into a democratic, prosperous united and peaceful nation that advocates for social justice and equity; to eliminate inequalities; and to promote national development anchored on the socio-economic needs and interests of the people of Kenya.

Generally, social democrats view society as what people make of it, society is viewed as a place of equality. They are anti-individualism unlike liberals and are against division of society into classes or socio-economic groupings, gender, and access to education among other positions. It is necessary for social democrats to continuously experience gradual and incremental change in society.

Main Pillars of KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC)

National security – KDC Will:

- Urgently address capacity building of law enforcement agents in terms of quantity and quality as this is critical in safeguarding the sanctity of lives and property;
- Establish a well-trained, adequately equipped and goals driven Serious Crime Squad to combat terrorism, kidnapping, armed robbery, militants, ethno-religious and communal clashes nationwide;
- Begin widespread consultations to amend the Constitution to enable Regions and Counties to

employ State and Community Police to address the peculiar needs of each community. This would mean setting boundaries for State, Counties and Community Police through new Criminal Justice legislation to replace the Criminal Code, the Penal Code and the Police Act.

- Push for more support in the security and economic stability of the sub-region and AU as a whole and maintain a strong, close and frank relationship with East Africa, South Africa, UK, USA, Canada, and other African countries.

Conflict resolution,

National unity, social

Harmony – KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) WILL

- Establish a Conflict Resolution Commission to help prevent, mitigate and resolve civil conflicts within the polity;
- Bring permanent peace and solution to the Community prone areas and other conflict prone areas such as nomads, in order to engender national unity and social harmony;
- Initiate policies to ensure that Kenyans are free to live and work in any part of the country by removing Regions of origin, tribe, ethnic and religious affiliations and replace those with state of residence.

Job creation and the

Economy KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will:

- Maintain sound macro-economic policy environment, run an efficient government and preserve the independence of the Central Bank;
- Restore and strengthen financial confidence by putting in place a more robust monitoring, supervising and regulating of all financial institutions;
- Make our economy one of the fastest growing emerging economies in the world with a real GDP growth averaging 10% annually;
- Embark on vocational training, entrepreneurial and skills acquisition scheme for graduates along with the creation of Small-Medium Business Loan Guarantee Scheme to create at least 1 million new jobs every year, for the foreseeable future;
- Integrate the informal economy into the mainstream and prioritize the full implementation of the National Identification Scheme to generate the relevant data;
- Expand domestic demand and consider undertaking associated public works programmes;
- Embark on export and production diversification including investment in infrastructure; promote manufacturing through agro based industries and expand sub-regional trade;
- Make Information Technology, Manufacturing, Industrialization, Agriculture and Entertainment key drivers of our economy;
- Balance the economy across regions by the creation of 10 new Regional Economic Development Agencies (REDAs) to act as champions of sub-regional competitiveness;
- Put in place a Kshs 300bn regional growth fund (average of Kshs 50bn in each geopolitical region) to be managed by the REDAs, encourage private sector enterprise and support to help places currently reliant on the public sector;
- Amend the Constitution and the Land Use Act to create freehold/leasehold interests in land along with matching grants for regions to create a nationwide electronic land title register on a county by county basis;

- Create additional middle-class of at least 2 million new home owners in our first year in government and 1 million annually thereafter; by enacting a national mortgage system that will lend at single digit interest rates for purchase of owner occupier houses.

Agriculture and food

Security KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will:

- Modernize the sector and change Kenya from being a country of self-subsistence farmers to that of a medium/commercial scale farming nation/producer;
- Create a nationwide food inspectorate division with a view to improving nutrition and eliminating food-borne hazards;
- Inject extra Ksh 30bn to the Agricultural sector to create more agro-allied jobs by way of loans at nominal interest rates for capital investment on medium and commercial scale cash crops;
- Guarantee a minimum price for selected crops and facilitate storage of agricultural products as and when necessary.

Industrialization: KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) WILL:

- Formulate a robust industrialization policy and provide a conducive environment for a private sector led industrial base for the economy, promote entrepreneurship that would help usher in new industries, new jobs, new knowledge and utilization of information and communication technologies;
- Create growth centers through the promotion of industrialization in all regions by encouraging the use of local resources.
- Promote innovation by investing heavily in research, development, science and technology.
- Support diversification of our economy from export of primary materials to value added goods through supporting the establishment of a solid industrial base.
- Ensure that key agricultural products such as Maize, Tea, Coffee and potatoes go through value addition as opposed to exporting raw materials for industries in other countries

Infrastructure: KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will

- Undertake an urgent review of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) enabling environment with a view to addressing the legal, regulatory and operational challenges including introducing enabling legislation where necessary. In addition, we shall create a National Infrastructural Development Bank to provide loans at employment;
- Generate, transmit and distribute from current 5,000 – 6,000 MW to at least 20,000 MW of electricity within four years and increasing to 50,000 MW with a view to achieving 24/7 uninterrupted power supply within ten years, whilst simultaneously ensuring development of sustainable/renewable energy;
- Embark on a National Infrastructural Development Programme as a PPP that will ensure the (a) construction of 2,000km of Superhighway including service trunks and (b) building of up to 3,800km of modern railway lines – one third to be completed by 2024;
- Enact new legal and regulatory frameworks to establish independent regulation and incentives to accelerate public and private sector investment in seaports, railways and inland waterways;
- Embark on PPP schemes with a view to ensuring that at least one functioning airport is available in each of the 47 Counties.

Oil and gas industry KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC)

WILL:

- Make the industry and Kenya one of the world leading/cutting edge centers for clean oil and gas technologists, scientists, mega structure installation, drilling, processing, production engineers supported with best services and research facilities;
- Fully develop the sector's capacity to absorb more of the nation's new graduates in the labour market. The sector will produce more home-grown world class engineers and scientists;

- Modernize the KNPC and make it the national energy champion. Consider breaking it up into more efficient, commercially driven units and strip it of its regulatory powers and enable it tap into international capital market;
- Enforce the government master plan for oil companies to end flaring that pollutes the air and damages people's health and ensure that they sell at least half of their gas production within Kenya;
- Speedily pass the much-delayed Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and ensure that local content issues are fully addressed;
- Make Kenya the world's leading exporter of LNG through the creation of strategic partnerships.

Education: KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will

- Fully implement and enforce the provisions of the Universal Basic Education Act with emphasis on gender equity in primary and secondary school enrollment whilst improving the quality and substance of our schools;
- Targeting up to 15% of our annual budget for this critical sector whilst making substantial investments in training quality teachers at all levels of the educational system;
- Implement performance-based education as against the current certificate based qualification;
- Enhance teacher training and improve the competence of teachers along with vigorous national inspection;
- Make learning experiences more meaningful for children and make education more cost-effective;
- Develop and promote effective use of innovative teaching methods/materials in schools;
- Ensure a greater proportion of expenditure on university education is devoted to Science and Technology
- Establish technical colleges and vocational centers in each County of the country;

- Provide more conducive environment for private sector participation in all levels of education;
- Establish six centers of excellence to address the needs of special education;

Healthcare – KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) WILL:

- Prioritize the reduction of the infant mortality rate by 2023 to 3%; reduce maternal mortality by more than 70%; reduce HIV/AIDs infection rate by 50% and other infectious diseases by 75%; improve life expectancy by additional 10 years on average through our national healthy living program;
- Increase the number of physicians from 19 per 1000 population to 50 per 1000; increase national health expenditure per person per annum to about Kshs 50,000 (from less than Kshs 10,000 currently);
- Increase the quality of all National government owned hospitals to world class standard within five years;
- Invest in cutting edge technology such as telemedicine in all major health centers in the country through active investment and partnership programs with the private sector;
- Provide free ante-natal care for pregnant women, free health care for babies and children up to school going age and for the aged and free treatment for those afflicted with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS;
- Boost the local manufacture of pharmaceuticals and make non-adulterated drugs readily available.

Senior citizens, youth

Sports and culture- KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will

- Ensure timely payment of retirement benefits for all pensioned senior citizens and create a poverty safety net for all aged citizens above the age of 65;

- Provide the opportunities for youths to realize, harness, and develop their full potentials and to facilitate the emergence of a new generation of citizens committed to the sustenance of good governance and service to the people and the country;
- Establish world class sports academy and training institutes and ensure that Kenya occupies a place of pride in global sports and athletics;
- Revive the Kenyan football league and put incentives in place to make it as competitive as other national leagues;
- Put in place measures to identify talents early and ensure their participation in local and international games to enable them become professionals;
- Mandate schools and communities to create playgrounds/sports centers with needed equipment to develop skills;
- Assist Movie Industries to fully develop into world class movie industry that can compete effectively with Hollywood and Bollywood in due course.

Women empowerment- KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC)

Will

- Ensure the rights of women are protected as enshrined in our Constitution;
- Guarantee that women are adequately represented in government appointments and provide greater opportunities in education, job creation and economic empowerment;
- Recognize and protect women empowerment and gender equality with special emphasis on economic activities in development and in rural areas;
- Promote the concept of reserving a minimum number of seats in the National Assembly for women.

Environment – KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will

- Ensure compliance with policies and measures to halt the pollution of river, Lakes and waterways in all parts of the country;
- Create shelter belts in states bordering the North Eastern Desert to mitigate and reverse the effects of the expanding desert;

- Support and accelerate the implementation of regional water transfer initiatives across the country;
- Adopt a holistic approach to erosion and shoreline protection across the country;
- Create teams of volunteers to plant and nurture economically viable trees in arid regions;
- Restructure the Ecological Fund Office to enable it meet today's environmental challenges;
- Regulate the timber industry to ensure that double the number of trees felled are planted by the loggers;
- Ensure full compliance with town-planning and environmental laws and edicts.

Foreign policy – KENYA DEMOCRACY FOR CHANGE (KDC) Will

- Make regional integration a priority including free trade with a view to ensuring that a common tariff and currency are achieved by 2024 under Kenya's guidance and leadership;
- Maintain strong, close and frank relationships within the East African countries, the Commonwealth, UK, South Africa and the rest of the world;
- Establish a new special relationship with the leading emerging markets like Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) and other strategic partners around the world.