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Sister City Committee

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SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP - CITY OF MILWAUKEE & BOMET, KENYA

Further to our previous correspondence.

As you might be aware, following the promulgation of a new constitution in 2010, Kenya adopted an entirely new system of government – a devolved system with two levels of government; namely, national and 47 county governments. The old local government authorities (councils and municipalities) were scrapped and will be replaced by a new system as contemplated in Article 184 of Kenya's Constitution, which states inter alia as follows:

184. (1) National legislation shall provide for the governance and management of urban areas and cities and shall, in particular–

(a) establish criteria for classifying areas as urban areas and cities.

(b) establish the principles of governance and management of urban areas and cities; and

(c) provide for participation by residents in the governance of urban areas and cities.

See: <https://www.kenyaembassy.com/pdfs/The%20Constitution%20of%20Kenya.pdf>

To answer your question: Is Bomet the lowest level of government? The answer is Yes, at the moment. This is because counties have not established urban areas and cities as contemplated in the Constitution and the legislation (Act of Parliament) that is yet to come into operation.

It should be understood that Kenya is in a constitutional and legislative transition period after 50 years of the post-colonial constitution. Therefore, many processes and operations of government are in their formative stages. It is in this context that the BDT (Bomet Development Trust) should be viewed; the entity is grappling

with myriad teething problems typical of any such institution/entity. It is yet to have an extensive record of accomplishments comparable to similar entities that have been involved in the sister-city processes familiar with Milwaukee Sister City Committee.

NOTE: BDT website is under construction. The entity was only established last year. However, if I can be taken for my word, BDT is capable to handling the sister city relationship partnership.

The Trustees of Bomet Development Trust (BDT) are:

- David Mutai
- Emmy Chepkemoi
- Nancy Malel
- Bill Rutto

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Rutto", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Bill Rutto

AG. MANAGING TRUSTEE