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About

The Vice President of The Gambia - Mohammed B.S Jallow

Education

VP Jallow had his Primary and Higher teacher's certificates from the Gambia College in 1985 and 1988, respectively. In 1991, he earned his first Degree, BA Honours in Education, specialising in Mathematics, from the University of Bristol, UK. Four years later, in 1995 gained a Master's Degree in Education and specialised in Educational Planning and Statistics from the University of Bristol, UK.

Work Experience

Mohammed B.S Jallow started as an unqualified teacher in 1980. As a Primary School Teacher, he taught all subjects on the curriculum until 1988, when he specialised in teaching Mathematics and Science. By 1992, Jallow held the position of Education Planner/Statistician, got involved in the Collection, Collation and Analysis of Educational Statistics, and three years later became a Principal Planner.

Rising the administrative cadre, Mr Jallow became Director of the Information Technology and Human Resources at the Ministry of Education. Technical adviser to Senior Management on staffing, training and ICT issues in 1998 and five year on in 2003, he became the Director of Planning, Ministry of Education and technical adviser to Senior Management on staffing, training and ICT issues. Until he was appointed Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia, Mr Jallow was Deputy Executive Director at the Senegalo-Gambia Secretariat, responsible for The Gambia.

Mr Jallow's professionalism in project management and facilitation of Goal Oriented Project Planning and Strategic Choices in Education between 1997- 2007 earned him awards and recognition from the World Bank Washington DC, RIPA, UK and Brussels, Belgium.

Mr Jallow contributed to the design, implemented an Educational Management Information System (EMIS), and introduced a staff appraisal system. The project also developed a Geographical Information System which digitally represented all schools and related data to enable management to take more informed decisions on issues of school mapping.

He also held vital responsibilities and contributed to the EDUCATION FOR ALL (EFA) Campaign, annual reviews of education expenditures to establish whether resources match policy pronouncements. He also contributed significantly to the revised Education policy in 1995 and, subsequently, developed a master plan which spelt out the inputs and cost of all the strategies to implement the policy.

A team member that prepared the 2004 -2015 Education Policy Coordinated the 2016 - 2030 Education Policy development, the Mid-Term Plan 2008 to 2011, and the Education Sector Strategic Plan 2006 to 2015, amongst other works he did.

Working at the Office of the President as Permanent Secretary of Policy Coordination and Head of the Civil Service earned him experience managing, coordinating and monitoring the Civil Service and dealing with state-owned enterprises.

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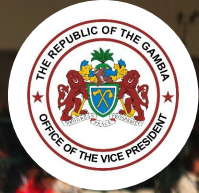
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Vice President Jallow Delivers Key Address at COP28 Heads of State Summit

The Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow attended the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - COP28 in Dubai. On December 2nd, 2023, the Vice President delivered a pivotal address at the Heads of State Summit.

COP is a series of United Nations climate change conferences where world leaders, negotiators, and stakeholders gather to discuss and collaborate on global efforts to address climate change. Each COP meeting plays a crucial role in advancing international climate agreements and strategies.

Commencing his statement, VP Jallow expressed gratitude to the United Arab Emirates on behalf of His Excellency Adama Barrow, President of The Republic of The Gambia, for the warm reception.

Highlighting the pervasive impact of climate change on a global scale, VP Jallow reiterated The Gambia's unwavering commitment to a sustainable future. He emphasized the nation's dedication to transitioning towards a low-carbon economy and promoting green energy and eco-friendly technologies.





GROUP PHOTO OF WORLD LEADERS AT COP28

Providing insights into The Gambia's proactive measures, the Vice President shared that the country updated its Nationally Determined Contribution in December 2021. Moreover, in compliance with the Paris Agreement, The Gambia submitted its Long-Term Climate-Neutral Development Strategy 2050 (LTS) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in September 2022.

“In addition, we are working on local adaptation measures that range from reinforcing flood mitigation infrastructure, to implementing climate-resilient agricultural practices, including the recently launched climate-smart agricultural projects, climate-resilient fisheries and adaptive capacity strengthening of our rural populations, through climate-resilient and diversified livelihoods,” the Vice President highlighted, adding, “these actions are vital for safeguarding our people and ecosystems”.





Secretary to Cabinet (left), Gambian Ambassador to UAE (middle), DPS Techncial, OVP (right)

However, the Vice President noted that despite these local efforts, financial constraints pose a significant hurdle to comprehensive action. He urged developed nations to fulfil commitments and increase support for vulnerable nations grappling with the impact of climate change.

In conclusion, VP Jallow emphasized the role of education and awareness in fostering a collective response to climate challenges. He urged active participation, stating, "We must educate our citizens about climate change, foster a sense of stewardship, and inspire them to participate actively in our efforts to transition and adapt."





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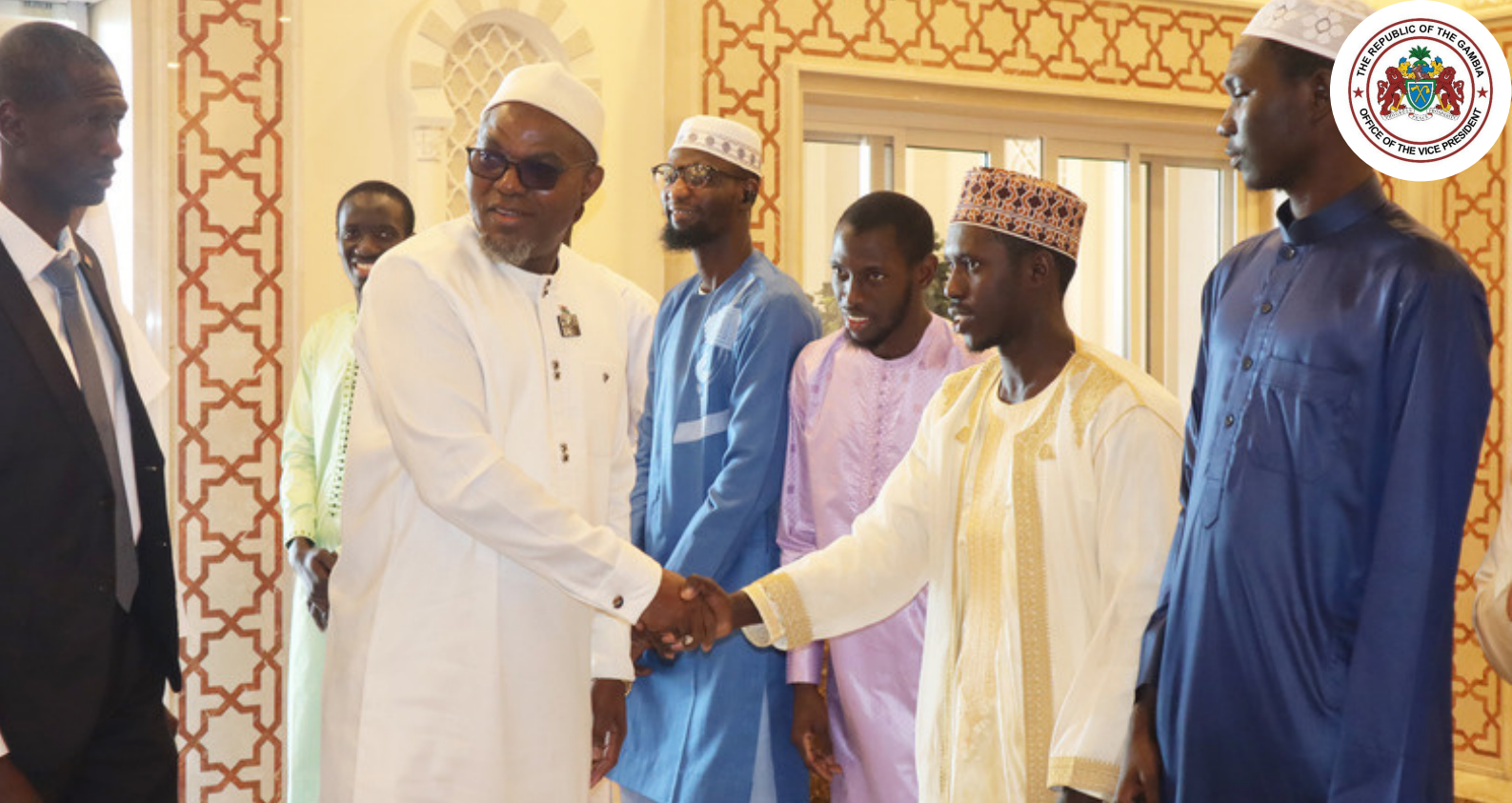


An esteemed moment.
The Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow with the President of COP28 Dr. Sultan Al-Jaber & UN Secretary General, António Guterres. Together, The Gambia is forging paths towards a sustainable future.



Vice President Jallow (left) with the Hon. Minister of Environment (right)





Vice President Jallow Visits Gambian Students at Al Qasimia University, UAE

On December, 4th, 2023, the Vice President of The Gambia paid a special visit to Gambian students pursuing their education at Al Qasimia University in Sharjah, UAE. He was accompanied by the Gambian Ambassador to the UAE, H.E Fafa Sanyang, Secretary to Cabinet Mr. Alieu Njie, and Deputy Permanent Secretary (Technical), Office of the Vice President, Mr. Saikou Trawally.

With over forty Gambian students currently benefiting from full scholarships at the University, the Vice President engaged with them, inquiring about their general well-being and living conditions. The students expressed gratitude for the visit, acknowledging Vice President Jallow for taking time from his busy schedule and COP28 engagements to meet them.

VP Jallow shared an encouraging message: "Continue to learn, uphold discipline, and represent your country well. Our doors are always open whenever you need our assistance."

The Gambian Student Union President at Al Qasimia University expressed their sentiments: "We feel the love and care the Vice President has for the people of The Gambia, especially us students. Thank you."





VP Jallow Attends 2022 Prince Talal International Prize Ceremony



During his time in Dubai, UAE, His Excellency The Vice President of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow was invited as a Special Guest by His Royal Highness, Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Talal Bin Aziz Al Saud, at the 2022 Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development Award Ceremony in Dubai, UAE.

The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development aims to:

- Support the distinguished efforts aiming at the promotion and enhancement of human development concepts.
- Disseminate the successful project experiences.
- Highlight the best practices, which aim to improve the living conditions of the poor and disadvantaged with particular emphasis on women and children.
- Enhance the exchange of experiences and develop better mechanisms to find solutions to the problems of poverty, marginalisation and socioeconomic exclusion of vulnerable groups.





VP Jallow Opens Tendaco Football Arena & Academy

On Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2023, H.E Mohammed B.S Jallow, the Vice President of The Gambia officially opened the Tendaco Football Arena and Academy in Farato. The event marked a significant milestone for the community, showcasing a commitment to sports development and youth empowerment.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Omar Jallow, the dynamic CEO of Tendaco Football Arena and Academy, expressed gratitude to Vice President Jallow and his wife for their presence at the inauguration. He emphasized the sports centre's primary mission – to contribute to the community by nurturing local football talents and providing opportunities for the youth. Additionally, Mr. Omar Jallow holds the position of CEO at Tendaco Medical Clinic, also located in Farato.





CEO of TENDACO FOOTBALL CENTRE, OMAR CHAM



Vice President Jallow lauded Omar Jallow and his team for their commendable initiative. In his speech, he remarked, "It is very refreshing to have something like this. Omar is an example for all youth in this country," highlighting the significance of determination and foresight in achieving success.

The ceremony proceeded with VP Jallow inaugurating a friendly football match between the Tendaco staff and young CEOs from various organizations. The match symbolized the spirit of collaboration and community engagement fostered by the newly established Tendaco Football Arena and Academy.



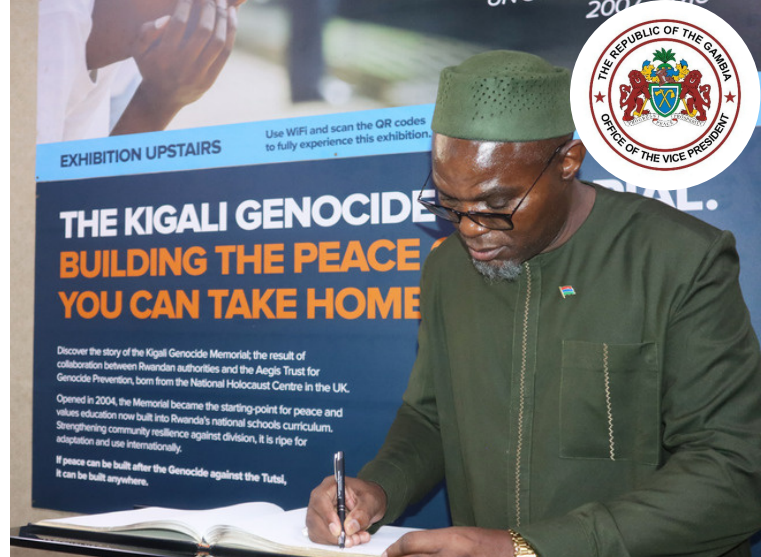


Diplomatic Endeavors in Education: The Gambia's VP Visits Rwanda

In a significant diplomatic overture, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow, the Vice President of The Gambia, responded to an official invitation extended by the Rwanda Cooperation Agency. Embarking on a transformative three-day mission from November 28th to 30th, 2023, VP Jallow led a distinguished delegation comprising Mr. Ebrima Sisawo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education (MoBSE), Mr. Alpha Bah, Director of Standard and Quality Assurance (MoBSE), Mr. Ousainou Ngum, International Consultant for NewGlobe, Mr. Sulayman Cham, Consultant, and other esteemed members.

The primary focus of this visit was an immersion in the RwandaEQUIP Educational Transformation program—an innovative collaboration between the Rwandan government and NewGlobe as technical partners. The delegation sought inspiration from this initiative to replicate its success in The Gambia through the proposed GambiaTOPS, aspiring to elevate all public schools to meet global standards.





VP Jallow's Exploratory Agenda Unfolds in Rwanda

Under the guidance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rwanda Cooperation and NewGlobe, Vice President Jallow embarked on an insightful exploration of the Kigali Genocide Memorial, gaining profound insights into Rwanda's historical fabric.

Subsequently, VP Jallow engaged in a constructive meeting with Rwanda's Prime Minister, Dr. Edouard Ngirente. Discussions traversed the government's action coordination, oversight of national forums, national development plans, and performance contract monitoring across sectors and districts.

Day two of Vice President Jallow's visit to Rwanda unfolded with a strategic meeting at the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Rwanda. Hon. Twagirayezu Gaspard, Minister of Education, warmly welcomed the delegation, fostering a comprehensive understanding of Rwanda's education system from foundational to higher learning.

A pivotal moment ensued at Kacyiru Primary School, where VP Jallow and the delegation witnessed the impactful RwandaEQUIP Educational Transformation program in action. This collaboration between the Rwandan government and NewGlobe serves as a beacon for the proposed GambiaTOPS initiative, aimed at elevating public schools in The Gambia to international standards.

The day culminated in a productive meeting with Jay Kimmelman, Co-Founder and CEO of NewGlobe, where he presented the proposed GambiaTOPS for enhanced learning. VP Jallow expressed admiration for Rwanda's education model, recognizing it as a commendable benchmark for emulation.

As the visit concludes, the collaborative efforts between The Gambia and Rwanda in the field of education stand poised to yield transformative outcomes, fostering a shared commitment to educational excellence.





HONOURING SACRIFICE

Remembrance Day Parade, 2023

On November 12th, the Vice President of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow, led a distinguished assembly at McCarthy Square, Banjul, for the Remembrance Day Parade, 2023. He was joined by ex-servicemen, security personnel, cabinet ministers, diplomatic & consular corps to pay solemn tribute to veterans of World War I & II.

In a poignant moment of unity, the gathering observed a reverent two-minute silence,

a symbol of respect for the gallant men and women who shaped history through their bravery.

Their legacy is our shared responsibility, a commitment to remember and honour the sacrifices that paved the way for peace. Let us stand together in remembrance, acknowledging the profound impact of those who selflessly served.

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARADE





LAYING OF WREATHS

During the Remembrance Day Parade, the Vice President of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow, and officials such as the;

- Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly,
- Hon. Minister of Defence,
- Chairman of Gambia Legion,
- Chief of Defence Staff Gambia Armed Forces,
- Inspector General of Police,
- Commander Gambia National Army,
- Commander Gambia Navy,
- Commander Republican National Guards,
- Banjul City Council,
- H.E The British High Commissioner,
- Dean of the Diplomatic & Consular Corps,
- Representative of The Gambia Maritime Administration,
- Boys Scout Association,
- Girls Guides Association,
- The Red Cross Society,
- Director National Centre for Arts and Culture
- Chairman War Veteran Association,



All paid tribute by laying wreaths in honour of those who served in World Wars I & II.



ECOWAS Social Protection Meeting Kicks Off in The Gambia: VP Jallow Advocates Regional Unity to Combat Poverty and Inequality



On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, The Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow, delivered the welcoming address at the ECOWAS Meeting of Experts and Ministers of Social Protection held at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre in Bijilo.

During his speech, the Vice President stressed the significance of adopting a regional approach to social protection, aligning with the principles of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. He urged experts to focus on the commitment to harmonized policies, referencing the 2018 Social Protection Framework draft and highlighting the impact of the pandemic on the need for refined strategies. The Vice President also emphasized the global disparities in social protection coverage, underscoring the imperative of intensified efforts to address poverty and inequality within the sub-region.





Reaffirming The Gambia's dedication to international human rights declarations, the Vice President outlined the National Social Protection Policy and the newly formulated National Development Plan, emphasizing social protection as a key priority. Furthermore, VP Jallow expressed gratitude to partners, including the International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank, and civil society organizations, and called for collective action to ensure the inclusivity of the framework.

"I remind you of our commitment and target priority group for social protection in line with Pillar 5 of the ECOWAS Vision 2050. This Pillar emphasizes the need to focus on vulnerable groups to ensure social inclusion and achieve sustainable development. Hence, Member States shall ensure that the Framework applies to all citizens and non-citizens, including certain migrant groups. In line with AU Protocols, social protection in the region and ensuring that no one is left behind," the Vice President concludes.

In delivering the goodwill message, UNICEF representative in The Gambia, Ms. Mariavittoria Ballotta, underscored the urgency of expanding the reach of social protection. She emphasized the abundance of positive evidence on social protection programs.

Over the next days, experts worked on the existing draft of the Social Protection Framework, serving as a key starting point for member states and partners to intensify efforts and investments in social protection to reduce poverty and inequality in the sub-region.





ECOWAS Social Protection Framework & Operational Plan Finalized

Friday, 24th November, 2023 marked the end of the ECOWAS Meeting of Social Protection Experts and Ministers. Over the course of the 4-day workshop, experts diligently refined the existing draft of the Social Protection Framework. This document serves as a crucial foundation for member states and partners to enhance their commitment and investments in social protection, aiming to mitigate poverty and inequality in the sub-region.

In his closing statement, Vice President Jallow conveyed sincere gratitude on behalf of President Adama Barrow for the trust and confidence placed in The Gambia to host this pivotal meeting. The Vice President also extended appreciation to the experts for their vital contributions to the framework and operational plan.

"Leaving no one behind, let us change the narrative of social protection," the Vice President emphasized, underscoring the collective commitment to inclusivity and transformation in this critical domain.





VP JALLOW UNVEILS GOVERNMENT'S AMBITIOUS SOCIAL PROTECTION PLAN AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Monday, November 06th 2023, the International Social Protection Conference opened with a resounding commitment from Vice President Mohammed B.S Jallow, representing President Adama Barrow, to address social protection challenges in The Gambia.

The conference, held at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center, brought together leaders, policymakers, and experts to tackle crucial issues related to social welfare and development. Vice President Jallow underscored the government's commitment to addressing these challenges, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a profound impact on vulnerable populations and economic stability.

Furthermore, Vice President Jallow made a groundbreaking announcement during his speech, unveiling the government's ambitious long-term plan to establish a comprehensive social protection system by 2035. This forward-looking initiative aligns with both domestic and international commitments, signalling The Gambia's dedication to improving the well-being of its citizens.



The key pillars of The Gambia's Social Protection system, as highlighted during the conference, include: safeguarding the welfare of the poorest, protecting against shocks, promoting livelihoods, reducing social risks, and strengthening governance.

The theme of the conference, "Accelerating Social Protection Financing to Increase Coverage and Reach," reflects the government's commitment to expanding social protection in line with international commitments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948.

Mrs. Cordu L. Jabang-Senghore, the Permanent Secretary of the Office of The Vice President of The Gambia, delivered a warm welcome to all participants at the opening of this three-day international conference. Delegates from Kenya, Ghana, Belgium, as well as online participants from Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States, gathered to exchange knowledge and experiences on the conference theme and other critical social protection policy matters.

This conference served as a vital platform for dialogue and the sharing of insights related to the pathway and vision of social protection, not only in The Gambia but also on a global scale. It also provided an opportunity for the government to report on the progress and challenges faced in implementing the National Social Protection Policy (2015 – 2025).

The event was further distinguished by the presence of Her Excellency Madam Fatoumatta Bah-Barrow, the First Lady of The Gambia. Additionally, powerful statements were delivered by



the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, the United Nations Resident Coordinator for The Gambia, and the European Union Representative.

In line with The Gambia Government's aspirations and the Social Protection Implementation Plan, the government continues to prioritize access to education, access to healthcare for all, provide agricultural input support to farmers, offer social welfare services, and promote gender empowerment, among other vital initiatives.

The government expressed its gratitude to its partners, including the World Bank, European Union in The Gambia, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), U.S. Embassy Banjul, The Gambia, United Nations National Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for their unwavering commitment to social security.

The International Social Protection Conference has set a robust foundation for discussions and collaboration, highlighting The Gambia's dedication to enhancing the lives of its citizens through comprehensive social protection and development initiatives.





GAMBIAN VICE PRESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS CLIMATE PRIORITIES AT PRE-COP WORKSHOP

In a significant step towards climate action, the Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S. Jallow, attended the Pre-COP workshop on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at the Bakadaji Hotel.

The workshop, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources, marked a crucial milestone in The Gambia's preparations for its participation in the upcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, known as COP28, scheduled to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from November 30 to December 12, 2023.





During the workshop, Vice President Jallow emphasized the importance of addressing the pressing climate challenges of our time, fostering collaboration, and ensuring social equity and representation as top priorities in The Gambia's plan for COP28.

He also expressed his gratitude towards the Honourable Minister of Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources, Rohey John-Manjang and her team, for their exceptional efforts in securing a pavilion and office space for The Gambia at this year's climate summit,

generously provided by the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

This achievement is a historic milestone for The Gambia's participation in climate summits, and it is expected to significantly enhance the country's visibility by showcasing its accomplishments in the fight against climate change and hosting side events to highlight its achievements.

Vice President Jallow took a moment to acknowledge the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for sponsoring the event and emphasized the importance of their continued collaboration and partnership.

The Honourable Minister of Environment delivered welcoming remarks during the workshop, underlining the significance of the event as The Gambia prepares to participate in COP28. She stressed the importance of participants understanding the conference's significance, the government's priority areas, and bilateral opportunities available, making the Pre-COP workshop a crucial stepping stone in their preparation.

The Pre-COP workshop provided a valuable platform for participants to delve into climate change issues in The Gambia, understand COP processes, including negotiations, bilateral meetings, and side events, among other critical aspects.

The Gambia is gearing up to make a substantial impact at COP28 in Dubai, focusing on collaborative efforts, climate action, and showcasing its achievements in the global fight against climate change.





ARINWA Senior Officials Discuss Asset Recovery Initiatives with Vice President Jallow

Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 - Senior officials from the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for West Africa (ARINWA) paid a courtesy visit to the Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow at the State House in Banjul.

The delegation, accompanied by Mr. Lamin J. Gassama, Director of Intelligence and International Cooperation, Drug Law Enforcement Agency engaged in fruitful discussions concerning ARINWA's activities and initiatives. ARINWA is an informal network for information exchange on asset recovery, confiscation and money laundering in West Africa.

During the meeting, representatives advocated for the establishment of an asset recovery agency in The Gambia. In response, the Vice President affirmed The Gambia Government's support, highlighting President Adama Barrow's active leadership in realizing this objective.



Chief of General Staff of The Senegalese Armed Forces Pays Courtesy Call on VP Jallow

State House, Banjul - Lieutenant General Mbaye Cissé, the Chief of General Staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces together with his team on Wednesday, November 22nd 2023, paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency the Vice President of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow. The meeting was attended by The Gambia's Minister of Defence, Hon. Sering Modou Njie, and Chief of Defence Staff of The Gambia Armed Forces, Major General Mamat O. Cham.

The purpose of Lieutenant General Cissé's visit was to extend respects to Vice President Jallow and convey well-wishes. Meaningful discussions were made related to the collaboration between the military forces of both nations to address common security challenges effectively.





The meeting underscored the commitment of The Gambia and Senegal to fostering a relationship that goes beyond geographical proximity. Lieutenant General Cissé expressed optimism about the positive outcomes of the discussions and the potential for enhanced collaboration in the future.

This high-level engagement reflects the ongoing efforts of both countries to strengthen regional partnerships and promote peace and security in the West African sub-region.





UN's Seraphine Wakana Bids Farewell to The Gambia with a Sense of Satisfaction, Applauds VP Jallow's Leadership in Key Domains

On November 22nd, 2023, the outgoing UN Resident Coordinator in The Gambia, Ms. Seraphine Wakana, bid farewell to the Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S. Jallow at his office in State House. During their meeting, they engaged in fruitful discussions concerning the UN's initiatives in The Gambia. Ms. Wakana shared that she is "leaving the Gambia, with a sense of satisfaction".

In acknowledging Vice President Jallow's vital support throughout her tenure, Ms. Wakana extended her gratitude. She specifically highlighted the Vice President's guidance and leadership in critical areas such as social protection, migration, and humanitarian and risk management issues.

"We are thankful for the advice he has been giving, and we appreciate his leadership in particular domains," she remarked.

This farewell meeting underscored the collaborative efforts between the UN and The Gambia, with Ms. Wakana leaving on a positive note, recognizing the support and leadership provided by Vice President Jallow in addressing crucial issues affecting the nation.





People's Republic of China Donates Vehicles to the Office of the Vice President in The Gambia

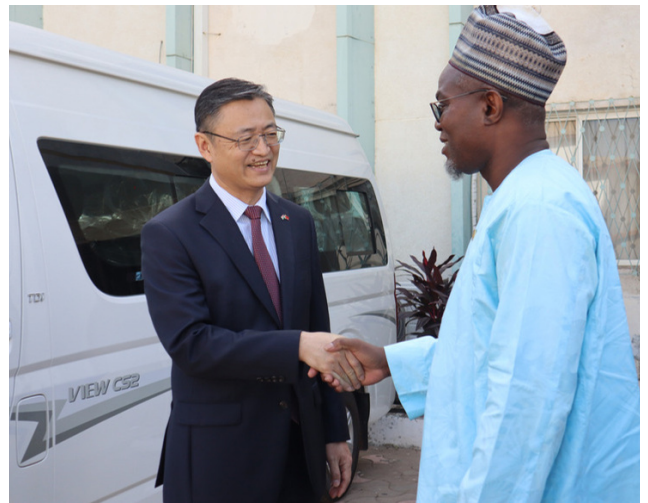
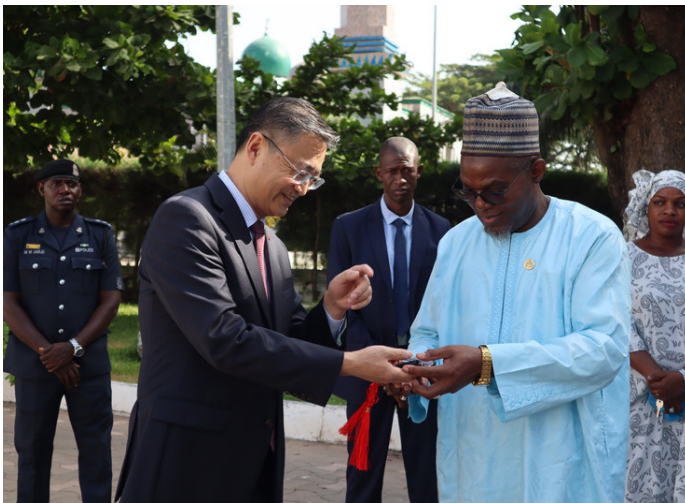
In a generous gesture strengthening diplomatic ties, the People's Republic of China has donated two vehicles to the Office of the Vice President in The Gambia. His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow, the Vice President of The Gambia, welcomed the Chinese Ambassador to The Gambia, His Excellency Liu Jin, and his delegation at the State House premises in Banjul for the official handover ceremony, held on Friday, 17th November, 2023.

The donated vehicles, a Chery Tiggo and Fonton View G9 Series Light Bus (14 Seater) were presented by H.E. Liu Jin as symbols of the continuing friendship between The People's Republic of China and The Gambia. The contribution is expected to enhance the mobility of the Office of the Vice President staff, further facilitating their crucial responsibilities.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the President of The Gambia, Vice President Jallow acknowledged the significant impact these vehicles will have on improving operational efficiency. He emphasized their importance in supporting the daily functions of the office and extended appreciation for The People's Republic of China's consistent support.

Furthermore, the Vice President highlighted the ongoing support provided by the People's Republic of China in various sectors, including infrastructure development, specifically mentioning their contributions to road and bridge constructions in the Upper River Region (URR).

The improved transportation and access resulting from these initiatives have positively impacted the nation. Vice President Jallow further commended the People's Republic of China for its commendable efforts in supporting The Gambia's agriculture and education sectors.



The donation ceremony marks another milestone in the bilateral relations between The Gambia and the People's Republic of China, showcasing the latter's commitment to supporting the former in its pursuit of national development.





VP Jallow receives Tostan Delegates

In a significant meeting on Tuesday, November 14th 2023, the Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow welcomed the esteemed delegation of Tostan's Board of Directors, Staff, and Partners at the State House in Banjul. The team were accompanied by the Governor of Central River Region (CRR), Hon. Ousman Bah, who highlighted the significance of Tostan's inaugural board meeting in The Gambia.

During the audience, the Tostan delegation, representing an African-based International NGO operating across five West African countries (Senegal, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, and Mali), expressed their profound delight at the opportunity to meet with the Vice President. The focal point of their discussion centred around Tostan's strategic plan for the years 2023 to 2030.

Carina Ndiaye, Chief Partnership Officer at Tostan, shared the organization's expectations, emphasizing their commitment to aligning their services with the priorities of the Gambian Government at both the national and community levels. Tostan's mission is to empower communities to develop and achieve their vision for the future and inspire large-scale movements leading to dignity for all.

The Vice President assured that the Government of The Gambia remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering its citizens, aligning with Tostan's vision for positive change and sustainable development.



ECOWAS Federation, Gambia Chapter, Representatives Extend Courtesy Call to Vice President Jallow at the State House, Banjul

In a noteworthy exchange, representatives from the ECOWAS Federation, Gambia Chapter, paid a courtesy call on the Vice President of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow at the State House on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023.

The meeting primarily centred around substantive discussions on Women Empowerment, addressing its crucial role in both national and international development initiatives. The visit was marked by a palpable spirit of collaboration and shared commitment to advancing gender equality and empowerment.

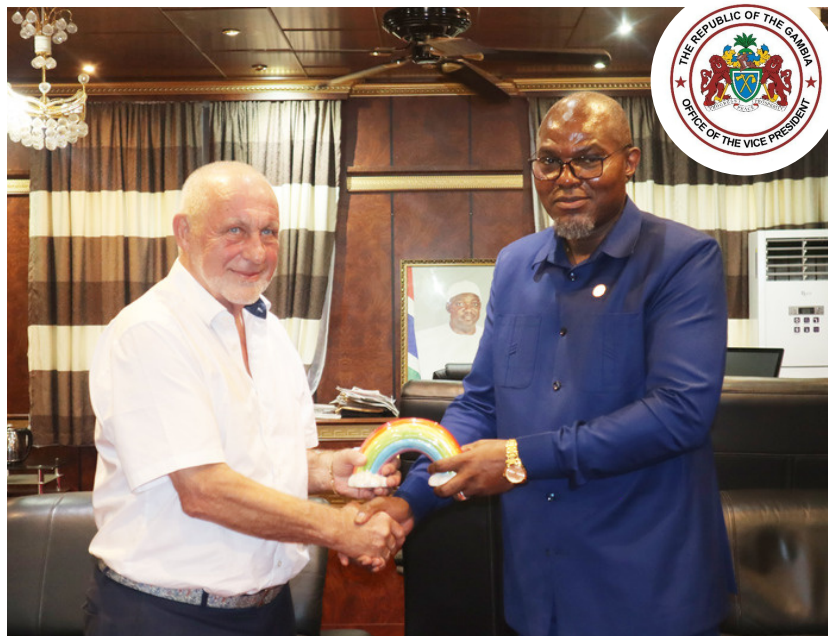
Ms. Ellen Johnson, the esteemed Secretary General of the ECOWAS Federation, Gambia Chapter, expressed her satisfaction in meeting Vice President Jallow. During the engagement, she articulated the purpose of their visit, which was twofold: to convey well wishes to the Vice President and to acquaint him with the ECOWAS Federation's mission, initiatives, and ongoing activities.



Describing the interaction as notably positive, Ms. Johnson underscored the importance of fostering partnerships and raising awareness about the ECOWAS Federation's impactful work. The Vice President reciprocated the sentiment, emphasizing the significance of collaboration between The Gambia and the ECOWAS Federation.

Vice President Jallow reassured the representatives of the full support of The Gambia Government in furthering Women Empowerment initiatives for the betterment of national development. The commitment reflects the government's recognition of the pivotal role women play in the socio-economic progress of the nation.





HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE RAINBOW FOUNDATION MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT JALLOW

On Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, the Vice President of The Gambia, His Excellency Mohammed B.S Jallow, welcomed a delegation of Senior Management personnel from Rainbow Foundation, an esteemed international charity organization based in the Netherlands. The purpose of the meeting was to engage in constructive discussions about advancing education and healthcare initiatives in the country.

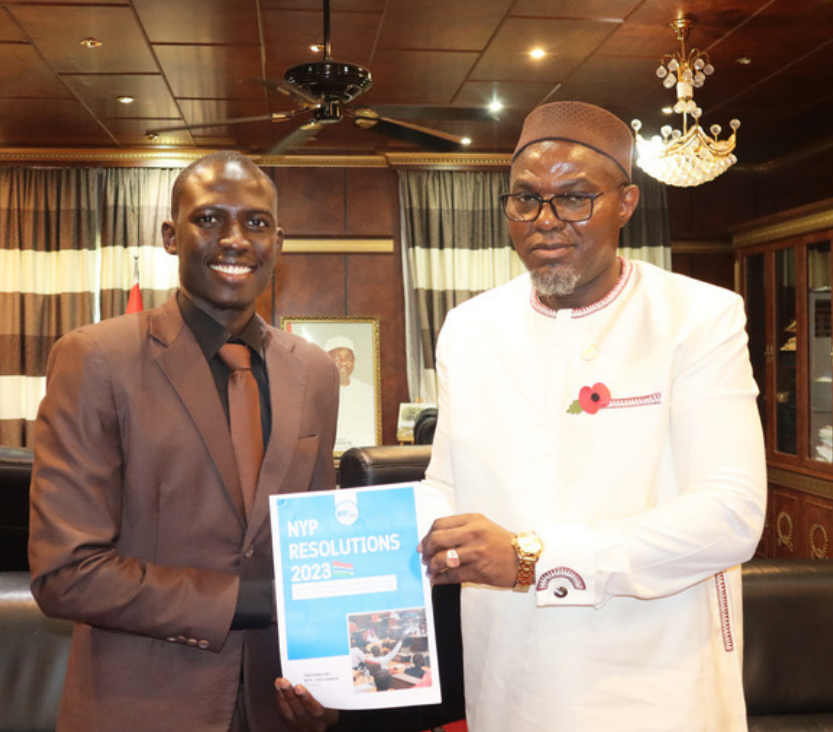
Mr. Wim Annen, Chairman of The Rainbow Foundation, expressed his pleasure to meet with Vice President Jallow. He conveyed the Foundation's commitment to the nation, stating, "The Gambia is our second homeland. Our foundation has a lot of volunteers, and we are actively involved in the construction of schools and hospitals."

During the meeting, Vice President Jallow underscored the importance of collaborative efforts between the government and philanthropic organizations like The Rainbow Foundation. He acknowledged the significant impact of the Foundation's projects on the nation's development, particularly in the crucial sectors of education and healthcare.

Furthermore, VP Jallow assured the Foundation of the continuous support from the Gambian government in fostering partnerships that contribute to the overall progress and welfare of the nation. The discussions concluded on a positive note, with both parties expressing their commitment to sustained collaboration for the betterment of The Gambia's socio-economic landscape.



NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBERS MEET VP JALLOW



State House, Banjul – On Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, The Vice President of The Gambia, H.E Mohammed B.S Jallow received members of the Gambia’s National Youth Parliament (NYP). Fruitful discussions were made on vital topics like irregular migration and youth empowerment. The delegation also officially presented the 17-point resolution of the National Youth Parliament, derived from its inaugural ordinary session this year.

Mr. Omar Champion Cham, Speaker of the NYP, expressed pleasure in meeting the Vice President. Similarly, Vice President Jallow emphasised the government's commitment to empowering the youth of The Gambia and assured that they will be actively involved in the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP).

The Gambia Government is committed to empowering the youth of the country by putting them at the forefront of National Development.





MEDICAL CAMPERS FROM AAKASH HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI PAY A COURTESY CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT JALLOW

On Monday, 06th November, 2023, a team of dedicated medical professionals from Aakash Healthcare Super Speciality Hospital in New Delhi, India, had the privilege of meeting His Excellency, The Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia, Mohammed B.S Jallow, at his office in State House.

Accompanied by Madam Aji Fatou Joof, First Secretary at the Gambian High Commission in New Delhi, this courtesy call marked a significant step towards strengthening the country's healthcare system. The team were hosted by the Fatoumatta Bah-Barrow Foundation.

Dr. Aashish Chaudhry, the Managing Director of Aakash Healthcare Super Speciality Hospital, expressed his delight at the warm welcome they received and shared the fantastic news that more than 400 patients have already benefited from their world-class healthcare services.

“This is our first visit to The Gambia and we’re very happy with the response. We pledge to come back for more extensive surgical camps,” Dr. Chaudhry promised.

Vice President Mohammed B.S Jallow affirmed the government's unwavering commitment to providing top-notch healthcare services to all citizens. This visit reflects the spirit of cooperation and goodwill that transcends borders.





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