

# THE PRESIDENCY

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## PRESIDENT BARROW APPOINTS NEW CABINET



**President Barrow at the 16th African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea**

**Gambia - Equatorial Guinea Sign Bilateral Agreements**



*President Barrow poses for a group photo with Cabinet Ministers shortly after they took the Oaths of Office*

## President Barrow Challenges his New Cabinet

President Adama Barrow tasked his new Cabinet Ministers to live up to the expectation of meeting the development needs of the people at a time of unprecedented demand for accountability from public officials. He noted that the people expect officials to act to serve the citizens' interests.

Additionally, the President lamented the slow pace of the country's transformation since independence, noting that public officials and citizens must redouble their efforts to improve people's living conditions.

Presiding over the swearing-in ceremony of his new Cabinet during his second term as President, the Gambian leader declared zero tolerance for corruption and poor service delivery in the public sector, pledging his government would implement the anti-corruption laws to the fullest.

*“Competence, timely delivery of service, and output must prevail over everything else in all Government institutions”.*

*President Barrow*

## President Barrow Welcomes New US Ambassador to The Gambia

President Adama Barrow on March 18th 2022, received the letters of credence of the newly appointed US Ambassador to The Gambia, Sharon L. Cromer, at the State House in Banjul.

The relations between The Gambia and the US have greatly improved since President Barrow took office in 2017, leading to US support and partnership in addressing the numerous challenges The Gambia faces post its dictatorship era.

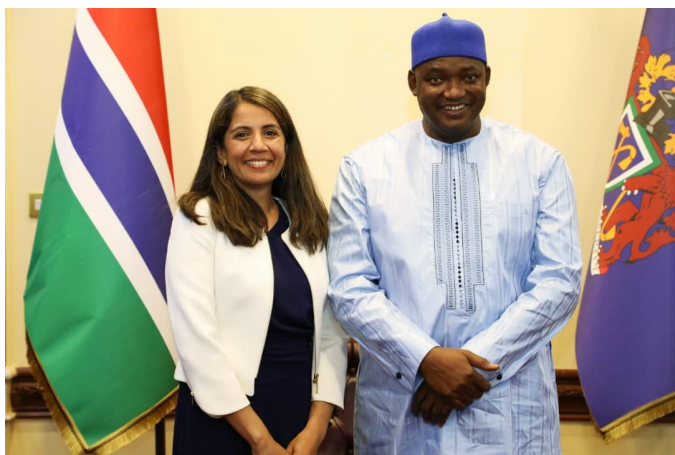
President Barrow emphasizes the need for continued cooperation between the two countries in capacity building and job creation in curbing the tide of irregular migration. He highlighted the positive impact of The Gambia's readmission into the US Millennium Challenge Corporation programme.

Ambassador, Cromer pledged to build on the partnership between The Gambia and the US.



*President Barrow with US Ambassador H.E Sharon L. Cromer*

## UK Human Rights Ambassador Hails Gambia's Successful Democratic Transition



*President Barrow with Ambassador French*

The British Ambassador for Human Rights Rita French has praised The Gambia's successful transition to democratic governance since 2017, saying the country is a beacon of hope for democracy in the sub-region and the world over.

Having had updates on the Human rights situation since her visit almost three years ago in 2019, Ambassador French lauded the Government's commitment to ensuring that the respect for the rights of the people and the promotion of democracy in The Gambia prevail in various sectors, including the civil society.

Parliamentary democracy in the country is another example of the successes registered in the country.

## Standard Chartered Bank Executives Brief H.E. Barrow on Bank's Exit Plan

Standard Chartered Bank officials on April 21st 2022, briefed President Barrow about the Bank's divestiture plans in The Gambia. The Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank West Africa Cluster, Mr Lamin Manjang, assured the President that none of their staff would lose their job and their benefits would continue unhindered.

Mr Manjang revealed that the transfer of ownership would come along with restructuring to absorb the existing team.

Standard Chartered Bank earlier in April announced plans to divest from seven countries including The Gambia – five in Africa and two in the Middle East. The process is expected to take between a year or two when potential investors are expected to step in and take over its assets and operations.



*President Barrow welcomes Standard Chartered Senior Management*

## Government Pledges to Strengthen Institutions

On 12th April, 2022, three High Court Judges, a Permanent Secretary and a member of the Human Rights Commission swore to uphold the oaths of office, allegiance and secrecy at the State House in Banjul.

President Barrow presided over the Swearing-in ceremony of Justice Sheriff B. Tabally, Justice Sidi K. Jorbateh and Justice Isatou Janneh Njie, Halimatou Dibba as a member of the Human Rights Commission and Mariama Njie as Permanent Secretary, assigned to the Office of the President.

Their appointments are in fulfilment of the Barrow Government's pledge to continue strengthening the judiciary and civil service.

*"I am optimistic that the appointment of these Judges will increase the prominent Gambian personalities committed to establishing and maintaining a legal system in which respect for the rule of law is guaranteed".*

### President Barrow



Halimatou Dibba with President Barrow



PS Mariama Njie with President Barrow



Justice Isatou Janneh Njie , Justice Sheriff B. Tabally, & Justice Sidi K. Jorbateh

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## President Barrow Received the Letters of Credence from the Libyan and Korean Ambassadors



*President Barrow with Ambassador Munsef*

President Barrow welcomed the Ambassador of the State of Libya to the Republic of The Gambia, H.E. Munsef Mohammed Haweel Naseeb.

While assuring the new diplomat of his Government's support and cooperation, President Barrow tasked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to work with the Ambassador to address the condition of Gambians in Libya.

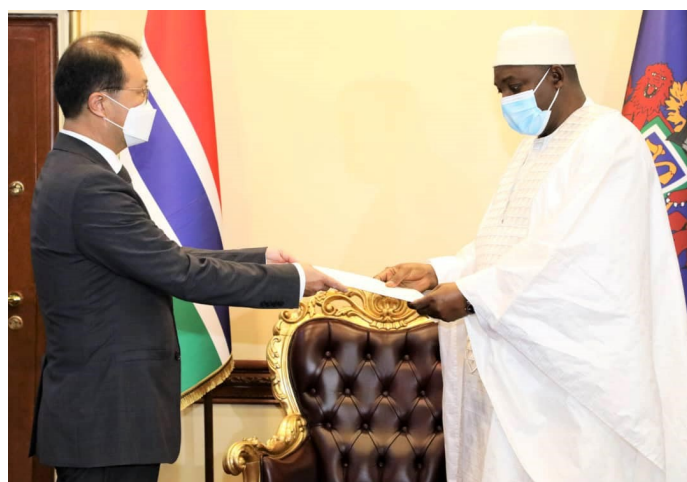
Ambassador Naseeb also extended a congratulatory message from the Libyan Leader to President Barrow on his re-election and pledged to cooperate on strengthening the longstanding diplomatic and bilateral relations spanning many years. The two countries have collaborated on many fronts for their people's economic and socio-cultural benefit.

The Republic of South Korea is one of the firm partners of the Gambia, especially in education and the country's transitional Justice Programme through the United Nations.

Korean Ambassador to The Gambia, His Excellency Kim Ji-Joon presenting his Letters of Credence to President Barrow, further validates the long-standing bilateral and multilateral relations between the two countries.

Joint exploration in Agriculture and trade sectors would enhance opportunities towards food security and job creation for Gambians, and would also strengthened the relationship between The Gambia and South Korea.

Relating to the commonalities between the two countries, Ambassador Ji-Joon expressed his country's readiness to work and further develop The Gambia's agriculture sector, for their mutual benefit.



*President Barrow with Ambassador Kim Ji-Joon*

## His Excellency President Adama Barrow Decorates the Outgoing Chinese Ambassador His Excellency Ma Jianchun with the Insignia of Grand Officer of the Order of The Republic of The Gambia (GORG)

### The Citation reads in part:

From 2018 to date, Ambassador Ma Jianchun has diligently represented his country and worked tirelessly to serve the interest of the Gambian people.

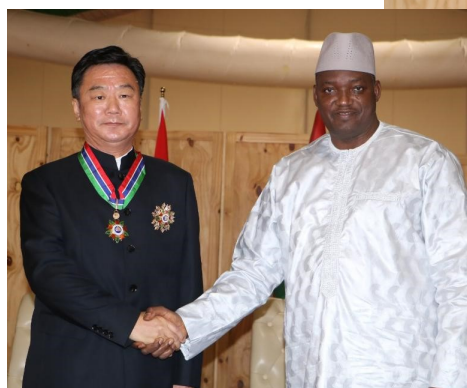
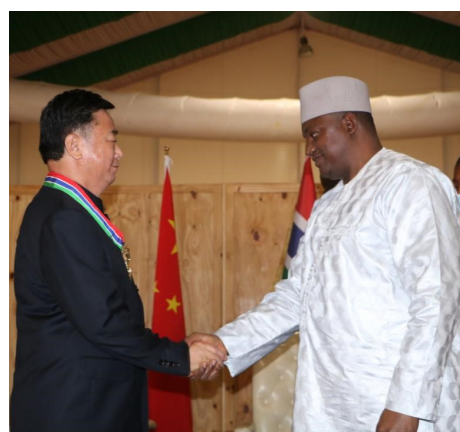
During his tenure, Ambassador Ma saw the completion of many Chinese landmark projects in The Gambia. In January 2020, Ambassador Ma successfully handed over the Sir Dawda Jawara International Conference Centre to the Government of The Gambia.

In furtherance of the Chinese Government's implementation of the China Aid Project on the construction of Bridges and Roads in the Upper River Region (URR) of The Gambia, His Excellency Ambassador Ma also formally handed over the two URR Bridges and Road to the Government of The Gambia in December 2021, following the successful completion of the project.

Ambassador Ma also facilitated the donation of a batch of security inspection equipment for the Banjul international Airport in 2021.

The insignia was conferred on him in recognition of his selfless and invaluable dedication to service as well as his stellar commitment in further strengthening the bonds of friendship and fruitful cooperation and partnership that already exist between the people's Republic of China and the Republic of The Gambia.

Ambassador Ma was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to The Gambia in 2018. In his four year tenure, Ambassador Ma oversaw the growth of relations between The Gambia and China.



Ambassador Ma Jianchun decorated with the GORG Honorary award by President Barrow

## President Barrow Congratulates Mayor Rohey Malick Lowe

President Adama Barrow welcomed Mayor Rohey Malick Lowe and her Refela team to the State House following her election as President of Refela Africa.

President Barrow congratulated Mayor Lowe and her team for raising the country's image at such a continental showpiece. He promised his government's full support to Mayor Lowe and her Refela project in the Gambia, noting that her success is equally the country's success.

Mayor Lowe thanked President Barrow for the support the government rendered to her and team. She acknowledged the invaluable input of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mamadou Tangara, in helping her team through canvassing process.

Mayor Lowe informed President Barrow about Refela's mission adding that the organization needs office space for its secretariat. She also thanked Hon. Fatou Kinteh, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare.





## The Gambia-DRC Seek New Frontiers in Bilateral Cooperation

President Adama Barrow broke new frontiers in diplomacy, being the first sitting Gambian President to visit the Democratic Republic of Congo-DRC.

H.E Félix-Antoine TSHISEKEDI TSHIOMBO welcomed President Barrow at the Palais de la Nation during a two-day official visit, demonstrating the commitment to developing and consolidating bilateral ties between their countries.

The possible areas of cooperation include tourism, trade, and energy. Enhancing diplomatic and business connections with the DRC is crucial, considering the significant presence of Gambians in the DRC.

Exploiting aviation transport could make the country an air hub for West and Central Africa.





## President Barrow Attends 16th Extraordinary AU Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



President Barrow with His Counterparts at the 16th AU Humanitarian Summit



President Barrow said food insecurity and malnutrition continue to hamper the continent's development. He made the remarks in a statement delivered at the Pledging Conference, during the Humanitarian Summit in Equatorial Guinea on 26th May 2022. On behalf of The Gambia, he pledged \$100,000 towards the African Humanitarian Agency, an AU initiative to address humanitarian and other disasters on the continent.

The President welcomed the initiative to collectively *“improving our humanitarian situation, which will continue to be potential channels to realising the ‘Africa We Want.’”*

President Barrow called on his fellow African leaders to *“work towards mitigating our*

*humanitarian challenges” by closing “the gap between humanitarian needs, intervention programmes, and funding.”*

Also, at the AU 16th Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government in Equatorial Guinea, President Adama Barrow reaffirmed his government's stance against the unconstitutional change of governments, saying it undermines peace and sustainable development.

First Lady, Madam Fatoumata Bah Barrow, who accompanied the President was also engaged with her colleagues to complement the continental development efforts.

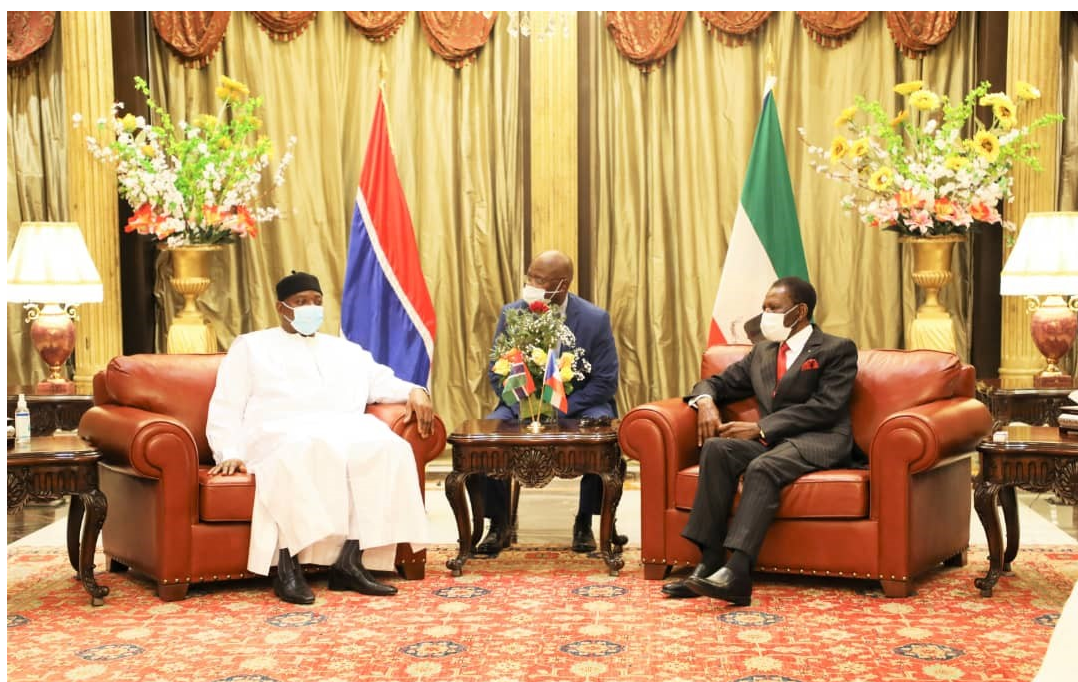
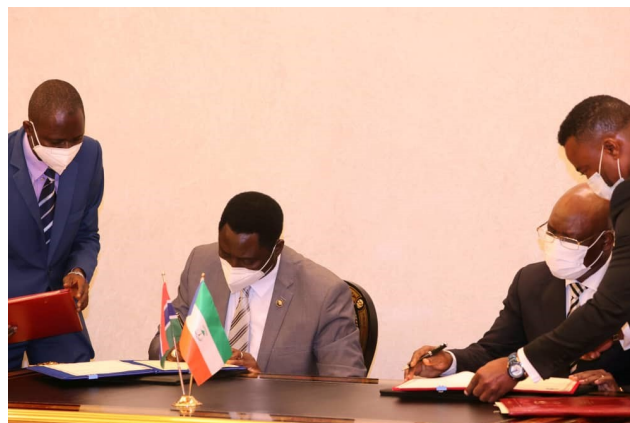
## Gambia - Equatorial Guinea Sign Accords to Build Diplomatic Ties

The Gambia and Equatorial Guinea on Sunday, 29th May 2022, signed four bilateral agreements to establish diplomatic and trade links between the two countries, during a ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Malabo.

The diplomatic engagement between President Adama Barrow and his counterpart H.E. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, affirmed that establishing relations between the two

countries would yield mutual benefits, particularly in agriculture. Equatorial Guinea consumes a lot of groundnuts, which it does not produce and can purchase from The Gambia and enhance intra-African trade.

The Gambia and Equatorial Guinea did not have relations for a long time, and it is a new beginning for the two countries to work together.



President Barrow with His host and Counterpart His Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo