



EU–Kenya Golden Jubilee Celebrations Highlight Learning, Science and Innovation Partnerships



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Fireworks displaying EU–Kenya relations rocked the skyline in Loresho at Shamba Café, lighting up the evening sky in a dazzling celebration marking 50 years of EU–Kenya relations in science, education, trade, culture, and innovation.

The spectacular display set the tone for a night that blended diplomacy, innovation, and culture, as senior leaders, diplomats, scholars, alumni, and development partners gathered to reflect on a partnership that has shaped Kenya's development trajectory for half a century.

The event was attended by the European Union Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Henriette Geiger, Kenya's Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Dr. Korir Sing'oei and more than 25 ambassadors and high commissioners.

Mounted digital screens across the venue showcased the journeys of EU scholarship alumni, highlighting achievements in research, innovation, governance, climate science, health, and entrepreneurship. Their stories illustrated how academic exchange and training opportunities have translated into practical impact across Kenyan institutions, communities, and international collaborations such as Project MOSAIC**.

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Guests attending the 50-year celebrations of EU–Kenya relations at Shamba Café in Loresho, Nairobi.



From left: Faith Odhiambo, 51st President of the Law Society of Kenya; Lady Justice Njoki Ndung'u, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya; and Dr. Victor Mose, Co-Leader MOSAIC and Co-Director of the Amboseli Conservation Program, African Conservation Centre, at the celebrations.

Exhibition spaces showcased EU-funded projects across climate resilience, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, digital innovation, and youth empowerment, with guests engaging interactive displays, researchers, and innovation partners.

A highlight was the presentation of augmented reality (AR) tools from EU-supported initiatives like MediAR, designed to advance learning and knowledge sharing.

A local youth band rounded off the evening, blending rhythm and cultural identity into the diplomatic setting and evoking the promise of co-created futures.