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# Social Health Insurance Fund to cover students and families

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**BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH(KNA)**  
The Government has assured parents that their school-going children will be fully insured under the new Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), which is scheduled to replace the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).  
Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary, Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki, stated that the Primary Healthcare Fund under the new scheme will cover learners alongside their households.  
Since 2018, learners have enjoyed insurance coverage through EduAfya, introduced following a directive from former President Uhuru Kenyatta, to

cater to learners in public secondary schools across the country, facilitated by the Ministry of Education.  
Speaking at St. Bakhita Kiburia Girls in Kianyaga, Kirinyaga County, during a prize-giving day, Ms. Muriuki urged parents to duly register their households when the program launches to ensure that no adult or child is denied healthcare services due to a lack of funds.  
Regarding education, Muriuki emphasized that the parents' role is crucial, as they are close confidants to their children, beyond just paying the requisite school fees. She encouraged



Public Health PS Muthoni Muriuki joins in a dance by students of St. Bakhita Kiburia Girls, Kirinyaga county.

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# Ministry of Labour unveils 300,000 overseas employment opportunities for jobless youths



Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Labour and Skills Development at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, during a press briefing after tree planting exercise at Taita Taveta University grounds.

**BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA(KNA)**  
The national government, through the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, has unveiled 300,000 job opportunities abroad via the National Employment Authority Portal.  
Speaking during a tree planting event at Taita Taveta University, where over 5,000 tree seedlings were planted, Mr. Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, described the created job opportunities as a significant advance-

ment in Kenya's employment sector.  
Mwadime highlighted that the National Employment Authority portal currently hosts 300,000 job opportunities uploaded by private recruitment agencies, underscoring the ministry's commitment to transparent and accessible job postings.  
The PS encouraged Kenyans interested in establishing private recruitment agencies to seize this opportunity, emphasizing it as a promising avenue for creating employment opportunities abroad.  
He acknowledged the skepticism among the youth, who often dismiss overseas job offers as scams due to past encounters with fraudulent individuals.  
"There are numerous job opportunities emerging abroad, but when you try to advise a young person, they perceive these as scams. Many youths have been deceived by fraudsters and lost their money. This loss of confidence may explain their reluctance to pursue on-line job opportunities," said Mwadime.  
To counter this, Mwadime reiterated that

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**The Week In numbers**

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| <b>5,000</b> | Number of people who received relief assistance from the government following recent cross-border conflicts in Sololo, Marsabit County   |
| <b>7,000</b> | Domestic workers that Kenya has trained monthly for the global market in the last five years, especially for the Gulf countries  |
| <b>800</b>   | Widows who attended the launch of the Nyeri County Widows Sacco officiated by the spouse of the Deputy President, Dorcas Gachagua  |
| <b>700</b>   | Delegates from across Africa attending a climate change forum in Nairobi themed "African Solutions for Nature and People: Creating Transformative Responses to Climate Crisis" |

# Ministry of Labour unveils 300,000 overseas employment opportunities

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the government has taken stringent measures to ensure that labour migration is organized and secure by ensuring a thorough vetting process of private recruitment agencies, which he said has reduced the number from approximately 1,000 to about 500.

“This is what we are telling our young people, when you access the National Employment Authority website, you will see recruitment agencies marked with red. Leave them.

Their legal status is questionable. But the ones that are in black are okay.

You can apply through them and get the job abroad,” said the PS.

Mwadime stressed that the government’s strategy is not to encourage permanent migration but rather temporary employment

abroad.

He said that this approach aims to boost the domestic economy, as returning workers invest their earnings in local projects, benefiting sectors such as construction and small businesses.

“We want them to go for two or three years and bring back the money to their country. When they construct houses or start businesses, our children who have remained here will also benefit.

A Kenyan who is abroad and thinking of constructing a mansion or warehouse will hire a mason from here, use sand from here, and buy building stones from here.

**It is a deliberate strategy of sending our youths abroad. It’s like export. –Mwadime**

The money will circulate in our economy,” he added.

By sending youths abroad for two to three years, the PS stated that the initiative seeks to emulate traditional exports, such as tea and coffee, positioning the Kenyan workforce as a valuable economic asset.

“It is a deliberate strategy of sending our youths abroad. It’s like export.

The way we export tea and coffee, it’s how we are sending our youths, a major export. They go, look for money abroad, and bring it back to their home country,” he noted.

The Principal Secretary’s speech emphasized the government’s commitment to fostering organized labour migration, enhancing economic growth, and restoring confidence among the youth in pursuing legitimate job opportunities abroad.

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them to guide and communicate with their children in a language they understand best.

“To the parents and guardians, your role in this success cannot be overstated. Your encouragement, support, and involvement in your children’s education have been vital. You have created an environment that fosters learning and growth, ensuring that your children have every opportunity to succeed,” she said.

The Principal Secretary reaffirmed the government’s commitment to providing quality education, calling on all stakeholders and partners, including the church and the banking sector, to offer all the support they can.

“To members of the community, your support for these students is invaluable. Whether through partnerships, resources,



Public Health PS Muthoni Muriuki and Bishop James Wainaina inside a modern laboratory built by the Catholic Church at St. Bakhita Secondary School, Kirinyaga County.

or simply showing up to events like this, your involvement helps create a thriving educational ecosystem. Together we are building a brighter future for our young generation and consequently for our country, Kenya,” Muriuki noted.

“We must remain committed to providing our students with the best possible educational experiences. This means investing in our schools, supporting our teachers,

and creating an environment where every student can thrive. It means embracing innovation, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring that no student is left behind,” she added.

Murang’a Diocese Catholic Bishop James Wainaina, who was among the guests and sponsors of the school, congratulated the institution on their continuous good performance and encouraged them to do even better.



## HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD INVITATION TO TENDER RE-ADVERTISEMENT NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The Higher Education Loans Board is a state corporation whose mandate is to source for funds and provide loans, scholarships and bursaries to Kenyans studying in recognized institutions of higher learning.

HELB invites interested, reputable firms with experience for the submission of sealed tenders as follows:-

| Tender Number        | Tender Description   | Tender closing date                        | Eligibility |
|----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| HELB/OT/09/2023-2024 | Provision of Enterprise Unified Communication System, Licensing, Maintenance and Support on Opex Model (Contact Center as a service by the vendor) For a period of 3 Years (Renewable) | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 11.00am | Open        |
| HELB/OT/10/2023-2024 | Provision of Microsoft Licenses, Cloud Services, Advisory and Support  | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 11.00am | Open        |

Interested and eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the tender document at the Procurement office on 18<sup>th</sup> floor of Anniversary Towers, University Way, Nairobi, during normal working hours or view and download the respective **detailed tender advert** and **tender document** from our website [www.helb.co.ke/procurement/](http://www.helb.co.ke/procurement/) or <https://tenders.go.ke>. All bidders interested in participating in the tender must notify HELB of their participation in the tender by emailing their contact details to [procurement@helb.co.ke](mailto:procurement@helb.co.ke) in case of any further tender addendum.

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### RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION TO TENDER

Kisii National Polytechnic invites applications for tenders from interested and eligible contractors for the below tenders.

| TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER | TENDER DESCRIPTION  |
|-------------------------|---|
| KNP/T/CONST/01/7/2024   | PROPOSED ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF TWIN WORKSHOP, CLASSROOMS AND OFFICES BLOCK (2-STOREY) AT SUNA WEST TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGE – MIGORI COUNTY. |
| KNP/T/CONST/02/7/2024   | PROPOSED COMPLETION OF TWIN WORKSHOP AT SOUTH MUGIRANGO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGE – KISII COUNTY.  |

Interested and eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents.

A complete set of tender documents shall be downloaded from the Polytechnic website:

[www.kisiipoly.ac.ke](http://www.kisiipoly.ac.ke).

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain envelopes marked with the tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box at the administration block, at the reception and addressed to;

The Chief Principal  
Kisii National Polytechnic  
P.O BOX222-40200  
KISII

To be received on or before **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00 am.**



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# Government to digitize 80 per cent of public services through e-Citizen

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU(KNA)

The Government is set to digitize at least 80 percent of public services and make them available on the E-Citizen platform, a one-stop shop for these services.

The Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Eliud Owalo, stated that the government has already digitized 17,000 services, which are now accessible on the E-Citizen platform.

Speaking at the opening of the East African Communications Organization (EACO) 29th Annual Assemblies and Extraordinary Congress in Nairobi, the CS highlighted that the platform, combined with Internet connectivity and affordable devices, enables citizens to access these services seamlessly from anywhere.

“The digital transformation agenda must demonstrate its impact across various sectors of our economy. We have observed its ripple effects in our judiciary, where ac-



**Stakeholders in the Telecommunication Space at the 29th East African Communications Organization (EACO) Annual Assemblies and Extraordinary Congress in Nairobi. The meeting was officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Eliud Owalo**

cess to justice is now just a click away, and in our healthcare system, where collaboration among hospitals is enhancing the availability of quality care, even in remote areas of the country,” Owalo said.

He further explained that through the government’s Digital Transformation Agenda, the focus is on ensuring citizens have access to broadband

services, ICT devices, and the necessary skills to participate meaningfully in the digital economy.

The Kenyan Government, he explained, is on course to deploy 100,000km of fibre and establish 25,000 public WIFI hotspots and 1,450 ICT hubs across the country in the next five years.

“We see great opportunities for collaborating

with the private sector in this initiative, to position the country as a leader in the ICT space,” he said.

The CS added “I am proud to see over 10,000 kilometres of fibre laid so far, and over 2,000 WIFI hotspots deployed, with the government now exploring cost-effective and efficient ways, including emerging technologies, to deliver last-mile connec-

tivity across the country,” Owalo said.

The establishment of 1,450 ICT hubs and 25,000 WIFI hotspots, the CS noted, are geared towards creating digital marketplaces and boosting connectivity to traders and entrepreneurs, particularly the youth, to get gainful employment in the digital ecosystem.

“We have trained nearly 390,000 of our youths on digital skills in our ‘Jitume’ programme, and many more are earmarked going forward. Equally, we have created about 139,000 digital jobs so far,” Owalo said.

Dr. Sifundo Chief Moyo, Secretary General, Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) said the theme for the EACO Extraordinary Congress “Promoting digital transformation in the EAC region,” is coming at a time when digital transformation and innovation are at the center of all human activities across the world.

He added that operators in the fields of postal telecommunications and broadcasting need to gear themselves up to immerse themselves in the technologies and innovations that are erasing industrial boundaries and merging sectors at a rapid speed.

I am proud to see over 10,000 kilometres of fibre laid so far across the country-CS

The activities of all key stakeholders, he noted, must however focus and center on the consumer considering the potential excitement generated by digital services which can quickly be eroded by unpleasant experiences for consumers caused by cybersecurity threats, violations of privacy of personal information, and the other evils that technology brings.

Dr. Moyo said that the streamlined relationship between PAPU and EACO ensures harmonious complementarity and strategic alignment of the two institutions as they pursue a digitalization and innovation agenda in the East Africa region as well as the continental stage.

He also acknowledged Kenya’s President William Ruto for ensuring that the digitalization agenda is fully supported and embedded in the national development agenda and programs through dedicating a full ministry.



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## 1. NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC) invites sealed tenders and Job applications as detailed in the two tables below.

| S/N | TENDER NO          | TENDER DESCRIPTION  | CLOSING DATES AND TIME                 | ELIGIBILITY |
|-----|--------------------|---|--|-------------|
| 1   | KIMC/S/2/2024-2025 | Provision of staff medical insurance cover.- <b>Re-Advertised</b><br><br>Those who had applied earlier are eligible to bid/reapply. | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2.30 PM. | Open        |

## 2. VACANT POSITIONS/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| S/N | POST  | GRADE         | REFERENCE NO       | NO. OF POST | CLOSING DATE                           |
|-----|---|---------------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| 1   | Deputy Director (Finance and Administration). | KIMC GRADE 2  | KIMC/DD/HR/O6/2024 | 1           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 5.00 PM. |
| 2   | Electrical Technician III                     | KIMC GRADE 10 | KIMC/ET/HR/O6/2024 | 1           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 5.00 PM. |

1. Bidders are advised to download the detailed Tender document from the Institutes website: [www.kimc.ac.ke](http://www.kimc.ac.ke) or PPIP Portal; [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke).

2. Details of the vacant positions are in the website: [www.kimc.ac.ke](http://www.kimc.ac.ke)

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## The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council

### LICENSED MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS AND HEALTH FACILITIES 2024

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council is a body corporate established under Section 3 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (CAP 253) with the mandate to regulate the training and practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health within the Republic of Kenya. The Council is also mandated by CAP 253 to regulate health facilities within the country.

Section 22 (1) of the CAP 253 states that a person practicing as a medical or dental practitioner without being duly licensed commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Further, CAP 253 also states that a person who uses a premise as a health institution which premises is not licensed as a health institution commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten million shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Pursuant to this licensure requirement:

- KMPDC has published a list of all licensed medical, dental practitioners and health facilities in the country. The list can be accessed at:

- [http://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/Licensed\\_COHO.php](http://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/Licensed_COHO.php) for oral health officers
- <http://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/practitioners.php> for practitioners
- <http://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/LicensedForeignPractitioners.php> for foreign practitioners
- <http://kmpdc.go.ke/Registers/H-Facilities.php> for health facilities
- **Twitter: @KmpdcOfficial**
- **LinkedIn: Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council**

- The above list has been shared with the Social Health Authority (SHA) for consideration of empanelment.

Members of the public are advised to seek health services from practitioners and health facilities that are duly registered and licensed by KMPDC.

**DR DAVID G KARIUKI**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# NITA to train and certify 10,000 construction workers, says Labour CS

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Ms Florence Bore, has praised the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework as a key government initiative that will help address the country's rapid youth unemployment.

Ms. Bore highlighted that this initiative, recently put into operation, is among the government's priority interventions aimed at managing unemployment and promoting inclusive economic growth.

The CS emphasized that the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA), a Semi-Autonomous Gov-

ernment Agency under her ministry, is poised to play a critical role in training and awarding nationally recognized certificates to workers in both formal and informal sectors.

Ms. Bore made these remarks in a speech delivered on her behalf by Mr. Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, during

**It is our commitment to ensure every plumber, mason, received the necessary skills-CS**

the launch of NITA's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan at its Athi River campus.

She commended NITA for its ongoing efforts in assessing various trade areas, including masonry, electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, garment making, and textile production.

"The certification of skills promotes sustainable socioeconomic development through the creation of a skilled workforce that is employable, productive, entrepreneurial, and competitive," noted the CS. The CS revealed that the country targets to export at least one million adequately skilled workers annually, and looks forward to NITA's ability to deliver the



**National Industrial Training Authority Board Chairman Aden Noor Ali, the PS for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime and NITA Acting Director Ms Teresa Wasike during the launch of the Authority's Strategic Plan 2023-2028 at Athi River.**

ambitious target.

She praised NITA for playing a critical role in supporting the Government's affordable housing initiative by providing comprehensive training to construction workers.

"It is our commitment to ensure that every plumber, mason, carpen-

ter and welder involved in the affordable housing program received the necessary skills" said Ms Bore.

On his part, Mwadime said NITA is committed to training over 10,000 construction workers to not only enhance their expertise and productivity, but

also elevate the quality of the construction projects.

The PS challenged the Authority to actively develop and implement training programs for migrant workers including enhancing links between employers and training providers.

According to the PS, this will go a long way in opening up exciting opportunities for Kenyan workers to seek employment abroad "thereby boosting our foreign remittances and consequently enhancing the livelihoods of our people".

"To realize development priorities as a country, there has to be focused attention towards building human capital that will drive the industries through skills development," said Mwadime.

The launch was attended by NITA Chairman Aden Noor Ali, the Acting Director Ms. Teresa Wasike, representatives of COTU, FKE and other stakeholders.



## MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

### CALL FOR TENDER

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>PROJECT</b>     | <b>MOYALE BORDER POST UPGRADE PROJECT, COMESA EDF 11 - TRADE</b> |
| <b>ISSUED ON:</b>  | <b>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.</b>                        |
| <b>CLOSING ON:</b> | <b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, 11:00am EAT</b>           |

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya through the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; State Department for Trade intends to contract eligible bidders for the following Tender tabulated below for the Moyale one stop border Post in Kenya with the financial assistance from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Trade Facilitation Programme under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF).

| No. | Tender/Publication Reference No: | Tender Description   |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| 1.  | MITI/SDT/OSBP/OT/005/2023-2024   | Supply, Delivery and Installation, commissioning of 150kw Solar PV Systems at the Moyale OSBP. |

2. Bidders will be conducted through National Open tender procedure as specified in the EDF and COMESA guidelines. Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the State Department for Trade and inspect the bidding document during office hours Monday to Friday 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs.

4. The tender dossier is available for inspection at the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, State Department for Trade Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, Kenya. Also published on <https://tender.go.ke> and [www.trade.go.ke](http://www.trade.go.ke).

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below in person, registered and be place in the tender box at our offices on **17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Teleposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, Kenya**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted on or before **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 at 11:00hrs**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly open in the presence of bidders or their designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

6. Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee (bid bond) of 2% of the budget available for the contract for tenders.

7. The address referred to above is:

Postal address:

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE  
P.O BOX 30430-00100  
NAIROBI**



## TENDER NOTICE

National Housing Corporation (N.H.C) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

| Tender Number        | Tender Description  | Closing Date & Time                   |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| NHC/TECH/029/2023-24 | Sale of Repossessed Houses and Vacant Shops through Open Tender   | 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/023/2023-24 | Proposed Stoni Athi Housing Scheme Phase III Four Bedroom Maisonettes on Plot No. Mavoko Municipality Block 94/3 Machakos County. | 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/027/2023-24 | Proposed Residential Development at NHC Maralal Estate -Samburu County.   | 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/026/2023-24 | Proposed Re-Painting of NHC Changamwe Infill Estate Phase 1 - Mombasa County.   | 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/029/2023-24 | Proposed Repairs and Rehabilitation Works to National Housing Corporation (NHC) Building At Agha Khan Walk, Nairobi County.       | 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/020/2023-24 | Proposed Residential Development & Shops Phase 1 at NHC Siaya Housing Scheme (Reserved for AGPO ONLY).                            | 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/021/2023-24 | Proposed Boundary Wall, Guard House, Gates & Dustbin Cubicles at NHC Makande Estate - Mombasa.                                    | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |
| NHC/TECH/025/2023-24 | Proposed Excavation & Commissioning of 2No. Soak Pits & Storm Water Drain at NHC Bububu Housing Project Mombasa.                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11.00am |

Tender documents can be downloaded free of charge from N.H.C website [www.nhckeny.go.ke](http://www.nhckeny.go.ke) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke). Enquiries can be made via email address: [info@nhckeny.go.ke](mailto:info@nhckeny.go.ke).

Any addenda/additional information on the tenders will be posted on the N.H.C website.

Duly completed bid documents shall be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the "Tender Number" and "Tender Description" and addressed to:-

**MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
P. O. BOX 30257 - 00100,  
NAIROBI.**

And be deposited in the Tender Box located on Ground Floor of N.H.C house, so as to be received on or before **the above indicated dates** and shall be valid for a period of **150 days** after bid submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend in the Conference Room located on 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of N.H.C House. **Late bids will be rejected.**

Managing Director





## DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

National Housing Corporation (NHC) is a Statutory Body established by an Act of Parliament Cap 117 whose mandate is to implement Government Housing Policies and Programs.

The Corporation is seeking to recruit results driven and highly motivated individuals to fill the positions listed below:

| V/NO        | POST  | GRADE | NUMBER OF POSTS |
|-------------|---|-------|-----------------|
| NHC/51/2024 | General Manager – Research, Product Development & Capacity Building | 2     | 1               |
| NHC/52/2024 | Manager, Project Management   | 3     | 1               |
| NHC/53/2024 | Manager, Marketing  | 3     | 1               |
| NHC/54/2024 | Manager, Research and Innovation                                    | 3     | 1               |
| NHC/55/2024 | Assistant Manager, Interior Design                                  | 4     | 1               |
| NHC/56/2024 | Principal Construction Officer                                      | 5     | 1               |
| NHC/57/2024 | Principal Engineer (Civil/Structural)                               | 5     | 2               |
| NHC/58/2024 | Principal Quantity Surveyor   | 5     | 2               |
| NHC/59/2024 | Principal Interior Designer   | 5     | 1               |
| NHC/60/2024 | Principal Human Resource Management Officer                         | 5     | 1               |
| NHC/61/2024 | Principal Administration Officer                                    | 5     | 1               |
| NHC/62/2024 | Principal Estates Officer   | 5     | 4               |
| NHC/63/2024 | Principal Research Officer  | 5     | 1               |
| NHC/64/2024 | Senior Research Officer   | 6     | 1               |
| NHC/65/2024 | Senior Architect  | 6     | 2               |
| NHC/66/2024 | Senior Land Surveyor  | 6     | 1               |
| NHC/67/2024 | Principal Physical Planner  | 6     | 1               |
| NHC/68/2024 | Research Officer  | 7     | 1               |
| NHC/69/2024 | Quantity Surveyor   | 7     | 2               |
| NHC/70/2024 | Land Surveyor   | 7     | 1               |
| NHC/71/2024 | Engineer – Electrical   | 7     | 1               |
| NHC/72/2024 | Engineer – Mechanical   | 7     | 1               |
| NHC/73/2024 | Knowledge Management Officer  | 7     | 1               |
| NHC/74/2024 | Land Surveying Assistant  | 9     | 1               |
| NHC/75/2024 | Estates Assistants  | 9     | 6               |
| NHC/76/2024 | Quantity Surveying Assistant  | 9     | 1               |
| NHC/77/2024 | Drivers   | 11    | 6               |
| NHC/78/2024 | Senior Artisan  | 11    | 7               |
| NHC/79/2024 | Artisans  | 12    | 8               |

Detailed job descriptions, specifications and experiences for the above positions are posted on the Corporations website; [www.nhckkenya.go.ke/careers](http://www.nhckkenya.go.ke/careers) or [careers.nhckkenya.go.ke](http://careers.nhckkenya.go.ke)

### Terms of Service and Remuneration

- The appointment to positions in Grade 2 will be for a contractual period of five (5) years renewable once subject to satisfactory performance; positions in Grade 3 will be for a contractual period of five (5) years renewable subject to satisfactory performance while Grades 4 to 12 will be on permanent and pensionable basis.
- Successful candidates will be offered competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Corporations Salary Structure

The National Housing Corporation is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya – Article 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. **THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

Interested and qualified applicants are required to submit their applications ONLINE (No hard copy applications will be accepted) through the link provided in the Corporations website, [www.nhckkenya.go.ke](http://www.nhckkenya.go.ke) or [careers.nhckkenya.go.ke](http://careers.nhckkenya.go.ke)

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE CORPORATION ON OR BEFORE 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2024 LATEST 5.00 PM (EAST AFRICAN TIME).**

Applications without the relevant qualifications attached will not be considered. Any form of canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Managing Director /CEO



Ministry of Roads and Transport  
Department of Transport

## Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority is responsible for providing regulatory oversight, air navigation services and aviation training in Kenya. The Authority is seeking to recruit qualified Kenyan citizen to fill the following vacant position in its establishment:

| JOB TITLE  | REFERENCE NO.   | NO. OF POSITIONS |
|--|---|------------------|
| Director Aviation Safety and Security Regulation | REF: ASSR/PC/01/24  | 1                |
| Reports To                                       | Director General  |                  |
| Job Purpose                                      | Overall Management of Aviation Safety and Security Regulation Services. |                  |

### Job Description

#### Duties and responsibilities will entail:

- Developing/reviewing policies, procedures, standards and strategies for Aviation Safety and Security Regulation Operations;
- Interpreting and implementing Aviation Safety Standards and Regulations;
- Ensuring continuous quality, performance and surveillance on Aviation Safety and Security Regulation services;
- Incorporating appropriate safety standards and sound economic principles;
- Advising the Director- General on matters affecting aviation safety legislation and enforcement;
- Issuing Approvals, Authorizations, Certificates and Licenses for air operators and personnel.
- Preparing budget estimates and advising the management on manpower requirements;
- Initiating and participating in manpower development programs;
- Conducting continuous quality and performance surveillance on services provided;
- Preparing the Directorate's annual work plans and accompanying budget, and monitoring and evaluation of the performance of the Directorate;
- Facilitating performance management and overall development of staff in the Directorate; and
- Supervising, guiding, and training and development of staff in the Directorate.

#### a) Person Specifications

##### For appointment to this grade, an officer must have at least:

- A minimum of fifteen (15) years' work experience in Aviation field, five (5) of which must be in a senior management role.
- Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines: Commerce, Economics, Business Administration, Civil Aviation Management, Statistics, Mathematics or equivalent qualification from a recognized institution.
 

**OR**

Have an Airline transport License with ratings of large commercial aircraft in Group 1 and at least 5,000 hours flying experience or An Air Traffic Controller's License with 3 or more ratings, or Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's License in any of the following categories.

  - Category B1 (Category 'A' Aeroplanes and Category 'C' Engines); or
  - Category B2 (Category 'X' - Electrical, Instruments, Automatic Pilot and R-Radio); and /or
  - Category X-Compass Compensation and adjustment.
- Master's degree in any of the following disciplines: Commerce, Economics, Business Administration, Aviation Management, Statistics, Mathematics or equivalent qualification from a recognized institution; have advanced professional qualifications in the field of Civil Aviation from a recognized institution.
- have good knowledge of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and proven experience in developing National Aviation Regulations and Procedures.
- ICAO accreditation or certification in any oversight field (Flight Safety, Safety Management, Aerodromes and Security, Air navigation) will be an added advantage.
- Certificate in Management Course lasting not less than four (4) weeks from a recognized institution.
- Certificate in Leadership Course lasting not less than our (4) weeks from a recognized institution.
- Membership to a relevant professional body and in good standing.
- Have a clear understanding of the mandate of KCAA and the role of Aviation Safety and Regulation Function in realization of the same.
- Have demonstrated outstanding professional, managerial and leadership competence in aviation safety as reflected in work performance and results.
- Shown merit and ability as reflected in work performance and results.
- Proficiency in Computer Applications; and
- Fulfilled the provisions of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution.

#### Key Competencies and Skills

- Strong analytical skills;
- Communication skills;
- Strategic and innovative thinking;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Negotiation skills; and
- Leadership Skills;

Interested candidates are required to submit their application letters quoting the job reference No. on the envelope & application letter and attaching copies of certificates, testimonials and a detailed CV with full contact details of three professional referees to the address below. The applications should be received not later than **16<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Female candidates and persons with disabilities (PWDs) are encouraged to apply. Note, persons with disabilities are required to attach a copy of valid NCPWD membership card.

**The Director General  
Kenya Civil Aviation Authority  
Aviation House - JKIA  
P. O. Box 30163 – 00100  
NAIROBI**

Only shortlisted Candidates will be contacted.



# Deputy President's spouse pushes for wider access to mediation in inter-family succession disputes

BY WANGARI MWANGI AND SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

The Government is in the process of registering mediation institutions to expedite the resolution of succession matters involving widows and their families.

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, the spouse of the Deputy President, stated that the objective is to ensure that both widows and widowers can access the inheritance left by their kin and to reduce the time required to resolve succession disputes.

"We have developed a policy to register mediation institutions that will enable widows and widowers to access their inheritance more quickly and affordably. In the near future, we foresee a situation where mediation will not be confined to courts, as there will be many institutions, including churches, where individuals can seek justice more efficiently," said Pastor Rigathi.

Pastor Rigathi also urged men to adopt the practice



The spouse of the Deputy President, Pastor Dorcas Rigathi admires baskets woven by the Muungano Basket Weavers at the sidelines of the launch of the Nyeri County Widows Sacco.

of writing wills. She highlighted that many widows in the country are disadvantaged because their husbands did not leave a will specifying how their wealth should be distributed upon their death.

"Disenfranchisement of a woman starts when she gets married. When she is supposed to be empowered, she finds that everything is centred on

her husband in terms of economic base and leadership. So if a man doesn't care to leave a will, many widows and her

**I believe economic empowerment is a gateway to breaking social barriers - Rigathi**

children are left to suffer and struggle," she said.

Pastor Rigathi was speaking in Nyeri during the launch of the Nyeri County Widows Sacco. In her remarks, she termed the launch of the sacco as a huge milestone which will not only empower widows economically but also address gender equality and inclusion issues in the county.

"I believe economic empowerment is a gateway through which all economic, social and cultural barriers can be broken. Through empowerment of widows, they will now be able to make independent decisions and overcome these challenges," she said.

According to the Kenya Population and Housing Census 2019, out of the county's population of 759,164, a total of 65,288 of the residents are widows. The County's Gender, Youth and Social Services County Executive Committee said that in the run-up to the launch, her department had registered a total of 91 registered widow groups and trained them on sacco formation.

The Sacco, which is a brain child of the first Nyeri governor, Nderitu Gachagua, will allow widows residing in the county to save their money, grow their savings and later have access to affordable loans.

While addressing the over 800 widows at the

function, the county governor Mutahi Kahiga pledged his commitment to addressing the unique challenges that widows face.

He said the sacco will create a financial platform to access affordable credit and enable them to support their livelihoods. In addition, Kahiga said that the county will extend financial literacy programme to enable the women to venture into entrepreneurship.

"Widows in our society face unique challenges. Often, they are denied inheritance rights, face discrimination and abuse, they encounter financial instability, social isolation, and emotional hardship," said Kahiga.

"Through the Widows Sacco, we aim to provide access to affordable credit, enabling widows to start or expand small businesses, secure education for their children, improve their overall quality of life and promote social cohesion and solidarity among widows," he added.

## State to promote local producers through home grown industries

BY MARTIN MUNYI (KNA)

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry wants to demystify the myth that only foreigners can successfully run the industrial and manufacturing sector in the country by working on modalities to

promote home grown companies to exploit the investment potentials in the sector and is urging local business community to venture into industrial production of goods.

Speaking during the dissemination forum for the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) in Laikipia County, the Cabinet Secretary Ms Rebecca Miano said any Kenyan can venture into manufacturing so long as they have some little start-up capital.

"Those who grow tomatoes can start making tomato paste in their backyards, others can do tanning of raw hides and skins while others can start manufacturing nails, and all that is manufacturing. We have to start with small industries," Ms Miano said.

She noted that even the developed nations globally also started with smaller Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that



Investment, Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano addressing a dissemination forum for the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) in Nayuki.

PHOTO BY MARTIN MUNYI/KNA

grew and scaled into big industries.

The CS added that her Ministry is sensitizing Kenyans on the local manufacturing and availing opportunities to access financing citing the Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) as one of the government organisations that support local manufacturing.

"I am urging all those with bankable and feasible ideas on manufacturing to come to KDC, discuss their project ideas so that

they can get start-up capital and start their industries," Miano advised.

The CS noted that the MTP IV is aligned to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and highlights the five pillars: Agriculture, HealthCare, Housing, Digital Superhighway, and Creative Arts and MSME Economy.

She added that the MTP IV would specifically address water scarcity, food insecurity, and the value chain that Laikipia could take advantage of such as agro-processing, livestock, leather and meat value chain and leverage on manufacturing.

The CS revealed that the national government had released Sh. 1.12 billion for the ongoing construction of 18 County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) adding that her ministry would soon release an expression of interest to invite investors to put up aggregation facilities in the CAIPs.

"These CAIPs are very important since they are going to devolve manufacturing and industrialization to the county level, offer job opportunities," she said.

## Kwale to upgrade tourism facilities to attract large number of visitors

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Kwale County Government has announced plans to develop beach access roads and street lighting projects at a cost of Sh20 million to bolster the tourism sector in the area.

Governor Fatuma Achani stated that beaches are crucial resources for coastal tourism development, attracting a large number of domestic and international tourists annually. She emphasized the need for transformative improvements in tourism infrastructure.

The plans also include upgrading transportation infrastructure and creating new tourist attraction sites to offer innovative tourism experiences, aligning with the county's vision of enhancing the road network.

According to Achani, enhancing beachfronts will improve safety and illumination along the shores in the evenings, while beach access roads will provide easier access to popular tourism destinations.



Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani during the ceremony to inaugurate the construction of cabro paving for the Watatu Watano and Mvureni beach access roads in Diani area of Kwale.

Achani made these remarks during the launch of works to upgrade Watatu Watano and Mvureni beach access roads, as well as street lighting projects in the Diani area of Msambweni Sub County.

She underscored her administration's commitment to improving infrastructure projects across Kwale to foster economic growth for both tourists and residents. "Upon completion of these roads and street lights the increased traffic volume to and from the beaches will experience fewer delays in travel time," she said, noting

that Kwale's economic strengths lies in tourism.

Governor Achani says the tourism infrastructure upgrade will ensure tourists visit attraction sites in a safe, comfortable and accessible manner.

Achani says the beach roads and street lighting infrastructure in Diani, a paradise of sand, sea and culture will transform the county's tourism landscape.

"The installation of streetlights will enhance the safety and security for beachgoers and serve the buzzing 24-hour tourism businesses," she said.

# Employers encouraged to improve conditions for domestic workers

BY JULIUS NDEGWA(PCO)

Employers of domestic workers have been urged to implement minimum wage remuneration, improve terms and conditions of employment, and establish measures to safeguard their employees against occupational diseases and injuries.

Meanwhile, the government has announced its efforts towards ratifying relevant International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions to ensure respect and justice for all domestic workers.

According to Mr. Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development, the process of ratifying ILO Domestic Workers Convention No. C189 and Violence and Harassment



**Shadrack Mwadime, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Labour and Skills Development at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development speaking in Nairobi.**

Convention No. C190 is in the advanced stage of public participation, paving the way for the finalization of the ratification process.

Speaking during International Domestic Workers Day celebrations in Nairobi, the PS emphasized that every domestic worker is entitled to fair labor practices, decent

jobs, better wages, and a safe and healthy working environment.

“We need to create a world where all workers are treated with respect and the dignity that they deserve. In so doing, we can create a brighter future for all Kenyans,” noted the PS

He revealed that Kenya has trained 7,000 domes-

since been reviewed and enhanced to address the emerging challenges being faced by the sector.

The PS however regretted that in many countries, Domestic Workers are excluded from Labour protection schemes thus exposing them to mistreatment, exploitation, violence and physical and sexual abuse which often go unpunished.

To address these challenges, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, assured the PS, is collaborating with all stakeholders to create a

conducive working environment for domestic workers in the country, “Together, we can uphold the right and wellbeing of domestic workers across the nation.”

He instructed the relevant Labour directorates and other law enforcement agencies to intensify inspections to penetrate to the domestic work places with a view of ascertaining full adherence of

Labour laws, “including guaranteeing of their occupational safety and health, social security and access to voluntary trade union representation”.

tic workers monthly for the global market in the last five years, especially for the Gulf countries of Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Mwadime noted that due to the increased demand for this cadre, the curriculum for training Domestic Workers which is administered by National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) has



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## MOI TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL

### TENDER NOTICE

Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the under listed tenders.


| No. | Tender No.            | Tender Description   | Eligibility | Closing Date |
|-----|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1   | MTRH/RFP/14/2023-2024 | Tender for Provision of Energy Audit in Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital   | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 2   | MTRH/T/112/2023-2024  | Tender for Provision of Maintenance and Repair of Solar Water Heater.  | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 3   | MTRH/T/113/2023-2024  | Tender for Provision of Plant Preventive Maintenance and Repair of Electrical Panel of 100kgs/hr Incinerator.                          | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 4   | MTRH/T/115/2023-2024  | Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment   | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 5   | MTRH/T/116/2023-2024  | Tender for Proposed Construction to Completion of Modern Private Wing Inpatient Block at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital            | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 6   | MTRH/T/117/2023-2024  | Tender for Supply and Delivery of Liquid Medical Oxygen. (Framework Contract)  | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |
| 7   | MTRH/T/118/2023-2024  | Tender for Designing, Fabrication, Calibration, Testing, Supply and Delivery of 2,000 litres Heavy duty Diesel Tractor tow Bowser Tank | Open Tender | 25.7.2024    |


Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be deposited in **tender box number "A"** located at Ground floor left wing of Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre (CCCCD) Building of MTRH (Eldoret) or posted to:

**Chief Executive Officer  
Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital  
P.O. Box 3-30100  
ELDRET**

So as to be received on or before **25.7.2024 at 10.00 a.m.** Opening of the bidding documents will be conducted publicly immediately thereafter at a venue to be advised by Tender Opening Committee.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
MOI TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL**





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Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) is a Multi-Specialty National Teaching and Referral Hospital serving residents of Western Kenya, with a population of over 25 million and parts of Eastern Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

MTRH is a centres of excellence for specialized Healthcare, Training, Research and participates in National Health Planning with its vision statement **“To be a Global Leader in the provision of Exceptional Multi-Specialty Healthcare, Training and Research”**.

MTRH is a training site for COSECSA, COECSA, CANECSA and COPECSA. These programs play critical roles in advancing medical education, training and professional standards within their respective specialties across the East, Central and Southern Africa regions.

Under **COSECSA MCS** Program specialties include two (2) years residential course in General Surgery, Orthopaedics Surgery, Pediatrics Surgery and Neurosurgery. Four (4) years Residential Course in Anesthesiology under **CANECSA**, Ophthalmology under **COECSA** and Pathology under **COPECSA** Programs respectively. Proof of full financial support from the respective employer for the full duration of the course is mandatory. There shall be no salary or compensation attached to these positions.

**COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (COSECSA) MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (MCS)**

| S/NO | SPECIALITY          | NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1    | General Surgery     | 2                         |
| 2    | Orthopaedic Surgery | 3                         |
| 3    | Paediatric Surgery  | 2                         |
| 4    | Neurosurgery        | 2                         |

**COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY OF EASTERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (COECSA)**

| S/NO | SPECIALITY    | NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE |
|------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1    | Ophthalmology | 4                         |

**COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS OF EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (CANECSA)**

| S/NO | SPECIALITY      | NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE |
|------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1    | Anaesthesiology | 2                         |

**COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS OF EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (COPECSA)**

| S/NO | SPECIALITY         | NO OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1    | Anatomic Pathology | 4                         |

Candidates must meet the following requirements:


- Letter of application
- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch.B) degree from an institution recognized by Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council or its equivalent;
- Both Certificate of Registration and Retention from Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council;
- Be able to sponsor and finance themselves;
- Those in employment must produce a letter of release / sponsorship from employer;
- Two letters of recommendation, one from the immediate supervisor and another one from the Hospital Clinical in-charge e.g. Medical Superintendent;
- A valid Professional Indemnity Cover and Medical Cover
- Candidates will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of Ksh.5,000/= to the following account number, and attach the payment slip to the application:

**Account Name: Moi Teaching & Referral Hospital**  
**Account No: 1103464329**  
**Bank: Kenya Commercial Bank**  
**Swift Code: KCBLENX**  
**Branch Code: 01168**  
**Bank Branch: Eldoret West**

Details of the training positions are available in the MTRH ERP Portal: <https://portal.mtrh.go.ke/training>  
Visit the link to make your application.

The deadline for submitting applications is on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 at 5.00pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews.

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MOI TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL**





# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>SECTOR</b>             | ENERGY   |
| <b>COUNTRY</b>            | KENYA  |
| <b>NAME OF PROJECT</b>    | RETROFITTING OF DIESEL MINI GRIDS WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY IN KENYA (ELDAS, ELWAK, MERTI, HABASWEIN, WAJIR)   |
| <b>LOAN NO/CREDIT NO:</b> | CKE 1066 01 L  |
| <b>ASSIGNMENT TITLE:</b>  | EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF WORKS CONTRACT FOR RETROFITTING OF DIESEL MINI GRIDS WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY IN KENYA – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS |
| <b>REFERENCE NO.</b>      | KP1/6A.1/RFP/2/24/B21  |

| No. | Position                      | Scope of Service  | Shortlisting Criteria   |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 3.  | Civil Engineer                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting quality assurance inspections</li> <li>Implementing environmental and social management measures to minimize the environmental impact of civil works</li> <li>Coordination of work with other project stakeholders</li> <li>Providing support during the commissioning and handover of civil works components, including documentation, as-built drawings, and training as required.</li> <li>Assist the client in preparation and finalization of technical scope of the tender document for Wajir plant.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelors or Masters Degree in Civil Engineering.</li> <li>Professional engineering license or certification.</li> <li>5 years' experience in civil engineering design and construction in similar projects.</li> <li>Proficiency of software tools for civil engineering design and analysis.</li> <li>Previous experience working on similar projects in areas with very high security risk and in similar geographical regions.</li> </ul>  |
| 4.  | Social and Environment Expert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting comprehensive review on the already drafted environmental and social assessments to confirm earlier identified potential project impacts on natural resources, ecosystems, biodiversity, and local communities.</li> <li>Reviewing proposed environmental and social management plans</li> <li>Providing guidance and technical support to project teams, contractors, and subcontractors on environmental and social requirements</li> <li>Facilitating stakeholder engagement and consultation</li> <li>Monitoring project activities to ensure compliance with environmental and social commitments, permits, regulations, and international standards, and conducting regular site inspections to assess environmental and social performance.</li> <li>Implementing grievance mechanisms and conflict resolution processes</li> <li>Conducting capacity-building activities and training sessions</li> <li>Preparing regular progress reports, environmental and social monitoring reports, and other documentation required</li> <li>Reviewing and evaluation contractor E&amp;S activities actioned for payments processing and advising the client</li> <li>Undertaking periodic reviews and evaluations of environmental and social performance for continuous improvement.</li> <li>Assist the client in preparation and finalization of E&amp;S scope of the tender document for Wajir plant.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelors or Master's degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Social Sciences, or a related field.</li> <li>Specialized training or certification in environmental and social impact assessment, management, and compliance.</li> <li>5 years' experience working on renewable energy projects, infrastructure projects, or development projects with significant environmental and social implications.</li> <li>Experience working in multicultural and multidisciplinary teams, as well as in multicultural and multilingual environments.</li> <li>Previous experience working on similar projects in areas with very high security risk and in similar geographical regions.</li> <li>Fluency in English and Kiswahili (written and spoken) is required; proficiency in other languages relevant to the project location would be an advantage.</li> </ul> |

The Government of Kenya has received a financing from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD"), and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments for services to be rendered by Individual consultants under the Retrofitting of Diesel Mini Grids with Renewable Energy in Kenya Project.

The project involves transition of five (5) existing Diesel Plants to Hybrid of Diesel and Solar PV Plants that will maximize the use of renewables in order to lower fuel costs and carbon emissions into the atmosphere, effectively lowering cost of generation and for sustainability.

This request for proposal by KPLC aims to recruit four (4) individual consultants; Lead Consultant, Solar PV expert, Civil Engineer, and Social and Environment Expert with the following scope requirements:

| No. | Position        | Scope of Service  | Shortlisting Criteria   |
|-----|-----------------|---|---|
| 1.  | Lead Consultant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall supervision of all ongoing works including civil works, Solar PV Plant Installations, Diesel Generator Installations, Testing and Commissioning of the entire hybrid plants in the four sites with respect to the works contract.</li> <li>Verification of the approved designs and technical specifications for the four sites and review of the existing detailed studies and technical specifications for Wajir Plant.</li> <li>Assist the client in preparation and finalization for Wajir Hybrid Plant.</li> <li>Conducting monthly construction site progress meetings for the ongoing works</li> <li>Assisting in contract management activities such as interpretation of contractual provisions, establishment of contract management tools, site progress measurements and payment processing.</li> <li>Preparing monthly and quarterly progress reports for the contract.</li> <li>Lead a team of other experts including but not limited to Solar PV expert, Environment and Social expert and Civil Engineering Expert in delivering their mandate.</li> <li>Project closure including material reconciliation.</li> <li>Developing project completion and closure activities including reports, training and post construction support.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelors or Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, Renewable Energy, or a related field.</li> <li>Professional engineering license or certification.</li> <li>Ten (10) years' Experience' as a Lead Consultant in project management and contract administration of infrastructure projects.</li> <li>Five (5) years' experience in supervision and management of works as a Lead Consultant in similar solar PV systems, preferably in hybrid energy projects or off-grid solar PV systems with knowledge in and contract administration</li> <li>Previous experience working on similar projects in areas with very high security risk and in similar geographical regions.</li> </ul>                                |
| 2.  | Solar PV expert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing already conducted assessment of solar resource potential and site suitability for solar PV installation.</li> <li>Reviewing already developed detailed technical specifications, design plans, and layouts for the solar PV array, including selection of solar panels, inverters, batteries, mounting structures, and balance of system components.</li> <li>Implementing environmental and social management measures to minimize the environmental impact of solar PV installation.</li> <li>Overseeing the installation and commissioning of the solar PV system, conducting regular site inspections to ensure compliance with design specifications, quality standards, and safety regulations.</li> <li>Conducting performance testing and optimization of the solar PV system to maximize energy yield and efficiency, including monitoring of system performance and troubleshooting as needed.</li> <li>Providing training and capacity-building support to project staff and contractors</li> <li>Developing operation and maintenance manuals, documentation, and training materials for the efficient operation and management of the solar PV system.</li> <li>Providing technical support and expertise to address any solar PV-related challenges or discrepancies.</li> <li>Assist the client in preparation and finalization of technical scope of the tender document for Wajir Plant.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelors or Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, Renewable Energy, or a related field, with a focus on solar PV technology.</li> <li>Professional certification or accreditation in solar PV design and installation (T3) for local solar experts or equivalent for foreign solar experts.</li> <li>5 years experience in the design, component selection, installation, testing, commissioning and operation of solar PV systems, preferably in hybrid energy projects or off-grid solar PV systems.</li> <li>Proficiency of solar PV design and simulation software.</li> <li>Previous experience working on similar projects in areas with very high security risk and in similar geographical regions.</li> </ul> |
| 3.  | Civil Engineer  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing and approving civil engineering design plans, drawings, and specifications for the hybrid system components</li> <li>Reviewing the conducted site investigations and surveys</li> <li>Developing detailed construction plans, schedules, and cost estimates for civil works activities</li> <li>Overseeing the execution of civil works by contractors and subcontractors</li> <li>Conducting regular site inspections to monitor the progress, quality, and safety of civil works activities, and ensuring compliance with design specifications and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>Conduction quantitative works measurements for processing of contractor bills in time.</li> <li>Providing technical guidance and support to address any civil engineering-related challenges</li> </ul>  |   |

The Kenya Power & Lighting Company PLC hereby invites applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above. This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to: Consulting Individuals Only.

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: <http://www.afd.fr/> and the terms of reference (ToR) shall be accessed on the Kenya Power website: [www.kplc.co.ke](http://www.kplc.co.ke).

The Applicant shall submit only one application in his/her name.

Interested Applicants must provide information and documentation evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted to demonstrate that the applicants meets the requirements:

The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

- i) **Submission of duly filled and signed resumes.**
- ii) **Submission of relevant professional and academic certificates.**
- iii) **Submission of relevant documented evidence of recent and similar services and a signed Covenant of Integrity.**

The respective individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the AFD's Consultant Guidelines.

The Expressions of Interest (hard copies only) shall be submitted in sealed envelopes delivered to the address below and be clearly marked "Expression of interest for supervision and management of works contracts for Retrofitting of Diesel Mini Grids with Renewable Energy in Kenya Project" no later than 23rd July 2024 at 10.00 a.m. East African Time.

Attention:

**The General Manager, Supply Chain and Logistics  
The Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC  
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# Ministry distributes aid to Sololo residents affected by cross border skirmishes

BY CHARLES MATACHO (PCO)

The Government has distributed relief assistance to 5,000 people affected by recent cross-border conflicts in Sololo, Marsabit County, in a humanitarian gesture spearheaded by the Ministry of East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, and Regional Development.

Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS) and Regional Development Principal Secretary Kello Harsama led the distribution exercise, which included both food and non-food items aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by the violence.

The food items, consisting of maize, rice, beans, Uji mix, and cooking oil, were accompanied by non-food essentials such as blankets, solar lights, and mattresses.

During the exercise, PS Harsama emphasized the government's commitment to supporting communities in the ASAL



**PS Kello Harsama distributing government relief food and other non-food stuff to victims of recent cross border conflicts in Sololo Marsabit County.**

regions, particularly during times of crisis and natural disasters.

"We stand with the people of Sololo during this difficult period," he said. "Our aim is to provide immediate relief and support while long-term solutions are developed to ensure stability and peace in the region."

The PS also expressed gratitude to the security agencies for their swift and effective response to the recent conflicts.

"The presence of our security forces has been instrumental in stabiliz-

ing the area and allowing for the safe delivery of humanitarian aid," he added. "Their efforts have been vital in creating a safer environment for the affected communities."

In light of the recent conflicts, PS Harsama urged residents to embrace peaceful coexistence and dialogue as means to resolve disputes.

He underscored the importance of unity and understanding among different communities as the foundation for long-term peace and development in the region.

## INVITATION TO TENDER



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| NO | TENDER NO.       | DESCRIPTION  | ELIGIBILITY         | TENDER CLOSING DATE                     |
|----|------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| 1  | KGNSALE-005-2024 | Tender for Disposal of Scrap in Western Region Stations (Muhoroni, Gogo and Turkwel).<br><i>There shall be Mandatory Site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>  | Citizen Contractors | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 10.00 a.m |
| 2  | KGNSALE-006-2024 | Tender for Disposal of Scrap in Upper Tana.<br><i>There shall be Mandatory Site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>  | Citizen Contractors | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 2.00 p.m  |
| 3  | KGNSALE-007-2024 | Tender for Disposal of Used Motor Vehicles.<br><i>There shall be Mandatory Site visit as detailed in the Tender Document.</i>  | Citizen Contractors | 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 10.00 a.m |
| 4  | KGNSALE-012-2024 | Request for Proposal for Feasibility Study for Olkaria II Rehabilitation Project.<br><i>There shall be a Mandatory site visit and Pre-Bid Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 starting at 10:00a.m. at Olkaria Geothermal Plaza and thereafter visit of the sites located in Olkaria Geothermal field.</i> | Open International  | 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2.00 p.m  |

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It has come to our notice that some brands of motor vehicle chevrons and portable warning triangles currently being sold in the Kenyan market do not meet the requirements of their respective Kenya Standards **KS 924:2012 and KS 815:2018** in the **Co-efficient of Retroreflection parameter**. The implication of this non-compliance is that the retroreflective property of such products is low, thereby diminishing their visibility especially at night and increasing the risk of road accidents.

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# From neglect to high-value pets, story of Kenya's blossoming canine industry

BY JANE NGUGI(KNA)

A few years ago, as millennials and earlier generations were growing up, dogs were just domestic animals, often fed on leftovers or left to fend for themselves across villages, spanning hills and valleys.

Every dog was named Simba, Poppy, or Blackie, among a few other odd names. Most of them had no fixed abode, given that homesteads typically lacked fences. Dogs were likely to be found in any homestead celebrating an occasion with plenty of food.

Fast forward to today, dogs are highly treasured pets within families and are not left to wander off.

The transition has been so significant that companies have been established solely to cater to the needs of these canines.

Investments in the canine industry run into millions of shillings, and a significant number of Kenyans earn their livelihoods through breeding, training, or producing food and accessories for dogs. Today, dogs are highly valued, well-trained, and come with a princely price tag.

Dogs are no longer just for security but are also valued for their companionship and used in forensic investigations to detect illegal substances.

They come in all sizes and shapes, from petite Chihuahuas to enormous Bulldogs that can weigh more than your average goat or sheep.

In some homesteads, dogs have their own special place on the couch. In others, these furry companions accompany their owners on holiday trips or are entrusted to well-paid caretakers for feeding and grooming.

To highlight the sector's high stakes, organizers have recently held dog shows showcasing various options for potential dog owners.

Last weekend, dog enthusiasts showcased different breeds and their abilities and temperament, alongside companies selling dog food and ornamental products.

Attendees at the event, held at Nakuru Athletics Club, were impressed by the diverse capabilities and temperaments of different dog breeds.

Also on display were demonstrations of dog training tailored to specific tasks.

Sussy, a pure black German Shepherd, stands alert with her ears straight up, seemingly picking up signals from her handler.

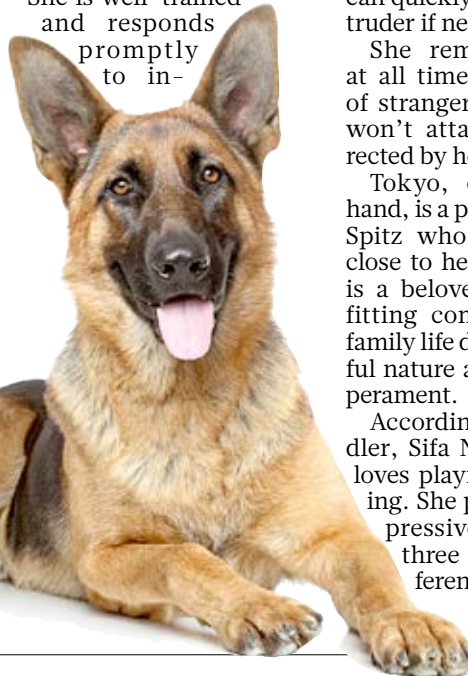


A team from Mudason Dog centre display their dog handling prowess at the dog show held at the Nakuru Athletics Club



Sifa Nderitu, a dog enthusiast, carries his dog, Tokyo, after an exemplary performance during the dog show.

ings. Her handler gives a quiet signal, and she tenses momentarily before lying down in surrender. She is well-trained and responds promptly to in-



structions from her handler.

Her primary duty is to protect her handler and can quickly subdue an intruder if necessary.

She remains vigilant at all times and is wary of strangers, though she won't attack unless directed by her handler.

Tokyo, on the other hand, is a playful Japanese Spitz who always stays close to her handler. She is a beloved family pet, fitting comfortably into family life due to her playful nature and good temperament.

According to her handler, Sifa Nderitu, Tokyo loves playing and dancing. She performed impressively and won three awards in different categories.

Bethwel Rot-

ich, manager of Mudason Dog Center in Gilgil, takes pride in his ability to train dogs, noting that he rarely encounters a dog that cannot be trained.

He claims to assess a dog's learning pace within a week, preferring to train them away from their familiar surroundings, finding such dogs easier to train.

Rotich prides himself on identifying a good dog after a brief interaction and notes the increasing demand for well-trained dogs in an untapped market.

However, he acknowledges the sector requires patience, especially when facing challenges like the loss of a well-trained dog after significant investment.

Nevertheless, moments

of satisfaction abound, particularly when clients are pleased with their dog's training outcomes.

Rotich mentions that training services range from Sh20,000 to Sh30,000, depending on the type of training desired, such as protection, obedience, behavior, and tracking.

The center also offers canine daycare services starting from Sh500, with costs potentially reaching Sh15,000 depending on the duration of stay and services provided.

Rotich mentions that the center houses various dog breeds, including German Shepherds, Rotweilers, and Boerboels.

The center received several awards, including Best Protection Dog and Best Represented Dog Kennel.

## Machakos County partners with American varsity to enhance provision of healthcare

BY ROSELYNE KAVOO (KNA)

The Department of Health in Machakos is partnering with the University of Florida in the USA and Mt. Kenya University to enhance the provision of healthcare services for cancer patients in the county.

Dr. Ramzi Salloum, an Associate Professor and the Director of the Division of Implementation Science and Health Interventions in the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics at the University of Florida, said the partnership aims to improve health outcomes for cancer patients through research, education, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and preven-

tion of the disease.

"As a university with one of the largest cancer centers in the southern USA, we are interested in expanding global partnerships to enhance cancer care.

We look forward to opportunities to collaborate with Mt. Kenya University and the county government to improve cancer health services for patients," he stated.

"We anticipate signing a Memorandum of

**We want to help improve health outcomes especially for cancer patients**

Understanding (MOU) outlining our areas of partnership for improved cancer care services," he added, speaking during a delegation visit from the University of Florida and Mt. Kenya University to the Machakos Cancer and Research Centre.

Dr. Francis Makokha, the Head of Human Health Research Programme, Directorate of Research and Innovation at the Mt. Kenya University said the institution was looking forward to partnering with the county government through written agreements not only on research but also on training students pursuing medical related courses.

"As a university we are training all cadres of

medical personnel including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, lab technologists and we want to collaborate with the county government so that our students can rotate in the health facilities for practical skills and knowledge," Makokha said.

He expressed his confidence that the partnerships will improve cancer health care not only in Machakos but the entire country.

"We want to help improve health outcomes especially for cancer patients and it is my hope that some of the solutions found here can be cascaded to other counties across the country," said the head of human health research programme.



Dr. Ramzi Salloum, an Associate Professor at the University of Florida (left) County Executive Member for Health Dr. Daniel Yumbya (centre) Dr. Francis Makokha, Head of Human Health Research Programme, Directorate of Research and Innovation at the Mt. Kenya University (right) during a tour of the Machakos Cancer and Research Centre.

County Executive Committee Member for Health Dr. Daniel Yumbya welcomed the collaboration saying the move will bolster health care services for cancer treatment and prevention in the county.

Yumbya said the Department of Health will in three months draft MOUs on the areas of collaboration between the two universities to provide a clear framework on the partnerships.



Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani when she visited people who have benefited from free eye testing, consultations and cataract surgeries at the Kwale Referral Hospital.



A section of Kwale residents who turned up for the free cataract surgery and other related eye problems at the Kwale Referral Hospital.

# Kwale's free eye camp restores vision for hundreds of residents

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Hundreds of residents in Kwale have benefited from free eye testing, consultations, and cataract surgeries following a surge in cataract-related complications in the coastal county.

The free medical camp was organized by the Kwale County Government in partnership with the Kuwait Embassy in Nairobi and Safe Surgical Aid to alleviate the plight of people living with cataracts.

At least 500 people have undergone free cataract surgery and received treatment for other related eye problems at health facilities in Matuga, Msambweni, Lunga Lunga, and Kinango sub-counties.

A cataract is a clouding of the lens of the eye, which is typically clear. For people with cataracts, seeing through cloudy lenses is like looking through a frosty or fogged-up window.

Clouded vision caused by cataracts can make it more difficult to read, drive a car at night, or see the expression on a person's face.

Cataracts are a reversible cause of visual impairment and are common among the rural poor, but the high cost of surgery prevents many low-income earners from accessing treatment to restore their vision.

Large numbers of residents registered for the operations in Matuga, Msambweni, Lunga Lunga, and Kinango sub-counties, hoping to have their eyesight restored.

Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani who has launched

the free medical camp noted that hundreds of area residents are visually impaired due to cataracts, one of the major causes of blindness.

Governor Achani accompanied by the County Health Executive Francis Gwama explained that the beneficiaries were diagnosed and screened by specialists at their communities before being invited for the surgery at the health facilities at no cost.

She promised that all cataract patients discovered during the county's free health programme would be operated upon free of charge.

"We want to assist the needy and those who cannot afford the cost of such operations to live more meaningfully and engage in economic activities," she said, adding that healthcare needs of the people were on top of her agenda.

She said the medical camp will not be a one off exercise adding that subsequent eye screening and surgical operations to provide free surgeries to patients suffering from cataracts, glaucoma and other eye diseases would be organized by the county with other stakeholders.

Achani says the four-day medical camp seeks to protect the aging population and residents from blindness adding that according to experts, eye care is one of the greatest public health challenges in Kenya.

The medical camp is a significant step in combating community health issues

She welcomed the partnership between the county, Kuwait Embassy and safe surgical aid to reach out to those who are affected by cataract and other eye related ailments and combat them in their early stages before they become complicated and more difficult to remedy.

"The medical camp is a significant step in combating important community health issues such as vision impairment," she said adding that cataract and other eye ailments were identified during the screening as major conditions which usually affected the eye and degenerate into glaucoma.

She went on; "The collaboration between the county government, Kuwait Embassy and safe surgical aid is a testament to the power of partnerships in addressing important community health issues and making a more significant impact on the well-being of our people."

She said those that need drugs will be given drugs, those that need glasses will get them and those that have cataracts will be taken to the theatre for advanced surgery all free of charge.

Achani also had the opportunity to go into the operating theatre at the Kwale referral hospital and witness cataract surgeries and shared time with patients who were recovering from surgery and wished them well.

She said through the outreach medical camp eye services are taken to the doorsteps of the patients who may not be able to afford to go to specialized eye hospitals in big towns given the high cost of having eye cataract surgery.



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The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) will train examiners for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination between **18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

The training fee is **Ksh10,500** (Ten Thousand Five Hundred shillings) and will **ONLY** be made by the shortlisted applicants who will be notified through a text message (SMS) and the portal on how to make the payments.

The venue for training will be communicated to the qualified applicants later and the exercise will be strictly residential.

KNEC will thereafter engage such examiners using the criteria for recruitment of examiners based on the personnel needs for each paper.

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| 1.3   | English (Creative Composition and Essays based on Set Texts) | 101/3      |
| 1.4   | Chemistry  | 233/2      |
| 1.5   | Chemistry  | 233/3      |
| 1.6   | Christian Religious Education                                | 313/1      |
| 1.7   | Christian Religious Education                                | 313/2      |
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The training slots are limited and only qualified teachers who have presented all the required documents will be shortlisted for the exercise.

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# WHO calls for increased funding to developing regions hosting refugees

BY MUOKI CHARLES(KNA)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has urged the international community to increase funding for controlling communicable diseases, particularly in Africa and other developing regions that host refugees.

Dr. Santino Severoni, Director of the WHO's Department of Health and Migration, highlighted that communicable diseases among migrants in financially constrained countries pose a significant threat, exacerbated by the rise of new infectious vectors.

Speaking at an international conference on economic transformation for Africa, held at Mount Kenya University's (MKU) main campus in Thika, Severoni emphasized that only through increased funding and a revitalization of healthcare systems can these threats be effectively addressed.

"There is an ongoing discussion on health and



**World Health Organization (WHO) Director, Department of Health and Migration Dr. Santino Severoni (left) engages Mount Kenya University Vice Chancellor Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi during an economic empowerment conference at the University's main campus in Thika.**

immigration to formulate policies that can address these health challenges. We have observed the emergence of new

**There is an ongoing discussion on health and immigration .-Severoni**

infectious vectors, and the lack of essential protections poses an increasing threat to people," he stated.

Severoni acknowledged the notable progress in combating communicable diseases such as malaria but pointed out that chronic illnesses remain a significant global health challenge.

He expressed concern

over the rising mortality rates from lifestyle diseases, including cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, and hypertension, and called on stakeholders to collaborate in addressing these issues.

MKU Pro Chancellor Dr. Vincent Gaitho said the WHO's migration health discourse will provide stakeholders with a scope on the areas to invest in to tackle the health challenges.

"From the recommendations of this conference, stakeholders will be able to embrace the action areas needed to drive the future of the continent," he said.

He also called on African governments to promote policies that discourage migration of their populace. The University's Chancellor Prof. John Struthers, who is also a Director at Careed for University of the West of Scotland (UWS) said the challenges facing migrants across the globe have not been articulated well enough for them to be effectively tackled.

This, he said, should be overemphasized so as to end their suffering, statements that were echoed by the University's Vice Chancellor Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi.

# Council to build peace centre in honour of athlete Kelvin Kiptum

BY ALICE WANJIRU(KNA)

The National Heroes' Council plans to construct a center in Elgeyo Marakwet that will utilize sports to promote peace in honor of the late athlete Kelvin Kiptum.

Hussein Kadida, a member, stated that the council aims to establish a facility where youth can meet and engage positively. He emphasized that merely disarming people physically is not sufficient; it is equally crucial to disarm their minds.

Speaking in Iten during a tribute to the late Kiptum, Kadida noted that Iten attracts people from diverse backgrounds for training. He suggested utilizing this diversity to foster peace through a center where sporting activities are complemented by peace-building initiatives. However, Kadida emphasized that the es-

tablishment of the center should not rely solely on the Council but should also receive support from other stakeholders to ensure its success.

The Council CEO Charles Wambia said his organization would sign a memorandum of understanding with the county on areas where they could work together. He presented the late Kiptum's widow Asenath Rotich with a certificate and medal from the Head of State.

Area Governor Wisley Rotich thanked the Council for recognizing and honouring peace builders within the county.

He called on the National Treasury to increase funding to the Council to enable them go round the country and honour people who contributed positively to the society saying this would help in inspiring the youth.



## Public Notice

### Joint Implementation of Pre-Arrival Processing

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) and Kenya Trade Network Agency (KENTRADE) informs the general public of the implementation of Pre-Arrival Processing (PAP) for Cargo Clearance at the Port. This initiative is aimed at streamlining and expediting the cargo clearance process at the port.

Pre-Arrival Processing allows for early electronic submission of import documentation and other required information to customs and other government agencies to begin document verification prior to arrival of goods in Kenya. This proactive processing is geared towards reducing delays and congestion at the points of entry consequently reducing clearance time spent upon arrival of the goods.

The execution systems; (Integrated Customs Management System (ICMS), Kilindini Waterfront Automated Terminal Operating System (KWATOS) and Kenya Trade Network Agency's Trade Facilitation Platform (TFP) were enhanced and integrated in December 2023 to allow declaration of customs entries using the bill of lading as the base document. This is in cognisance of the fact that the importer will receive the bill of lading upon actual loading of the consignment on the vessel.

Following the deployment of this business process, the four organizations are carrying out joint sensitization exercises on PAP to create awareness and promote the uptake.

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Or, dropped in the **Tender Box** situated at the main entrance of the Administration Block (ABA) Building at Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology (**MMUST**) main campus along Kakamega – Webuye Road in Kakamega and not any other place so as to reach the University **not later than 10:00am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**. Opening of the bid documents will be done immediately thereafter in the presence of applicants or their representatives who choose to attend.

**Vice Chancellor**  
**Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology**



# Authority inaugurates Strategic Plan to bolster privatization

BY DAUGLAS NAMUNANE (PCO)

The Privatization Authority has launched its Strategic Plan 2023-2028, whose implementation seeks to enhance efficiency in the privatization of programmes, promotion of strategic partnerships, visibility and collaboration as well as operational excellence.

While officiating the launch of the Strategic Plan, the National Treasury Prin-

cipal Secretary Dr. Chris Kiptoo lauded the document, saying it will expedite seamless implementation and strategic partnerships between the Public and Private sector.

“Today, we proudly launch the Privatization Authority’s 2023- 2028 Strategic Plan, which focuses on seamless implementation and strategic partnerships. These measures address potential bottlenecks and accelerate progress toward achieving our objectives”,

Dr.Kiptoo said.

Dr. Kiptoo also unveiled a new brand identity for the Authority which he said, reflects on the values of professionalism, collaboration, integrity, and transparency.

The Principal Secretary said the government has put in place a new Privatization Act 2023 to foster transparency, collaborative, and seamless privatization process by clearly delineating policy formulation and implementation roles.

Dr. Kiptoo said the Au-

thority plays a crucial role in addressing economic growth constraints and supporting the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The PS said by prioritizing, sequencing, and financing through privatization proceeds, the Authority contributes significantly to the government’s critical initiatives.

“The Authority actively supports the government’s broader economic agenda by reducing the demand for

government resources from privatized entities, ensuring optimal resource allocation, and enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of public services and projects”, added the Principal Secretary.

He additionally stated that the synergy between privatization and the BETA framework underscores the government’s collaborative efforts toward inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Speaking at the launch

which was also attended by the Authority’s Managing Director, Dr Joseph Kosgey, the Authority’s Board Chairperson Faisal Abbass said the strategic plan represents a roadmap for the future, outlining the Authority’s goals, priorities and strategies for the future.

“This Plan positions the Authority to effectively execute its mandate of implementing the Privatisation Programme and dealing with matters incidental to its core mandate,” he stated.

# CEMASTEА to invest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

BY DENNIS RASTO (PCO)

The Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology in Africa (CEMASTEА) is urging school heads to prioritize investments in Science, Technology, and Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in order to build and retain science skills in the country.

The CEMASTEА Chief Executive Officer Mrs Jacinta Akatsa noted that the demand for STEM workers is high throughout the world, adding that STEM occupations are expected to grow twice the rate of all other occupations in the next decade.

Ms Akatsa indicated that more effort should go towards fostering interest in STEM subjects and investing in the appropriate tools and technologies to improve the quality of teaching and learning in these subjects.

Addressing head-teachers drawn from 103 STEM schools across the country during a consultative forum at CEMASTEА headquarters at Karen in Nairobi, the CEO pointed out that the curriculum that is coming up in Kenya anticipates that 60 per cent of the students in Senior School will transition to STEM pathway as they

progress.

The Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEА) was established in 2004 to provide In-Service Education and Training (INSET) for mathematics and science teachers in Kenya and Africa.

The Centre was established to capitalize on the gains made under the Strengthening of Mathematics and Science in Secondary Education (SMASSE) that began in 1998 as a pilot INSET project.

Ms Akatsa noted that the mandate of CEMASTEА is continuous Teacher

Professional Development (TPD) in Mathematics and Science Education (TPD-MSE).

“The vision of the centre is excellence in Teacher Professional Development in Africa and the Mission is to transform teaching by continuously developing competencies for effective curriculum delivery and improving the quality of ducation,” the CEO pointed out.

She stated that in line with Kenya’s Vision 2030 of providing globally competitive quality education, training and research to her citizens for development and individual

well-being, CEMASTEА endeavours to improve the quality of STEM education in Kenya.

“The purpose is to improve the quality of teaching mathematics and science education by enhancing pedagogical skills of teachers which in turn is expected to help young Kenyans in schools develop and acquire relevant core competences such as communication and collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and imagination, citizenship, self- efficacy, digital literacy and learning

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### INVITATION TO TENDER

**The University of Embu invites interested and eligible bidders to submit bids for the tenders described below:**

| TENDER NO.               | TENDER NAME  | MANDATORY SITE VISIT                     |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| UoEm/Tend/10/2023 - 2024 | For the Proposed Installation of 280 No. Executive Auditorium Seats in the Lower Level Auditorium. | Not Applicable                           |
| UoEm/Tend/11/2023 - 2024 | For the Completion of Construction of the Tuition Block for the University of Embu.                | 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. |

The documents can be downloaded **FREE of Charge** from the website [www.embuni.ac.ke](http://www.embuni.ac.ke) or in the Public Procurement Information Portal.

Duly completed Documents in a Plain Sealed Envelope clearly marked **“Tender No & Tender Name”** and addressed to **The Vice-Chancellor, University of Embu, P.O. Box 6 - 60100 Embu**, should be sent **OR** deposited in the **Tender Box at University of Embu - New Administration Block Reception** so as to reach him on or before **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidder representatives who choose to attend in the **Procurement Boardroom**, located in the **first floor** of the **New Administration Block**.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Country</b>           | <b>Kenya</b>   |
| <b>Name of Project</b>   | <b>National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project</b> |
| <b>Contract Title</b>    | <b>Supply and delivery of laptop computers</b>               |
| <b>Credit No.</b>        | <b>70640</b>   |
| <b>RFB Reference No.</b> | <b>KE-MOALF- 410742-GO-RFB</b>                               |

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply and delivery of laptop computers
2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for supply and delivery of 193 laptop computers to be delivered in Nairobi within 60 days after contract signing.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s **“Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”** dated July 2016 and revised September, 2023 fifth edition (**“Procurement Regulations”**), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information at National Agricultural Value Chain Development project procurement office situated at Capitol Hill Towers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor along Cathedral Road during office hours between 9.00 am to 5.00 Pm excluding weekend and public holidays at the address given below.
5. The bidding documents can be downloaded free of charge from the Ministry’s website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) Bidders who download the bidding document are requested to inform the Procuring Entity and fully provide their contact details through [info@navcdp.go.ke](mailto:info@navcdp.go.ke). This will be used in the event of a need to communicate to all the interested bidders.
6. Bid document shall be paginated and clearly marked with reference number and must be delivered / submitted to the address below addressed to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture P.O Box 30028 -00200 and be deposited in the tender box at Kilimo House reception – Ground floor, cathedral road on or before **12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11.00 am East African time**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted.

Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.


7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank guarantee of the amount shown below or an equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The bid security must be valid for 28 days beyond the validity date of the bid/tender;

| S/No | Description      | Qty | Bid Security  |
|------|------------------|-----|---------------|
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8. The address referred to above is:
 

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**Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development**  
**State Department for Agriculture**  
**Kilimo House**  
**P.O Box. 30028 -00200 Nairobi-Kenya**  
**Cathedral road**  
**Main Reception-Ground floor**  
**Tel 0773206315**  
**Email:info@navcdp.go.ke**

**Head Supply Chain Management**  
**For Principal Secretary**



# CS announces key mining reforms to resolve conflicts and enhance licensing

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA  
(KNA)

The government has introduced significant reforms aimed at streamlining the mining sector and attracting investments to the country.

Speaking at an engagement forum with mining stakeholders in Voi, Taita Taveta County, Salim Mvurya, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, announced sweeping reforms to resolve conflicts and ensure proper licensing for miners nationwide.

Mvurya underscored the pivotal role of local leadership, including County Governor Andrew Mwadime, County Commissioner Josephine Onunga, and other leaders, in maintaining a conflict-free environment to foster investor confidence.

"If conflicts arise in mining areas across the country, it is the responsibility of county leadership, represented by governors and county commissioners under the national government, to ensure these areas remain conflict-free. This is crucial to attract investors," he emphasized.

The CS urged communities to proactively address internal disputes to prevent lengthy legal battles that could hinder investment benefits.

"We should not wait until investors arrive to resolve our issues. I'm not suggesting that we prevent investors from coming, but rather, we should ensure our counties are conducive for their investments by resolving any unnecessary conflicts," he added.

At the same time, the CS announced a reformed licensing system, requiring consent from both grassroots levels and the county government, a measure that aims to ensure only genuine appli-



Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs CS Salim Mvurya addressing local leaders and mining stakeholders at Voi, Taita Taveta county.

cants receive licenses.

"We have also changed the system of issuing licenses to miners. We cannot give licenses to just anyone doing mining without proper consensus. The consent should come from the grassroots level, but we will also require consent from the concerned county governments before we issue a license to anyone for mining so that when we give the license, we don't want any petty cases. If it's a complaint and it is genuine, we shall listen to you," he explained.

Highlighting the need for financial capacity, Mvurya noted that some individuals had applied for multiple licenses under different names, without demonstrating the ability to manage them.

"I was wondering that initially, one person applies for even 15 licenses in

**We cannot give licenses to just anyone doing mining without proper consensus**

different names. Where will you get 15 licenses for one person? You haven't demonstrated your financial capacity; it is not

possible. We therefore urge you to understand and accept the reforms we are bringing in this sector; we want mineral mining to take place in a conducive environment," said the CS.

While encouraging miners to pay their dues, Mvurya also addressed the minimal royalties paid to Taita Taveta county, noting that only Sh55 million had been paid over four years as a result of miners failing to pay their dues and adhere to regulations.

To enforce compliance, the CS disclosed that the ministry has introduced the mining police unit and detailed plans for a Rapid Resort Initiative (RRI) exercise.

He noted that this initiative will ensure that all miners have the necessary permits and adhere to environmental and legal standards in order to protect resources and communities.

"When we finish the RRI exercise, we will put plans in place to ensure people pay

royalties so that the county can benefit from mining activities. Nowadays we have the mining police unit. So, when we finish with the RRI, we will give people licenses, then thereafter we will come to look at the compliance," he noted.

Further, Mvurya announced the establishment of an artisanal mining committee in Taita Taveta, which he said was gazetted to oversee the RRI exercise and ensure proper registration and permitting of miners.

"We have gazetted an artisanal mining committee in this county. The PS will come back here, sit with the committee and make sure they have done RRI. He will announce to you the dates so that you can register and everyone gets a permit. Once done with issues of permits, going forward, we shall be talking about those who don't have the permit and why," he said.

The CS emphasized the importance of national unity and maintaining a peaceful environment to attract international investors.

He urged the community to present a positive image of Kenya, noting that the recent unrest had harmed the country's international reputation.

"Our unity and the image we project are crucial for attracting investment," Mvurya emphasized, reaffirming his ministry's commitment to working with local communities to improve the mining sector.

On his part, Mining PS Elijah Mwangi, announced that a team from Nairobi would visit the county in the first week of July 2024 to facilitate the RRI exercise.

This team will assist with the registration and licensing of all miners, ensuring that services are accessible at the grassroots level.

# State to intensify research to harness Kenya's aquatic wealth

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Government plans to intensify marine and freshwater research to guide the exploitation of untapped aquatic resources through an initiative spearheaded by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI). This effort aims to produce scientific data and information to ensure the sustainable exploitation of these resources.

Salim Mvurya, the Cabinet Secretary for Mining and Blue Economy, stated that the ministry has launched a roadmap to fully realize the sector's potential by developing policies and conducting research to harness these resources.

In a speech delivered by Director of Fisheries Rodrick Kundu at the closing ceremony of the second Aquatic Resources and Blue Economy Conference (ARBE II) in Kisumu, Mvurya emphasized the importance of research. He highlighted its role in helping the government develop a sustainable blue economy and boosting the country's revenue base.

The CS also mentioned the simultaneous development of a robust fisheries and aquaculture program to ensure that the country maximizes its benefits from the blue economy sector.

The initiative, he said includes the construction of fish landing sites at the coast and in Lake Victoria adding that plans were also underway to promote deep sea fishing at the coast.

He added that the government will implement the recommendations of the conference to develop a robust and sustainable blue economy.

"This conference has been very instrumental in helping us to understand the dynamics of the sector. The government will implement the various research findings out of these conference to help build a sustainable blue economy," he said.

KMFRI Board Chairman John Safari Mumba said the research body has developed a five-year strategic plan (2023-2027) to help achieve the research projections.

The plan, he said, is hinged on the Vision 2030, Medium Term Plan IV and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation (BETA) agenda.

# DP commends KESSHA for role in providing strategic interventions to implement CBC

BY FATMA SAID (KNA)

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (pictured) has praised the Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association (KESSHA) for its crucial role in providing state agencies with valuable information that guides strategic interventions, particularly in the implementation of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). "This collaboration," the DP said, "ensures that the edu-

cation sector can effectively address emerging challenges and improve the quality of education for secondary school students across Kenya."

Addressing the 47th Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association (KESSHA) Annual National Conference, the Deputy President emphasized the importance of flexibility in the education system, noting that significant challenges will arise in the future if the system is not adaptable.

"The Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) has been identified as best suited for future generations, designed to be student-centered, flexible, and inclusive."

"This conference focuses on three pathways of the CBC system: social sciences, arts and sports, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). With a specific emphasis on these pathways, we aim for an education that fosters job creators rather than job

seekers," added the DP. In addition, the DP said that the government has identified junior secondary and senior secondary schools as a crucial stepping stone of modeling the student in professionally desired ways and hence the government has various representations of the government in better preparation for the rollout of senior secondary school. He also highlighted that the government is investing more in expanding Technical

and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions across the country to complement universities by providing a seamless transition from secondary schools for students who are firmly established in their chosen pathways.

By increasing the number of TVETs, the government seeks to ensure that students have diverse options for higher education and skills development, aligning with their career goals.



# CEMASTEA to invest in (STEM)

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to learn,"she pointed out. She indicated that one unique aspect of STEM is its role in helping to improve Kenyans' well-being as individuals and society as a whole, not only through improvements in fields such as technology and medicine but also as a stimulus for promoting improvements in the community and beyond.

Mrs Akatsa said the centre is equipping public schools with STEM teaching kits which include desktop computers, chemistry equipment and three mathematics problem solving books titled 'How to solve problems', 'Mathematical problem solving' and 'Problem solving strategies'. She reiterated CEMASTEAS initiatives aimed at

establishing a strong foundation in STEM education and addressing inequalities in the education system. "There's also a need for teachers to create communities of practice to deliver quality STEM education. Mentorship and guidance in STEM fields is one of the fastest-growing areas to get young people interested in educational opportunities and global competitiveness.



## Private Security Regulatory Authority

Legal Notice No. PSRA/001/2024

THE PRIVATE SECURITY REGULATION ACT (No. 13 of 2016)

### DIRECTOR / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Private Security Regulatory Authority is a state corporation established under section 7 (1) of the Private Security Regulation Act, 2016. The Authority's principle mandate is to provide for a framework of regulation of the private security services industry in accordance with the values and principles set out in the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

The Private Security Regulatory Authority wishes to recruit the position of Director/ Chief Executive Officer.

#### (a) Job Description

The Director of the Private Security Regulatory Authority will be responsible to the Board for the overall leadership of the organization and oversees the day to day running of the organization. The Director will also be responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing Board decisions and statutory functions of the Board so as to ensure the Authority achieves its strategic objectives.

In addition, The Director shall :-

- (i) Be the Secretary to the Board
- (ii) Be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Authority.
- (iii) Prepare the annual budgets and establish proper internal controls.
- (iv) Be responsible for the execution and communication of the Board's strategies, decisions and policies.
- (v) Develop and recommend to the Board the long term strategy, Authority Strategic plan, and annual operating budgets; and establishing proper internal monitoring and control systems and procedures
- (vi) Serve as the link between the Board and the Management.
- (vii) Put in place effective administrative structures, processes and systems.
- (viii) Ensuring continuous improvements in the quality and value of services provided by the Authority;
- (ix) Provide regular, thorough and prompt communication to the Board on key technical, financial and administrative matters.
- (x) Overseeing the development, review and implementation of corporate policies and programs;
- (xi) Be responsible for stakeholder management and the enhancement of the corporate image of the organization.
- (xii) Convening Board meetings in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Directors;
- (xiii) Overseeing administration and supervision of staff and other resources of the Authority.

#### (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have:-

- (i) has at least ten (10) years experience, five (5) of which shall be experience at senior management and leadership position in a large public or private organization;
- (ii) Holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya in either public administration, management, law, business administration or security studies;
- (iii) Holds a Masters Degree from a University Recognized in Kenya;
- (iv) Meets the requirements of Chapter six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya;
- (v) Proven leadership qualities, problem solving and negotiation skills, excellent team building and organizational skills and evidence of being a strong team player; and
- (vi) Demonstrated a thorough understanding of national security, national interest, policies and development objectives, and ability to translate them into Authority's policies, programs and plans.
- (vii) A person shall not be appointed as the Director if such person doesn't comply with any section of the Private Security Regulation Act No. 13 of 2016 and has any direct or indirect interest in the private security services industry.

#### (c) TERMS OF SERVICE

The Director shall serve the Authority for a term of three (3) years and shall be eligible, subject to satisfactory performance of his or her functions, for reappointment for one further term.

#### (d) HOW TO APPLY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above position.

Applications should be accompanied by detailed Curriculum Vitae including three (3) referees, mobile telephone contact, copies of National Identity Card, relevant certificates and other testimonials.

Interested applicants are expected to get clearance from the following bodies.

- Kenya Revenue Authority;
- Higher Education Loans Board;
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission; and
- Directorate of Criminal Investigation [certificate of good conduct].

Applications clearly citing the position should be sent to:

**The Chairman  
Private Security Regulatory Authority  
P.O Box 22565 - 00100  
Lonrho House, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
NAIROBI, KENYA**

Applications should be received by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 5.00p.m.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Canvassing shall lead to automatic disqualification of a candidate.



## Water Resources Authority (WRA)



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Water Resources Authority invites sealed tenders from qualified and interested Medical Insurance Underwriters for the following:

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Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [weekdays Monday to Friday 0800hrs to 1700hrs local time excluding public holidays]. The document may also be downloaded **free-of-charge** from the websites: <http://www.info@wra.go.ke> <http://www.tenders.go.ke>.

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## Cherangany-Marakwet Water & Sanitation Company Ltd



### INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT POSITIONS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHERANGANY MARAKWET WATER & SANITATION COMPANY LIMITED (CHEMAWASCO LTD)

Cherangany-Marakwet Water & Sanitation Company Ltd (CHEMAWASCO LTD.) is a Water company incorporated under Companies Act 2015 of the laws of Kenya. It is responsible for the provision of Water and Sanitation Services within Marakwet West and East Sub-counties in Elgeyo Marakwet county. Its formation was founded on section (77) of the water act 2016 which mandates county governments to establish water service providers and in the spirit of article 43(1)(d) of the constitution of Kenya 2010. Also, article (79)(1) provides for board of directors for any water service provider.

It is therefore on this background that The County Government of Elgeyo Marakwet in collaboration with North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency invites applications from interested persons with passion and vision to serve as members of the Board of Directors of Cherangany-Marakwet Water & Sanitation Company Limited for a term of three years(renewable once).

The board of directors will be drawn from the following stakeholder groups:

1. Two members from the business member organization and manufacturing community nominated by their registered bodies as stakeholders of CHEMAWASCO LTD.
2. One local professional from the professional bodies nominated from the bodies or any other key primary stakeholder that is of equivalent value to the professional body.
3. Two representatives from resident organizations as stakeholders of CHEMAWASCO LTD.

To be eligible, an applicant should possess the following qualifications:

1. Literate and numerate with a minimum of Diploma level.
2. Demonstrate experience and knowledge in business or any other profession for at least 7 years.
3. Demonstrate participation in local development initiatives.
4. Have experience as change management agent.
5. Resident in service area of the company.
6. Meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity.
7. Nominated by a resident organization or a professional body the applicant intends to represent in the Company's Board.

Suppliers or other trading associates of the company and persons in current professional or social relationship with the management of the company are not eligible to become directors in the company.

Interested persons should submit their applications and Curriculum Vitae (CV) including copy of national Identity Card (ID), certified copies of academic and professional certificates and testimonials and a letter of nomination by the stakeholder group.

The application should be submitted on or before **19<sup>th</sup> July 2024** on a plain sealed envelope and addressed to:

**The Chairman; Selection panel Committee,  
Recruitment of board of directors for CHEMAWASCO LTD  
Po Box 220-30700 Iten.**

Or delivered by hand to;

**The office of the CECM Water, environment and climate Change.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



# Kilifi county launches grassroots primary health care campaign

BY EMMANUEL MASHA  
(KNA)

The County Government of Kilifi has launched an aggressive primary health outreach campaign aimed at taking health and medical services to the grassroots.

Specialists in various medical and dental fields from the Kilifi County Referral Hospital as well as the Malindi and Mariakani Sub-County Hospitals will each month be

visiting rural health centres to offer free medical services that are only accessible at the hospitals.

The campaign dubbed 'Afyu Mashinani' is aimed at reducing the cost of medication for county residents from remote areas who have been travelling for long distances to access specialized medical services from the Level Four facilities.

It is being funded by the County Government of Kilifi and executed by Pri-

mary Health Care Networks (PCNs) established by the Ministry of Health to link and strengthen health care services through building a person-centred approach to health.

Hundreds of patients from Jilore Ward and its neighbours thronged the Baolala Health Centre in Langobaya Division and received treatment from specialists who are usually found on appointments at the Malindi Sub-County Hospital.

The specialists include psychiatrists, paediatricians, gynaecologists, ear, nose and throat experts, ophthalmologists, orthopaedics, dentists and surgeons. They will visit the rural health facilities on scheduled days monthly to attend to their respective patients.

Dr. Edward Mumbo, the Head Primary Health Care at the Kilifi County Government's Department of Health, told journalists that the campaign aims at reach-

ing patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure among others who have been receiving treatment at the hospitals.

"We realized that patients were incurring huge costs travelling long distances to seek treatment. For us to meet the goal of Vision 2030 on Universal Health Coverage, it is imperative that such services are taken closer to the people," he said.

We have also come here

with surgeons to follow up on their patients who were being attended to in Malindi so that their files can be transferred here so that they do not have to travel to Malindi for follow-up, he added.

Dr. Mumbo said there are 31 health facilities across the seven sub counties, which will be visited by the specialists, adding areas that are far from health facilities will also be reached through special outreaches.

## CS-Government establishes Kenya BioVax Institute to manufacture special health products, technologies

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Government has established the Kenya BioVax Institute, a State-owned enterprise mandated to manufacture specialized health products and technologies and support local pharmaceutical industries in the development and production of quality and affordable products besides engaging the private pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health Ms Susan Nakhumicha said a multi-sectoral approach involving health, trade, academia, and finance is being deployed to harmonize and strengthen Kenya's local pharmaceutical industry to make the country a regional pharmaceutical and biomanufacturing hub for the continent.

Kenya, Ms Nakhumicha said, is also ready to play its part in the continental drive for sustainable vaccine manufacturing in Africa, after William Ruto assumed the mantle of the AU champion for local manufacturing.

"With his guided support, Africa's health manufacturing industry will expand its market share as more excellent opportunities can be exploited", the CS noted while addressing a global event on Harnessing Private Sector Engagement for Sustainable Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in Africa held in Nairobi.

To secure sustainability and security of Africa's health commodities supplies, the CS urged all governments, Private Sector, Non-Governmental Agencies, financial partners and other stakeholders attending the Nairobi meeting to champion for and support African pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical manu-



Cabinet Secretary for Health Ms Susan Nakhumicha.

facturers "besides collectively banding our national efforts to support the attainment of Universal Health Coverage"

Africa, Ms Nakhumicha noted, needs to collaborate and invest more into her pharmaceutical sector, the people, the technology, the systems and most importantly, buying the product from its local manufacturers.

"I encourage all of us to have honest, quality, and impactful conversations on the opportunities, the challenges and the solutions to African vaccine manufacturing. I hope that we will come out of this with a clear roadmap, supported by the PAVM Framework of Action to achieve a fit-for-purpose African manufacturing reality" the CS said.

She said the Nairobi meeting is designed to build on the post-pandemic milestones African manufacturers have achieved and tapping into an ecosystem approach where Governments, Non-Governmental Organisations and the Private sector can work together to enhance the potential of its industry.

In the First Edition of this Global Event, the CS

said, a broad consensus was reached on four main areas like building vaccine manufacturing capacity alongside health systems strengthening, since biomanufacturing in Africa is critical in addressing health inequities, the need for a tailored strategy to consolidate supply and demand on the continent, the private sector as an important partner for PAVM.

"The lessons learnt from COVID-19 illustrated to each one of us the need for self-reliance and self-sufficiency in the manufacturing of health products and technologies. Indeed, it was the Lower- and middle-income countries which were the most affected by disrupted global supply chain systems, whose impact is still being felt today", Nakhumicha noted.

She said Africa's pharmaceutical industry sector has long grappled with multiple challenges including limited production capabilities and technical know-how, minimal investments by governments and private enterprises, disjointed market entry and shaping strategies and lack of a harmonized pharmaceutical regulatory system.



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# EAC Region should set the pace for the Continent's uptake of the 4th Industrial Revolution – CS Owalo

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI  
(PCO)

The East African Region should set the pace for Africa's adoption of the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR).

In his address made during the official opening of the 29th East African Communications Organization (EACO) Annual Assemblies and Extraordinary Congress held in Nairobi, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Eliud Owalo, stated that as the EAC grows with additional Member States, their collective strength towards implementing bold and progressive ideas should be more emboldened.

"As we discuss the prospects of a single digital market on the Continent, the Region must play a leading role. As we think about a single digital identity for the Continent, the Region should set the



**Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Eliud Owalo speaking during the official opening of the 29th East African Communications Organization (EACO) Annual Assemblies and Extraordinary Congress held in Nairobi.** Photo by Henry Kwenya.

pace," said the CS while also appreciating the collaboration between EACO Secretariat and the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) to successfully host the event in the country.

He noted that EACO has made incredible strides

in spearheading digital transformation within the East African Community, majorly the harmonization of legal and regulatory regimes, ensuring the success of the One Network Area (ONA), cyber-security, SIM card registration, standardization of ICT

equipment and services in the Region, e-waste and green ICTs.

Further reiterating that EACO is a key player in consolidating and realizing the collective aspirations of the East African Community through tapping into the huge potential that the digital economy presents.

CS Owalo pointed out that the theme for the 29th Annual Assemblies and the EACO Extraordinary Congress: "Promoting Digital Transformation in The EAC Region," provides EAC Member States with an opportunity to reflect on their individual and collective efforts to leverage the power of digital transformation to grow the Continent's economies.

He remarked that through the Kenyan Government's Digital Transformation Agenda, "we have set our sights on ensuring our citizens have access to broadband services, affordable ICT devices and the requi-

site training on digital skills, so that they can participate meaningfully in the digital economy."

CS Owalo highlighted key achievements by the Kenyan Government in the ICT sector which entail; laying of over 10,000 kilometres of fibre, deployment of over 2,000 public WI-FI hotspots, establishment of 1,450 ICT hubs and 25,000 WI-FI hotspots geared towards creating digital marketplaces and boosting connectivity to traders.

"With our eyes keen on affordable digital devices, we have made tremendous progress through the local assembly of mobile phones, where about one million devices have been assembled locally by the East Africa Device Assembly Kenya, out of which about 70 per cent have already been sold in the country at an affordable cost of 40 US Dollars," the CS stated.

So far, the CS observed, that 16,962 Government

services have been digitalized and are available on the E-Citizen platform, making it possible for citizens to seamlessly access services at their convenience.

According to the EACO Executive Secretary, Dr. Ally Simba, the collaboration and wide network that EACO has with regional and international organisations positions it as a key player in the Information and Communications sector.

He acknowledged that the Congress will be a viable platform for various stakeholders to share innovative ideas for promotion of digital transformation in the East African Region.

Among other leaders also present at the event were Chairman of EACO, Dr. Samuel Muhizi, the CA Director-General, Mr. David Mugonyi, Secretary-General, ATU, Mr. John Omo, Secretary-General, PAPU, Dr. Sifundo Chief Moyo, and Heads of Regulatory Authorities within the EAC.

## Government decries escalating wave of wildlife crime

BY EMMANUEL JUMA

Tourism and wildlife Cabinet Secretary Dr Alfred Mutua has raised serious concerns over the escalating wave of wildlife crime that threatens numerous endangered species.

Chairing the bureau meeting of the 13th Lusaka Agreement Task Force (LATF) Governing Council in Nairobi, Dr. Mutua emphasized that the illegal trade in game meat has become the foremost threat to conservation efforts.

In his capacity as the current president of the LATF, which focuses on cooperative enforcement operations against illegal trade in fauna and flora, Dr. Mutua revealed that perpetrators of wildlife crimes are increasingly leveraging technology to evade capture.

He identified Nigeria and the Central African Republic as current hotspots for this illicit trade and called for enhanced cooperation among African nations to combat the menace.

Budgetary constraints have further complicated these efforts, with many member nations failing to meet their financial obligations to the LATF Secretariat based in Lusaka.

Dr. Mutua urged member states to follow Tanzania's lead by seconding staff to



**Tourism and wildlife cabinet secretary Dr Alfred Mutua addressing the 13th governing council of parties to the Lusaka Agreement in Nairobi.**

support the Secretariat.

The LATF member states include Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, with Ethiopia, South Africa, and Swaziland as signatories to the agreement.

Kenya has stepped forward with a significant offer to host the LATF headquarters, with the Kenya Wildlife Service donating land for its construction.

Dr. Mutua stressed the importance of addressing the root causes of wildlife crime, such as poverty, lack of awareness, and the need for sustainable livelihoods

for local communities.

Dr. Mutua believes that empowering local communities and involving them as stewards of natural resources can foster a culture of conservation, serving as a powerful deterrent against wildlife crime.

Dr. Mutua was joined by his deputy president, Dunstan Luka Kitandula, who is also Tanzania's Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, and LATF Director Edward Phiri. Kenya's technical team to the meeting was led by PS State Department of Wildlife, Silvia Museiya.

## Kenya, US Drug Agency sign commitment to enhance pharmaceutical regulation

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A  
(KNA)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya and the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) have signed a Statement of Commitment to enhance local capacity in pharmaceutical regulation.

The US FDA Associate Director for Global Policy and Strategy Mark Abode and PPB's Director of Health Products and Technologies Dr. Ahmed Mohamed formalized the agreement in Nairobi.

The event follows a confidentiality agreement signed between PPB and the US FDA in March 2024, aimed at fostering new opportunities for cooperative engagement in the pharmaceutical sector.

The US FDA delegation also visited the Ministry of Health, where they were received by the Acting Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth who represented Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha.

Dr. Amoth emphasized the government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation agenda which has tapped health as a key pillar of Universal Health Cover-

age.

"The Kenyan government has identified Health Products and Technology as one of the four key pillars of the Universal Health Coverage under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Other pillars include Human Resource for Health, Healthcare Financing and Digital Health," Dr. Amoth explained.

He said that to ensure health commodities security, Kenya supports local manufacturing highlighting that this is already being actualized through the establishment of the Kenya Biovax Institute, and the support of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, towards becoming a WHO- Maturity Level 3 National Regulatory Authority.

"A national regulatory authority that meets the WHO-ML3- has many benefits to both the local manufacturer and importer of medical products which include simplified approval processes and enhanced transparency," Dr. Amoth said.

He added that as a result, business and local manufacturing will efficiently access markets for their commodities, therefore fa-

cilitating access to affordable, cost-effective medical products.

According to Dr. Amoth, as a key pillar toward achieving a vibrant local manufacturing environment, local manufacturers in the pharmaceutical sectors are particularly supported through the importation of active pharmaceutical ingredients and equipment for manufacturing of high-quality medicines tax free.

"The policy environment has also been changing, with the Kenya Drugs Bill No 54 of 2022, now at advanced stages of discussion in parliament; with the most recent mention being two days ago.

"Through this bill we anticipate the strengthening of the regulatory authority under a single roof, as the Kenya Health Products and Technologies Regulatory Authority," he said.

The Acting DG disclosed that the Pharmacy and Poisons Board became an affiliate member to the International Medical Devices Forum in March, and was also accepted into the Medical Devices Single Audit Program, both significant milestones in enhancing health system strengthening.

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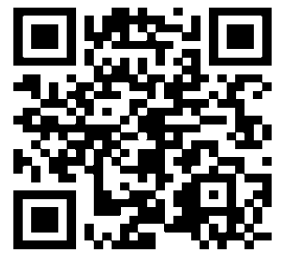
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TECHNOLOGY

## Kenya's path to industrialisation

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7.6%

Share of Manufacturing to GDP 2023



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2,085 km<sup>2</sup>

It is the third largest city in Kenya and has a population of 1,155,574.



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## INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

# KIPPRA's conference highlights ways to boost industrial growth

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KIPPRA Chairperson Prof Benson Ateng (right), Executive Director Dr Rose Ngugi (second left), Mr Timothy Gakuu, Economic Planning Secretary at the National Treasury and Ms Mary Kalerwa, Regional Development Industrial Officer Kisumu in the Ministry of Trade at the KIPPRA Regional Conference on Industrialisation in Kisumu.

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### INFOBOX

#### THE COMMUNIQUÉ CALLED FOR:

- Development of policy framework to guide utilisation of emerging technologies.
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- Creation of awareness among investors to attract resources and collaboration to implement projects.
- Increased funding for research and commercialisation of ideas.
- Developing enabling infrastructure for industrial parks and scaling of manufacturing base for agricultural produce.
- Enhancement of digital skills adoption and scaling up of technology training in schools.
- Building capacity and understanding international property rights frameworks.
- Providing training to farmers on phytosanitary standards to enhance market access.
- Securing international collaboration for technology transformation.
- Establishing and expanding charging infrastructure to support electric vehicles and other e-mobility technologies.
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- Developing and implementing carbon market frameworks and regulations.
- Strengthening institutions dealing with standards of products.
- Raising public awareness on danger of counterfeit products.

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Prof Njuguna Ndung'u, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Economic Planning, noted that the government is implementing various measures that are expected to boost manufacturing and, therefore, industrialisation.

sation.

"Affordable housing projects have expanded the construction sector, we expect county aggregation centres to lift manufacturing in counties and mining is emerging as a critical industrial sector," he noted.

Further, he added that digitisation of public service is aiding the industrial process by making it easier to acquire land for industrialisation.

He observed that the government's focus is also on MSMEs so that they can play a greater role in the industrial sector as government also promotes sustainable development and climate-smart practices, including e-mobility.

Trade, Investments and Industry Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano explained that the government is building infrastructure that include roads across the country to encourage development of cottage industries.

"We launched Karibu Business Centres as one stop shop for all information and ease in doing business. This is expected to bring services closer to the people making it easier to register businesses," she said.

One of the interesting topics discussed at the conference was the future of industrialisation in the context of the rising second-hand economy.

Of concern was the high levels of imports, particularly in sectors like motor vehicles and ICT.

Discussants called for a balance between the secondhand imports with the development of domestic production capabilities.

They said the government should implement strategies to grow the local textile industry, such as reviving cotton growing, ginneries and polytechnics, while also recognising the economic importance of the second-hand products in economic growth.

"Policies should ensure that both new and second-hand clothing or vehicle markets can coexist, giving consumers the power of choice and supporting the livelihoods dependent on the second-hand trade," it was noted.

Amid this, it was agreed that standardisation services should be taken closer to manufacturers for them to access them and guarantee consumers quality.

The youths at the event called for their incorporation into the industrialisation process at all levels including policy making and employment.

They asked for help on monetisation of their content, including commercialisation of intellectual properties and other works.

To entrench the use of new technologies in future industrialisation, participants rooted for integration of artificial intelligence, virtual reality and machine learning at the different levels of education.

"Institutions of higher learning should update and integrate courses on emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, augmented reality, and machine learning into their curricula. This integration will ensure that students and staff are well-prepared for the demands of the fourth industrial revolution," they said, adding this would prepare students and professionals for the fourth industrial revolution. ■

## TELLING THE STORY

## Kenya Yearbook partners with KIPPRA to tell country's industrialisation story

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) has committed to play its role in documenting the successes in the country's industrialisation journey and diffuse ideas to the lower level to help catalyse the process.

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto, who was speaking at the 7th KIPPRA Regional Conference in Kisumu, said that the institution will tell the story of the country's industrialisation in a way that citizens understand so that they can identify opportunities and exploit them.

"Kenya Yearbook's role in the

industrialisation process is well cut out. We will package the content and take it to the last mile because that is critical in industrialisation so that the youth and other groups can understand the process and become part of it," she said.

Ms Kimeto noted that communication had been undervalued in the industrialisation process yet it is crucial is dissemination of information and new technologies to encourage adoption.

She observed that KYEB will strive to make researchers, policy makers and other people in the

industrialisation value chain to become good communicators to help in the diffusion of ideas to the lower level.

"We will work to narrow the gap in documenting knowledge, that is why we are at this conference," said Ms Kimeto, who spoke during a panel discussion on data and industrialisation.

She observed that for KYEB, "data is our content and we have to unpackage it in its simplest form so that citizens can consume and

comprehend it."

This, according to her, helps to tell the story of the country in a way that captures its soul from the different spheres of the economy and contextualise government perspective for citizens to understand it.

Since the institution was established



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto (middle) and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics CEO, McDonald Obudho during a panel discussion at the KIPPRA Regional Conference in Kisumu.

in 2007, she noted that it has responded to what the government wants for citizens. "Now we are at the point where we are listening to citizens, that is why the Yearbook 2024 will be told from the youth perspective."

Kenya Yearbook was one of the key partners of the KIPPRA conference, producing InfoBytes and carrying stories of the event and the country's industrialisation story in its AgendaKenya newspapers as part of its mandate to document achievements, progress and initiatives of the government. ■

### Huduma Kenya goes the extra mile: Bringing services closer to citizens

**H**uduma Mashinani is one of the four platforms that Huduma Kenya uses to deploy Government services to Kenyans. The other platforms include the Huduma Centres, Huduma E&M and the Huduma Contact and Telecounselling Centre. Centre Managers collaborate closely with National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) ensuring services align with community needs. Partnerships with organisations further fuel this initiative.

Over 2,600 customers accessed vital Government services across

the country, a week ago. Huduma Centre Makueni set up camp in Kambu, 119 km from Wote, serving more than 500 customers, while Huduma Samburu assisted over 2,000 citizens. Tana River conducted a 3-phase Huduma Mashinani in partnership with Christ the King Church, Hola.

Further, Huduma Laikipia East, which opened its doors to Wananchi in March, 2024 served its 10,000th customer on June 21st, 2024. The centre held a Huduma Mashinani event to take its services further to customers living in the Marina Area of Laikipia East. ■



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Huduma Center in Makueni set up a camp that served more than 500 customers.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

## Public Wi-Fi Initiative supports youth employment



CS ICT Eliud Owalo (centre), CS Tourism Alfred Mutua (right) and Governor Makueni Mutula Kilonzo (left), during the launch of the Wote Public Wi-Fi.

### The Digital Hubs will help more youth access online work, ensuring dignified living for all.

**T**he government's efforts to realise the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy pillar of the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda (BETA) is in full gear with numerous launches of public Wi-Fi across the country. The plan is to establish 1,450 centers nationwide to train young people in digital skills and create jobs are accelerating, with approximately 215 hubs already operational since the project's inception.

This initiative, integral to the Digital Master Plan 2022-2032, aims to boost digital literacy, foster job opportunities, and stimulate economic growth through technological advancement.

Eliud Owalo, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and Digital Economy, will be launching more Digital Hubs in Emurua Dikirr Technical Training Institute and the Maasai Mara Technical and Vocational College in Narok County, and Watamu Office ICT Centre, Matsangoni ACCs Office and Sokoni ICT Hub in Kilifi County this week.

The CS recently launched some Jitume

digital hubs at Weru Technical and Vocational College in Malindi, Kilifi County, and Swahilipot Hub in Mombasa.

Owalo emphasised that these hubs are designed to equip young people with valuable digital skills, enabling them to secure online jobs and generate their own income as part of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"As a government, our goal is to connect young men and women to international companies offering remote work opportunities so they can earn independently," Owalo stated. He underscored that digital jobs are pivotal in addressing youth unemployment and encouraged leveraging the government's initiatives to improve livelihoods.

To date, the government has trained over 300,000 youths in digital skills, with half of them already earning from online jobs, some making up to Sh250,000 monthly, according to CS Owalo. The digital hubs are pivotal in preparing youths for online employment and entrepreneurial ventures.

Mahmud Noor, chief mentor at Swahilipot Hub, urged young people to utilize these facilities to acquire new skills, emphasizing the hub's commitment to supporting youth around the clock.

Each digital hub has the capacity to train 300 youths and potentially create a corresponding number of digital jobs, averaging 1,500 per hub, according to the ICT Ministry. Apart from the Jitume initiative, which partners



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with Technical and Vocational Education and Training Institutes (TVETs), the government is also implementing the Ajira initiative to equip TVETs with 23,000 digital devices.

The government has also integrated digital hubs into constituency development through an amendment to the NGCDF Act, allocating 3% of funds for constructing and maintaining these hubs in every constituency.

In addition to establishing digital hubs, the government has collaborated with private sector entities to lay over 10,000 kilometers of fiber optic cable as part of a five-year plan to cover 100,000 kilometers. Over 1,260 free public Wi-Fi hotspots have also been set up, facilitating communication and business activities as Kenya moves towards creating a digital superhighway that supports e-commerce and job creation.

Recognising the transformative potential of digital technology in shaping future job markets, the government's initiatives align with global trends highlighted by the World Bank, which emphasizes the role of online platforms in creating jobs and income opportunities under conducive conditions.

Beyond enhancing access to online jobs, the government has launched various initiatives to enable up to a million Kenyans to access employment opportunities abroad through platforms like Kazi Majuu. These efforts aim to secure bilateral agreements with European, North American, and Middle Eastern countries, expanding job opportunities for Kenyan citizens. ■

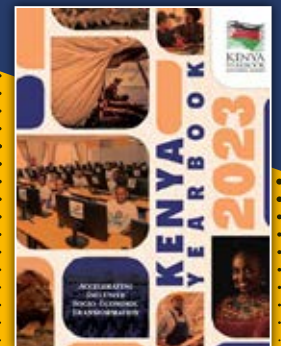


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HE President William Ruto when he met with a team of US Congress members visiting Kenya, led by Congressman Vern Buchanan at State House, Nairobi.



CS Sports, Ababu Namwamba EGH, flagging off the Kenya Para Boxing National team at Talanta Plaza in Nairobi as they head to Poland.



CS Health, Nakhumicha Wafula, during a supervision exercise for the piloting of the Social Health Authority at Matasia Health Centre in Kajiado County.

## State aims for 7.2 pc GDP growth with new five-year economic plan

BY HAMDY BUTHUL (KNA)

The Government has launched the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027, a five-year plan aligned with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) aimed at revitalizing the country's economy.

The plan sets a target to increase the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 7.2 percent by the fiscal year 2027/2028, a significant rise from the 4.8 percent recorded in 2022.

Speaking at the launch of the Fourth Medium Term Plan County Dissemination Forum for Wajir County, Culture and Heritage Principal Secretary (PS) Umi Bashir underscored the plan's alignment with long-term development goals extending to 2063.

Bashir emphasized that MTP IV focuses on key sectors such as agriculture, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), housing, healthcare, and digital infrastructure, noting the government's plans for substantial investments in these areas to stimulate economic



**Culture and Heritage Principal Secretary (PS) Umi Bashir (left) and Wajir County Commissioner Karuku Ngumo (right) during the Programme for Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027 County Dissemination Forum in Wajir town. PHOTO BY SHARMAKE HAJIR**

growth and promote inclusive prosperity.

President Ruto, in remarks delivered by the PS, outlined specific infrastructure initiatives integral to the plan's implementation. This includes the construction of 6,000 kilometers of new roads nationwide, upgrading over 101,000 kilometers of existing roads, and installing 277 footbridges to enhance connectivity and mobility across Kenya.

Furthermore, plans are in place to build one million affordable housing units,

lay 4,600 kilometers of high-voltage transmission lines, and expand the national fiber-optic network by an additional

100,000 kilometers. Beyond infrastructure, the government pledges significant reforms aimed at bolstering judicial independence, enhancing law enforcement efficiency, and curbing predatory lending through initiatives like the hustler fund.

The plan also prioritizes social initiatives such as the expansion of the Women

Enterprise Fund and the provision of subsidized fertilizer to farmers, aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and supporting rural livelihoods.

In education, the government aims to improve access and quality by recruiting 56,000 teachers and launching the National Open University at Konza Technopolis, with an initial enrollment of 1,000 students.

Healthcare reforms under MTP IV include the enactment of the Social Health Insurance Act (2023) to achieve Universal Health Coverage, supported by the rollout of Primary Health Care Networks and the deployment of 100,000 Community Health Promoters.

President Ruto emphasized the plan's commitment to fostering employment through investments in special economic zones and industrial parks, as well as facilitating market access for MSMEs.

In his remarks Wajir County Commissioner Karuku Ngumo said the plan focuses on inclusivity and local empowerment.

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#### Parents urged to end stigma against disabled children

■ "The National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) has urged communities in the North Eastern region to stop stigmatizing children with disabilities and instead bring them to hospitals for therapy to improve their health. Speaking during an outreach disability assessment session in Garissa Town, NCPWD's chairperson, Winfred Mbugua, said they are collaborating with hospital officials to diagnose and initiate early medication for children with disabilities, aiming to enable them to walk or communicate in the future. According to Ms. Mbugua, the two-day outreach program, in collaboration with the Kenya Institute of Special Education, Garissa Referral Hospital, and Hope Mobility, targets reaching at least 250 children in Garissa County for assessment, therapy, and provision of wheelchairs and other assistive devices to enhance their mobility. Some causes of developmental disabilities and disorders include prolonged

labor, especially for people living far from hospitals, home deliveries, infections during birth, and premature births."

"There is a lot of stigma in the communities especially with cerebral palsy where parents keep their children hidden or secluded from others even making it hard for these children to be brought for assessment and medication," Winfred said. "We also have a challenge in accessing children whose parents stop bringing them for therapy hence losing all the improvement achieved. Due to this, we have been training some parents in the basic home therapy techniques so that they may be able to help their children while they await appointment dates," she added.

She said that taking their disabled children for therapy and schools will help them in the future especially for economic purposes where with knowledge they can be able to earn a living on their own.

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#### Busia trains health promoters to combat Red-Eye disease

■ The County Government of Busia has commenced training Community Health Promoters (CHPs) at Teso North Sub-county Hospital on communicable diseases to mitigate the impact of Red Eye disease, which continues to afflict residents.

This initiative aligns with the government's push for primary health care, emphasizing preventive rather than curative measures, which incur significant costs for the government. Jackline Asinge, the Nurse in Charge, commended the county's efforts, highlighting that such interventions will significantly reduce cases of communicable diseases and alleviate hospital congestion.

These timely interventions are crucial as Busia County faces the threat of Red-Eye disease spread.

Malaria, Tuberculosis, High Blood Pressure, Hepatitis B, Corona, and conjunctivitis are among the diseases for which preventive measures were shared with the CHPs who attended the event at Kocholia Subcounty Hospital.

Leah Akwii, an optician, dispelled myths and mis-

conceptions about communicable diseases, urging CHPs to engage patients to trace disease histories accurately and provide appropriate prescriptions.

"The red-eye disease is ravaging souls and non-medical prescribed treatment may be more hazardous," Akwii said. She advised the residents to use Ciprofloxacin in the cure of eye diseases which is plain antibiotic and steroid free instead of using ProbetaN and Gentamizine that worsen the condition.

The expert agrees that the disease is most likely caused by adenovirus which spreads very quickly but rarely causes long-term eye complications.

Red Eye is spread by contact with infected tears or any kind of fluids from the eyes of an infected person and sharing items such as spectacles, microscopes, washrags, towels, pillows, eye make-up can promote the spread of this infection. According to Agnes Ngoya, a Clinical Officer, Teso North recorded 71 TB cases last year, some of which were referral cases from Uganda.

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## UoN's new Refugee Resource Center to address forced displacement challenges

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Filippo Grandi, has launched a Refugee Resource Center at the University of Nairobi. This center aims to establish a policy regime that promotes sustainable socio-economic inclusion for refugees in the country. It will also focus on conducting localized research and generating evidence on the challenges and solutions related to forced displacement.

Speaking at the launch, Grandi highlighted that many countries have recently faced forced displacement due to political turmoil.

"Unfortunately, this is not the result of healthy politics. We need to address this challenge by tackling



**The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Filippo Grandi speaking during the launch of the New Refugee Resources Center at the University of Nairobi.**

the political manipulation aimed at gaining votes and winning elections," said Grandi.

He emphasized that war is the primary reason most refugees are forced to flee,

and the world appears unable to stop or prevent these wars and conflicts.

"The dangers faced by refugees and internally displaced persons while moving in search of safety or opportunities include violence, extortion, torture and even death as they travel overseas through deserts and jungles," he stated.

Grandi said that as an organization, they seek out corporate actions that can be taken to address root causes of the conflicts and ways to protect forcefully displaced people and provide them with opportunities. "This can only be achieved through the combination of the right ingredients: the right policies, the right vision, the right leadership, and yes, the right international support," said Grandi.

He said that the rising

number of refugees is due to the fact that various institutions created to prevent war are broke, adding that the security council of the United Nations is fractured, paralyzed and regional institutions in Europe and in Africa are being severely tested by anti-democratic resources, nationalists, climate change, condemnation of refugees, execution and denial of opportunities among other issues.

"If we want to be able to design responses that are effective, we must accept reality as it is, as uncomfortable as that may be and the reality is that indeed, forced displacement is on the rise," he added.

Grandi added that peace is among the possible ways to reduce or deal with displacements and refugees saying that there is no substitute for peace.