

APPLICATION TO RENEW SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Application To Renew A Sister City Relationship*

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SISTER CITY

Name BOMET

Country KENYA

Population 875,689

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Please attach the following information:

Information about the sister city:

- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information

Information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- Number of members and their professional and business background
- Goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
- Current activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
- Methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
- Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program

***Note: Application for renewal of a sister city relationship must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee not less than 6 months before the expiration of the existing relationship.**

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The Sister Cities program at the Milwaukee City Hall grew out of the Sister Cities International, founded by Pres. Eisenhower in 1954 for the purpose of uniting ordinary citizens through 4 key areas: arts & culture; youth & education; business & trade; and community development & technical exchanges.

[Our Mission - Sister Cities International \(SCI\)](#)

What is Sister City?



A sister city, county, or state relationship is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries. A relationship is officially recognized after the highest elected or appointed official from both communities sign off on an agreement to become sister cities.

A city may have any number of sister cities, with community involvement ranging from a half dozen to hundreds of volunteers. In addition to volunteers, sister city organizations can include representatives from nonprofits, municipal governments, the private sector, and other civic organizations.

Each sister city organization is independent and pursues the activities and thematic areas that are important to them and their community including municipal, business, trade, educational, and cultural exchanges and projects with their sister city.

[What Is a Sister City? - Sister Cities International \(SCI\)](#)

Milwaukee's Sister City Initiative



Milwaukee is affiliated with Sister Cities International, a program with over fifty years of promoting people-to-people diplomacy. Bomet County, Kenya is our most recent Sister City, and joins the ranks of five other Sister City relationships Milwaukee is fostering. There may be many more to come as residents of the city, local officials and business people come to recognize the benefits of reaching out beyond our own borders as citizens of the world

Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City

Sister City Signing Ceremony with Bomet County, Kenya at City Hall, November 23, 2015. A special ceremony in the City Hall Council Chamber and Anteroom took place to mark the occasion of the beginning of a Sister City relationship with Bomet County. Hosted by Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., event highlights featured a document signing by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and His Excellency Honorable Isaac Ruto, Governor of the County of Bomet, as well as speeches, gift exchanges, and a reception afterward.

[Milwaukee's Sister Cities](#)

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccCouncil/2015-PDF/NewsReleases/District01/District02/02-KenyanSisterCitySigning.pdf>

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Bomet County, Kenya



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Information about the applicant organization:

Gotabгаа International Organization Inc, is as a 501(c)3 non profit organization registered in the state of Georgia, with chapters all around the USA including the State of Wisconsin. The overall organization has approximately over 900 registered members with over 50 in the state of Wisconsin and half (25) of them in the city of Milwaukee. David Mugun, a Sister City Relationship representative serves in the Oversight Council of Gotabгаа International. The organization has been active for 24 years having started as a group in 1993 and was then registered in 2000. The organization is led by a number of talented and selfless individuals including:

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Janet Rutto: Secretary General: (972)9465763 info@gotabgaainternational.org

Lillian Maswai: Board Treasure. (515)7205616 info@gotabgaainternational.org

Meet our National Leadership Team



Erick Kebenei

Board President



Jeannette Boit-Kania

Board Vice President



Janeth Ruto

Board Secretary General



Joe Sitienei

Board National Coordinator



Lillian Maswai

Board Treasurer

For mor information please click on the link https://www.gotabgaainternational.org/about_us.html

Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship

STEM Scholarship Program



Stem Scholarship and Mentorship Program for students from schools around Bomet is ongoing. More and more students continue to register for the program and we have ~50 students who have either graduated from high school and are at or getting ready to join the university. We cannot accommodate everyone due to limited resources. Currently there is one student at the University Majoring in Mechanical Engineering, three students in high school and one student already graduated from the University with a degree in Education.

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Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship Water Project



Water Project



Water project in the village of Sigowet in Bomet will server approximately 8,000 people once completed. The Challenge has been the high levels of chloride and funds are needed to complete the water filtration process.

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Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship Student Exchange Program



Through Sister City Relationship and the efforts of Kenyans in Milwaukee we were able to send two students: one from Marquette university and the other from University of Wisconsin) to Kenya on a cultural exchange program. Seen above visiting various villages and interacting with the locals.

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Tourism



Tourism is another sector that needs to be explored. In 2018, the students involved in cultural exchange had a chance to visit the famous tourist destination in Kenya-The Masai Mara and took these pictures of animals in their natural habitat. They enjoyed watching the The “Big Five”-a term that is used to refer to the 5 African animals that early big game hunters considered most difficult and dangerous animals to hunt on foot in Africa. These animals include the African elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, and rhinoceros. See the picture below.

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Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship Big 5 : Masai Mara Game Reserve



For many people, Kenya is East Africa in microcosm. The wildlife safaris have been the top tourist attractions in Kenya for decades while other activities include trekking Mount Kenya, ballooning over the Masai Mara and snorkeling in Malindi on the Indian Ocean coast.

Here is a taste of Top Tourist Attraction in Kenya:

<https://www.touropia.com/tourist-attractions-in-kenya>

<https://magicalkenya.com/>

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Agriculture Products

Agricultural products ready to be shipped to Milwaukee. Need the more information on how this can be done.



Avocado is one of the most demanded crops in both the local and international markets. In this, farmers are now embracing the high value crop as they ditch less profitable crops such as maize and beans. According to statistics by the International Trade Center, Kenya is the largest exporter of avocados in Africa as of 2017 exporting approximately 51,507 tonnes of the fruit to the international market. Kenya has over 40 varieties of avocado. Hass is the main export variety and is preferred due to higher fat content than other varieties which gives it a richer taste while Fuerte is preferred for processing. Hass avocado variety is on demand in the international markets such as UAE, UK, Russia and Spain with more than 70 per cent market share. (Source: FarmBizAfrica)

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November 19, 2015

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Kenyan Sister City Signing Ceremony at City Hall

A Sister City agreement between Milwaukee and the County of Bomet, Kenya will be signed during a special ceremony next week in the third floor **Council Chamber and Anteroom at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.** The ceremony will take place at **1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015** and will be hosted by **Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.** and will feature Milwaukee **Mayor Tom Barrett** and **His Excellency Honorable Isaac Ruto**, Governor of the County of Bomet.

Alderman Davis, chair of the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee, said the **Sister Cities International** agreement with Bomet, Kenya has been in the works for several months, and has strong local support and interest. "It is clear that this important agreement will most certainly be mutually beneficial for the citizens of Milwaukee and the citizens of Bomet, and I would like to thank Governor Isaac Ruto for his support and work to help bring the agreement together," he said.

"I would also like to thank the work of the Sister Cities Committee and the Pan-African Community Association/Bomet County Committee for all the work and effort that has led us to this important agreement of mutual of cooperation in the fields of business, culture, health care, education, tourism and other areas of interest to both cities for their overall progress," Alderman Davis said.

Milwaukee is officially affiliated with Sister Cities International, a program with more than 50 years of promoting people-to-people diplomacy. As a result, Milwaukee's city-to-city relationships, including former friendship cities and unofficial sister cities, are now moving forward. **Carora**, Venezuela, **Medan**, Indonesia, **Galway**, Ireland, **Morogoro**, Tanzania, **uMhlathuze**, South Africa and **Zadar**, Croatia are Milwaukee's current Sister Cities.

What: Sister City Signing Ceremony

When: 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2015

Where: Common Council Chamber & Anteroom