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Between 2014 and September 2022, Ruth Kagia served as the Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya. In this role, she led the management of the president's flagship and international development cooperation programs and engagements.

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