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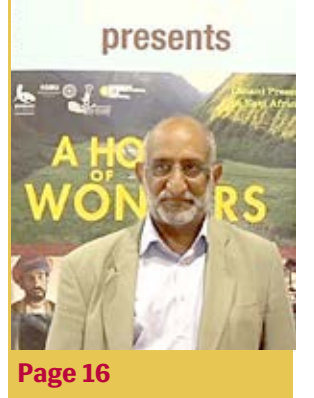
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AirBnBs that the Tourism Regulatory Authority has registered across the country to weed out unscrupulous short term rentals operators.

1.8b

The grant the Last Mile Connectivity Project (LMCP) under the Kenya Power Company has received from JICA.

100m

Amount of money KVDA will spend to construct the Chebagon Dam and rehabilitate another one in Keiyo North.

6m

Cost of digital audio-visual equipment Moi University received to establish two smart classrooms from Donghua University of China.

2.5m

Number of bags of subsidized fertilizer the Government has procured for distribution to farmers during the short rains season

State to distribute 2.5 million bags of subsidized fertilizer



Agriculture PS Dr. Paul Rono

Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh says the fertilizer is already in the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) stores across the country

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)
The Government has procured 2.5 million bags of subsidized fertilizer for distribution to farmers during the short rains season. Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Paul Kipronoh Ronoh stated that the fertilizer is already in the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) stores. He added that the ministry is in the process of issuing e-vouchers to farmers to secure the fertilizer ahead of the

short rains planting season. Dr. Ronoh said this will bring the total to 8.5 million bags of subsidized fertilizer distributed this year, noting that the program has registered tremendous success. To ensure timely delivery of the fertilizer to farmers, he mentioned

that the government is in the process of engaging agro-dealers to expand coverage. He also noted that the initiative will allow farmers across the country to collect government-subsidized fertilizer, seeds, and pesticides from a local agro-dealer, reducing the time wasted traveling to NCPB stores. "We have instructed the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

8.5 million
Total number of bags of subsidized fertilizer distributed this year under the program

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua chairs a meeting with various agencies on fight against Drug abuse and illicit brews at his official Karen Residence. PHOTO: ALLAN NOBERT/DPCS

Government intensifies efforts to eradicate illicit alcohol and drug abuse

BY JOSEPH WANGUI (DPCS)
Various state agencies are consolidating their efforts to protect the gains made as the government increases its efforts to eradicate illicit alcohol and drug abuse in the country. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has stated that these efforts are guided by the stringent measures adopted in March 2024, which were also endorsed by the Cabinet. Mr. Gachagua emphasized that the government will not relent in its resolve to suppress the manufacture, distribution,

sale, and consumption of illicit brews. He spoke during a high-level multi-agency meeting that he hosted at the Official Residence in Karen. The meeting focused on implementing government directives to eradicate illicit alcohol, drugs, and substance abuse. The forum was attended by Principal Secretaries Raymond Omollo (Internal Security and National Administration), Harry Kimtai (Medical Services), and

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Government's war against illicit brews making progress, says DP

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Terry Mbaika (Devo-lution), along with top government officials from the Kenya Revenue Authority and regulatory bodies such as the Kenya Bureau of Standards. It was reported that since March, police have conducted 65,488 raids on liquor outlets.

From the said raids and law enforcement activities, PS Omollo said that as at June 30, 2024 the County Security teams had arrested 30,675 people and seized 358,000 litres of chang'aa, 2.7 million litres of kangara, 8,000 litres of ethanol and 389 shisha bongs.

The meeting was also informed that the Ministry of Health has since issued directives to all hospitals of Level Three and above to establish wards for rehabilitation of persons affected by the vices.

DP Gachagua said the 25 stringent directives announced by the Government on March 6, 2024 to curb illicit brew, drug, and substance abuse in the country

have been effective and that the nation has registered gains after fresh vetting of the alcohol manufacturers.

"It is a huge win for this administration with zero cost. This is a war we cannot relent because it is good for the country and has been successful," he stated.

Urging members of the State agencies tasked with the fight against the drugs and drugs abuse to take responsibility and stamp out the menace, the Deputy President praised the County Security teams over their achievements.

He, however, asked the security officers to enhance surveillance at border points to avert entry of contraband goods such as illegal ethanol to be used in

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manufacturing of second generation alcohol.

"The measures have been effective. Families have been restored and we are getting back our country to sobriety," he said.

In attendance also at the meeting were heads and representatives from the Ministry of Health, The Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Anti-Counterfeit Authority and Office of the Attorney-General are in attendance.

On the fight against drug and substance abuse, the Pharmacy and Poisons Board told the forum that it has inspected 408 premises and prosecution of nine people is ongoing for non-adherence to good pharmaceutical practices.

It added that it has closed 150 premises and seized 325 cartons of medicines.

The agency is also developing guidelines on enhancement of fines and forfeiture of confiscated medicines by the courts.

State to distribute 2.5 million bags of subsidized fertilizer

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(KEPHIS) to ensure that all the agro dealers have the right professionals in place before we roll out this initiative," he said.

The government, he added, has put in place stringent measures to ensure that only the specified fertilizer and seeds get to farmers through the various channels.

Speaking during the Kisumu Regional Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) show, the PS lauded the fertilizer subsidy program saying through the intervention agricultural productivity has increased.

During the 2023 crop production seasons a total of 60.2 million bags (90kgs) of maize, 7.14 million bags (90kg) beans and 4.89 million bags (90kg) of wheat and 189,024 metric tonnes of rice were produced.

This, he said, has seen food insecurity decrease from 2.7 million in July 2023 to 1.9 in June 2024.

The improved production, he said, is expected



Agriculture Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh during the Kisumu Regional Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) show.

to be sustained this year with the country expecting bumper maize harvests. "We are advising farmers to build more storage facilities because we expect to have a bumper harvest. The NCPB is also prepared and will purchase the maize from our farmers at an agreed price," he said.

The Ministry of Agriculture has registered 6.42 million farmers up from 1.3 million in 2022 urging all farmers to ensure they are in the database to

benefit from the available services including subsidised fertilizer.

Early this year, the then minister of Agriculture Mithika Linturi revealed that last year, Kenya produced 80 million bags of maize, up from 60 million bags after farmers were given subsidised fertiliser.

President William Ruto's government rolled out a nationwide distribution of subsidised fertilizer last year, targeting to give farmers 12 million bags.



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NO	TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE CATEGORY	BID SECURITY (KSH)
1	KSC/NOT/IBS/01/2024/25	Provision of insurance & brokerage services	OPEN	100,000.00
2	KSC/NOT/SGS/02/2024/25	Provision of security guarding services for 2 years.	OPEN	600,000.00
3	KSC/RFW/JGB/03/2024/25	Supply and delivery of new b-twill jute gunny bags X 50kg on framework contract for 2 years (Reserved for Women).	AGPO (WOMEN CATEGORY)	Tender securing declaration

2. The tenders are conducted under open tendering method and are open to all eligible and interested Tenderers.
3. Eligible and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during normal office working hours at Procurement Department, Kenya Seed Company Limited, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale.
4. A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates/tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fees of **Ksh.1,000.00** to Kenya Seed Company Limited or be accessed from Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) or www.kenyaseed.com free of charge. Interested bidders who opt to download the Tender Document shall be required to register/submit their contact details to procurement@kenyaseed.co.ke for recording and any further clarification or addenda.
5. Completed tender documents properly SEALED, to be addressed to the **Managing Director, Kenya Seed Company Limited, P.O Box 553 - 30200, Kitale** and deposited into the tender box at the Company's Headquarters, Mbegu Plaza, Ground Floor, Kitale, so as to be received on or before **20th August 2024 at 11.00 A.M.** Tenders will be opened on the same date and time at Conference Room, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **Electronic tenders shall not be accepted and any late tenders shall be rejected.**

MANAGING DIRECTOR






TENDER NOTICE

The Geothermal Development Company Limited (GDC) invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT (KSHS)	CLOSING DATE
GDC/GRM/OT/002/2024/2025	Tender for Supply & Delivery of Logging Unit Spare Parts and Accessories.	Open to All	300,000.00	04.09.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/GRM/OT/003/2024/2025	Tender for Supply & Delivery of Workshop Tools, Equipment & Accessories for Korosi Geothermal Field.	Open to All	450,000.00	29.08.2024 at 11.00am

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from the office of Manager, Supply Chain at Kawi House, South C off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road between 9.00am and 4.00pm during week days.

A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by interested firms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1000 payable to our accounts office in cash or by banker's cheque. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.gdc.co.ke or PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to procurement@gdc.co.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **Tender No.** and **Tender reference name;** shall be addressed to:

**Managing Director & CEO,
Geothermal Development Company
P.O Box 100746-00101
NAIROBI, KENYA**

and deposited in the tender box at Ground Floor GDC office Kawi House, South C Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road on or before the dates specified above.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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Kwale set to establish Sh750m industrial park to boost investment, economic growth

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Kwale County government will establish a Sh750 million industrial park to further boost investment and economic growth in the coastal county.

The Kwale County Aggregation and Industrial Park will help unlock the area's agricultural potential by adding value to cassava, tomatoes, cashew nuts, and other farm produce.

The main objective of County Aggregation and Industrial Parks is to grow manufacturing and investments through agro-industries and enhance the productivity of the agriculture sector in a sustainable manner.

This will create inclusive, decent jobs, increase farmers' incomes, boost foreign exchange, and provide a platform where

farmers, processors, exporters, research institutions, industrial bodies, and the government can engage in agro-industrial development.

Governor Fatuma Achani stated that the new project will create job opportunities for the people and enhance the economic and revenue base of the devolved government.

She pointed out that in today's rapidly evolving business environment, the need for well-equipped and strategically designed industrial parks has become more crucial than ever.

This will not only boost the agricultural sector but also contribute to food and nutrition security

The Governor said the project has kicked off in earnest in the Mwananyamala area of Lunga Lunga Sub County and once completed will enhance the ease of doing business in the region.

She said the county government has already pumped Sh500 million to kick start the phase one of the project noting that a number of investors have already indicated interest in the project.

Achani stated that the industrial park will entail value addition of investment opportunities in the agricultural sector adding that African eye bird chilies, green grams, cashew nuts, tomatoes and cassava are among the agricultural products that will be value added to generate more revenues to the local farmers.

"Industrial parks are an ideal catalyst for industrialization and economic



President William Ruto (3rd left) with Kwale local leaders during a visit to the Kwale County Industrial Park in Mwananyamala in Lunga Lunga, Kwale County.

development as they help put into place an infrastructure that fosters and attracts entrepreneurs of all scales," she said, adding that industrialization is the way to go to safeguard the future generation. The Governor said the industrial park will also provide a platform for the development of agro-processing industries and enabling farmers to add value to their agricultural produce and reduce post-harvest losses.

She added that the expansive industrial hub promises to revolutionize Kwale's economic landscape by accommodating various enterprises, fostering job opportunities,

and enhancing the county's competitiveness.

"This will not only boost the agricultural sector but also contribute to food and nutrition security and poverty reduction in our region," she said.

The Governor noted that her administration has spearheaded the development of the industrial park as a means to attract investments, foster economic growth and create employment opportunities for the youth while ensuring business diversification in the region.

Achani said Kwale is open to investors who will assist in driving her administration's vision of making the county a one-

stop-shop for trade, commerce and manufacturing.

The coastal county boss said phase one of the industrial park was progressing well and disclosed that once fully completed it will go a long way in economic expansion and job creation.

President William Ruto who paid a working visit to the construction site of the county's industrial park last week pledged a further Sh250 million from the national government.

President Ruto termed the new industrial park as a catalyst for development and expressed happiness with the level of work done so far.



COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROMOTION AND USE OF DIGITAL CERTIFICATES BY THE CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE (CII) SECTOR

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services.

Pursuant to Part VIA of the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, the CA is mandated to implement a Root Certification Authority (RCA) under the National Public Key Infrastructure (NPKI) framework. Further, the CA is mandated to develop a licensing framework for regulating the operations of Electronic Certification Service Providers (E-CSPs). The main role of E-CSPs is to issue and maintain digital certificates. The NPKI is a critical element for securing Kenya's cyber space as it assures the safety and integrity of electronic transactions and online services thereby fostering the development of electronic commerce, and promoting and facilitating the efficient delivery of public services through digital platforms.

The National Computer and Cybercrimes Coordination Committee (NC4) is a multi-agency entity established by the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, 2018, to coordinate national cyber security matters to enable timely and effective detection, prohibition, prevention, response, investigation and prosecution of computer misuse and cybercrimes; and facilitate international cooperation in dealing with computer and cybercrime matters in Kenya.

During its meeting on 14th March 2024, the NC4 made a determination and directed **that all systems that are designated as critical information infrastructure as stipulated by Gazette Notice No. 1043, MUST adopt and ONLY use digital certificates, digital certification and PKI services from Electronic Certification Service Providers (E-CSPs) who have been both licensed and accredited** by the Communications Authority of Kenya. The list of licensed and accredited E-CSPs can be obtained from the **Telecommunications Services Licensee Register** available at CA's website, <https://www.ca.go.ke>.

This directive is to be implemented within six (6) months from the date of this public notice.

David Mugonyi, EBS
DIRECTOR GENERAL & CEO

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROMOTION AND USE OF THE DOT KE DOMAIN NAME BY THE CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE (CII) SECTOR

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Pursuant to Section 83 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, the CA has licensed the Kenya Network Information Centre (KeNIC) as the entity responsible for managing and administering the dot KE country code top-level domain (ccTLD). KeNIC serves as the Registry for the dot KE ccTLD, a unique national identity for Kenya, and oversees the registration, allocation and maintenance of Kenya's Domain Name System (DNS).

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Top judge praises Alternative Justice System as answer to clearing Kenyan court backlog

BY ISIAH NAYIKA AND ANGELA MUSONYE(KNA)
Supreme Court Judge Justice Smokin Wanjala has hailed the establishment of the Alternative Justice System (AJS) as a panacea for helping to clear the backlog of cases in Kenyan courts.

Presiding over the launch of the Trans Nzoia County AJS Action Plan on behalf of Chief Justice Martha Koome, Justice Wanjala said that the establishment of AJS suites across the country will not only bring services closer to the people but will also assist those who cannot afford to seek justice through formal means.

During the occasion, three AJS suites were launched in the sub-counties of Kwana, Kiminini, and Saboti, where AJS services will be offered under the patronage of selected councils of elders and religious leaders.



Supreme Court of Kenya Judge Justice Smokin Wanjala (Right) and Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya (Left) display Trans Nzoia County AJS Action Plan after the launch.

ciary Academy, stated that while courts are designed to deliver judgments, AJS will provide solutions to disputes that the courts cannot address.

“It is obvious that not all parties involved in court battles embrace judgments, some are left aggrieved at the end of the day. In such a case, there is a high likelihood that animosity will always exist between the parties involved.

In AJS, we have a better channel through which disputes can be settled without bringing animosity. Aggrieved parties are brought together, address their differences in a harmonious way, shake hands and go home satisfied,” he said. He urged the public to embrace AJS

as the most accessible and affordable channel to resolve disputes, Justice Wanjala said only 17 per cent of Kenyans with justice needs use the formal justice institutions to solve their legal problems.

Justice Wanjala challenged those who have been given the mandate to provide AJS services to guard the establishment and give it the respect it deserves cautioning them to resist attempts to take sides while resolving cases as it will erode the confidence of Kenyans in the system.

“Yes let us go to courts when aggrieved, but at the same time let us also use other alternatives where necessary without undermining the constitutional rights of anyone,” he advised.

Others present during the event were Trans Nzoia County Commissioner Gideon Oyagi and Governor George Ntembeya.



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4	Senior Production Engineer (Mechanical)	6	2
5	Senior Production Officer	6	1
6	Senior Administration Officer	6	1
7	Production Engineer II	8	2
8	Planning Officer II	8	1
9	Sales & Marketing Officer II	8	2
10	Agricultural Officer II	8	10
11	Accountant II	8	4
12	Office Administrator II	8	5
13	Assistant Production Officer III	9	6
14	Assistant Office Administrator III	9	6
15	Production Technologist III (Mechanical)	9	2
16	Production Technologist III (Electrical)	9	1
17	Production Technician III (Mechanical)	10	3
18	Production Assistant III	10	40
19	Agricultural Assistant III	10	40
20	Boiler III	10	4
21	Clerical Officers III	10	10
22	Sales & Marketing Assistant III	10	2
23	Mechanic III	10	3
24	Driver III	11	14
25	Office Assistant III	12	2

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THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT



CALL FOR COMMENTS & INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE RAILWAYS BILL, 2024

The Ministry of Roads and Transport and Kenya Railways Corporation notifies stakeholders and members of the public that it has developed the Railways Bill, 2024. The purpose of the Bill is to repeal and replace the current Kenya Railways Corporation Act, 1978 Cap 397 Laws of Kenya with the Railways Act, 2024.

The Railways Bill, 2024 establishes the Kenya Railway Corporation and the Railway Regulatory Authority and aims at enhancing effectiveness and efficiency in the provision of services and operations in the railway sector by providing open access to railway infrastructure for operators.

The detailed Memorandum and objectives of the proposed Act may be accessed via the <https://krc.co.ke/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/The-Railways-Bill.pdf> or visit the Ministry of Roads and Transport website being www.transport.go.ke - publications or visit Kenya Railway website being <https://krc.co.ke/>.

Pursuant to Article 10(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, the Ministry through this Notice hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to public participation forums to be conducted as shown in the table below:

S/ No.	COUNTIES	VENUE	Date
1.	Nyeri, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Murang'a	Nyeri County Hall - Nyeri	26 th August, 2024
2.	Laikipia and Samburu	Nanyuki Railway Station	27 th August, 2024
3.	Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Embu and Isiolo	Meru County Hall - Meru	28 th August, 2024
4.	Kitui and Makueni	Kitui County Hall - Kitui	30 th August, 2024
5.	Taita Taveta	Dan Mwazo Hall - Voi	2 nd September, 2024
6.	Kwale and Mombasa	Mombasa County Hall - Mombasa	4 th September, 2024
7.	Tana River, Kilifi, and Lamu	Malindi Town Hall - Malindi	6 th September, 2024
8.	Bomet, Nyamira, Kisii, Narok, and Migori	Kisii County Hall - Kisii	26 th August, 2024
9.	Siaya, Homa Bay, Vihiga, Kisumu and Kakamega	Kisumu County Hall - Kisumu	27 th August, 2024
10.	Busia and Bungoma	Malaba Railway Station	28 th August, 2024
11.	Trans-Nzoia	Trans-Nzoia County Hall Kitale	30 th August, 2024
12.	West Pokot and Turkana	Turkana County Hall - Lodwar	2 nd September, 2024
13.	Uasin Gishu, Nandi, and Elgeyo Marakwet	Uasin Gish County Hall - Eldoret	4 th September, 2024
14.	Nakuru, Kericho, and Baringo	Nakuru County Hall - Nakuru	6 th September, 2024
15.	Garissa, Wajir, Mandera and Marsabit	Garissa Town Hall - Garissa	11 th September, 2024
16.	Nairobi, Machakos, Kajiado, and Kiambu	Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC) - Nairobi	13 th September, 2024

Written memoranda or comments may be submitted to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Transport, 8th Floor, Transcom House, Ngong Road P.O. Box 52692-00200, Nairobi** or email to: railwaybill2024@transport.go.ke or Kenya Railways Corporation on email to: raibill@krc.co.ke or hand delivered to the **Managing Director, Kenya Railways, Headquarters Office, Workshop Road, Off Haile Selassie Avenue, P.O. Box 30121-00100 Nairobi** or any of the Regional Offices at Kisumu, Malaba, Eldoret, Kitale, Nakuru, Nanyuki, Mombasa, and Voi to be received in the format that can be accessed on the Websites of the Ministry of Roads and Transport and Kenya Railways by **23rd August, 2024**.

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NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECEIPT OF WRITTEN MEMORANDA ON:-

DRAFT HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND DRAFT HUMAN RESOURCE MASTERPLAN FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The Public Service Commission, pursuant to the provisions of article 234 of the Constitution and the Public Service Commission Act, 2017, has reviewed the **Human Resource Policies and Procedures Manual For The Public Service 2016** and developed **Draft Human Resource Masterplan For The Public Service**

The Manual is aimed at providing a standardized framework for managing HR processes and practices across the public service entities.

The Masterplan aims in creating a well-structured, efficient, and effective workforce management strategy.

The Commission, therefore, seeks to invite stakeholders and the public in general to submit their views through written memoranda on the said document.

Written Memoranda may be sent to the **Secretary, Public Service Commission, P.O Box 30095-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission, Commission House, Harambee Avenue, or emailed to the secretary@publicservice.go.ke and, or hodhrmd@publicservice.go.ke to be received on or before **30th August, 2024**.

The draft Human Resource Policies and Procedures Manual for the Public Service 2016 and the draft Human Resource Masterplan can be accessed from the Commission's website <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>, under Publications.

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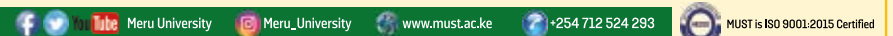


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Meru University of Science and Technology (MUST) has nominated **Mr. Peter Ndegwa (CBS)** for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Business Management (Honoris Causa) of the Meru University of Science and Technology.

This esteemed honor recognizes Mr. Ndegwa's immense contributions and excellence in both national and international corporations, highlighting his outstanding business practices and exemplary leadership that set the standard for best practices in the business world. His transformative impact is evident from his foundational roles at PriceWaterhouseCoopers to his strategic innovations at East African Breweries Limited. As a leader at Diageo and CEO of Safaricom PLC, he demonstrated exceptional foresight and global business acumen, driving substantial growth and navigating complex economic challenges. His commitment to sustainable business practices and leveraging technology for financial inclusion has significantly advanced digital financial services in Kenya and beyond. Additionally, his dedication to community engagement and social impact, particularly through his leadership at the Safaricom and M-PESA Foundations, underscores his profound influence on both the business world and society at large.

For these outstanding contributions, Meru University of Science and Technology nominates **Mr. Peter Ndegwa (CBS)** for the conferment of the degree of **Doctor of Business Management (Honoris Causa)** during its 12th Graduation Ceremony to be held on **Friday, 4th October 2024**.



APPLICATION FOR HELB SALARIED LOANS FINANCIAL YEAR: 2024-2025

The Higher Education Loans Board [HELB] invites applications for the 2024-2025 Salaried loans from employed Kenyan students enrolled for PhD, Master's and Bachelor's degrees in local Public or Private Universities recognized by the Commission for University Education [CUE].

Salaried students pursuing Postgraduate Diploma, Higher National Diploma, Diploma and Professional Courses in College of Human Resource Management [CHRM], those pursuing Certified Procurement and Supplies Professional in various colleges and KRA Staff enrolled at Kenya School of Revenue Administration [KESRA] are also eligible to apply.

The following products apply under the salaried loans:

No.	Loan Product	Eligible Applicants per product	Interest Rate	Maximum Loan [Kshs. Per Academic Year]
1.	Civil Servants Training Revolving Fund	Employees of Ministries and State Departments, County Government employees, National Police Service employees and teachers employed by the TSC	4%	500,000
2.	KRA Training Revolving Fund	KRA Staff	4%	700,000
3.	HELB Jielimishie Loan	All Kenyans who are employed	10%	200,000

Eligibility Criteria:

- Letter of Admission into a full or part time program in a local public or private university recognized by the Commission for University Education [CUE] and institutions of higher learning that have signed an MoU with HELB.
- Employed on Permanent basis or at least two years Contract.
- If a HELB loan beneficiary, the applicant MUST be repaying or has completed repaying the previous loan.

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applications are done online.
- Applicants should register, access, and duly complete the 2024-2025 Salaried Loan Application form via www.helb.co.ke or www.helb.co.ke
- Submit online the duly completed application and print the Hardcopy application.

- Have the application appropriately signed and stamped by the relevant authorities and attach all the necessary documents as indicated on the checklist.
- Scan the filled application and all the attachments in PDF format as one document.
- Send the Scanned PDF copy to jielimishie@helb.co.ke

NOTE

- The applicant shall be charged application processing fee of Kshs.2,000 upon loan award.
- #KaaChonjo do not pay any individual to process your HELB Loan Application apart from the requisite fee if applying from a Cyber Café.
- Terms and Conditions apply for all products
- The application closing date is **30th June 2025**

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET



VACANCY FOR A CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to Section 73(5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 on Establishment of Audit Committees in all public entities, the Office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB) is in the process of sourcing for its Audit and Risk Committee members.

As per guidelines issued by the Cabinet Secretary, the National Treasury, through Kenya Gazette Notice Vol CX Viii No. 40 of 15th April 2016, the Office of the Controller of Budget therefore invites suitably qualified Kenyans to apply for the following positions:

NO.	POSITION	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
1.	Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee	One (1)
2.	Members of the Audit and Risk Committee	Three (3)

Please visit the careers page on our website www.cob.go.ke for the detailed job profile and instructions on how to apply. All qualified persons who meet the requirements of the appointment are hereby advised to submit their applications to the following address;

The Controller of Budget
Bima House 12th Floor, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 35616 – 00100
Nairobi

The application should be sent by post, hand delivered, or email to auditcommittee@cob.go.ke to reach the Office of the Controller of Budget **NOT LATER THAN 21st August, 2024 at 5.00pm.**

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

The Office of the Controller of Budget is an equal opportunity employer.



Government agency registers 8,000 Airbnb properties to crack down on illegal rentals

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The Tourism Regulatory Authority has registered 8,000 Airbnb properties across the country in a bid to eliminate unscrupulous short-term rental operators.

This action follows the state agency's intensified crackdown on unregistered Airbnbs after a series of irregular activities reported from these establishments.

TRA Director General Mr. Norbert Talam stated that the exercise, which began six months ago, aims to create a database of all short-term rentals in the country to ensure compliance with established regulations.

He explained that this initiative is designed to



Tourism Regulatory Authority Director General Norbert Talam addressing the media in Kisumu PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA.

ensure the safety of tourists and visitors using these facilities and to improve the country's hospi-

tality ratings. "We are not here to kill the industry. What we are telling operators is that

they need to be registered so that we can inspect the facilities and ensure they meet the required standards," he said.

He added that the agency has requested Airbnb to provide a list of all short-term vacation rentals in Kenya under its platform to ensure they are registered with the TRA.

He also noted that the Authority is working closely with short-term rental associations across the country to ensure all facilities are registered and accredited.

Talam said the registration exercise has been simplified on the TRA website and called on all the operators to take advantage and register.

Speaking in Kisumu during the accreditation

awards ceremony for various hotels in Nyanza and Western region, Talam cautioned those operating Airbnbs without a license saying TRA would go all out to ensure they faced the full arm of the law.

Referring to a recent incident along Thika road where a woman was butchered inside an Airbnb, Talam said the operator and landlord have been taken to court.

"We are telling landlords to be vigilant and know what tenants



We are not here to kill the industry. All they need to do is to be registered officially

are doing in their houses. If you rent a house and the tenant converts it into an Airbnb without your knowledge just know that if something bad happens and they are not registered with us we shall also come for you," he said.

Various hotels were awarded gold, silver and bronze in an exercise that targeted facilities in 10 counties of Nyanza and Western region.

Fourteen facilities from the ten counties were awarded gold, 32 silver and 57 bronze in an exercise that will pave the way for star rating of the facilities.

"Over 400 facilities in this region have been accredited over the last four months. We have conducted a similar exercise in Mt. Kenya region, South Rift. We are also going to carry out the accreditation in Nairobi and Coast regions in the next two months," he said.

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), a State Corporation under the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, was established by an Act of parliament (The Science and Technology Act Cap. 250 of the Laws of Kenya of 1979) which has since been repealed by The Science, Technology and Innovation Act No. 28 of 2013.

KMFRI's mandate is to undertake research in "marine and freshwater fisheries, aquaculture, environmental and ecological studies, and marine research including chemical and physical oceanography", in order to provide scientific data and information for sustainable development of the Blue Economy. The Institute is also mandated to cooperate with other organizations and institutions of higher learning in training programmes and on matters of relevant research.

The Institute has Research Centers and Stations located at Mombasa, Kisumu, Naivasha, Baringo, Kegati, Sangoro, Sagana, Turkana, Mutonga, Shimoni, a research substation at Gazi and the Nairobi liaison office. KMFRI is seeking to recruit a self-motivated professional who is a team player to fill the vacant position of the Director General within her approved staff establishment:

NO	DESCRIPTION	JG (KMFRI GRADE)	NUMBER OF POSTS	DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE
1.	Director General/CEO	KMFRI Grade 1	1	Director General	Ext/KMF/1
TOTAL			1		

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested and qualified candidates **MUST** complete the **KMFRI Job Application Form** (Available from the 'Vacancies' section at the KMFRI Website - <https://www.kmfri.go.ke>), attach their testimonials, certificates, copy of their National Identification Card (ID) and Curriculum Vitae (CV).


Submit their applications both in **HARD** and **SOFT COPY**, and envelopes containing the documents should clearly be marked with the position applied for and sent to the address below not later than **MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024**.


The Chairman Board of Management
Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
P. O. Box 81651 – 80100
Dr. Ludwig von Krapf Road, English Point
Mombasa, KENYA
Email: recruitment@kmfri.go.ke

Note

- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES** in compliance with the Chapter Six of the Constitution will be required to present originals of the following documents:
 - Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations
 - Clearance/Compliance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority
 - Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
 - Clearance from recognized Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- Only **SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES** will be contacted and shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates during the interviews.
- Any canvassing will lead to **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

TENDER NOTICE

The National Youth Service invites sealed bids from eligible firms for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of the below listed equipment through Open National Tendering method;

S/ No.	Tender Name	Tender No.
1.	Supply, Delivery, Installation & Commissioning of complete Bakery Equipment, standard Bread (600-900G) 240 pcs/session at NYS Paramilitary College, Gilgil.	NYS/ONT/001/Bakery Equipment/ 2024-2025
2.	Supply, Delivery, Installation & Commissioning of an Electric Maize Mill at NYS Athi River Field Unit, Yatta.	NYS/ONT/002/Electric Maize Mill/ 2024-2025

Complete set of bid documents may be purchased or obtained by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000** made through MPESA [**Paybill No. 222222, Account Number NYSHQ2-Bidder's Name**] and collected from the Supply Chain Management Offices at the NYS Headquarters in Nairobi, during official working hours between 9:00am - 4:00pm from Monday to Friday.

Tender documents may also be viewed and obtained electronically free of charge from the websites, www.nys.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. Bids shall however not be submitted electronically but physically delivered to the address provided below;

The Commandant General
National Youth Service Headquarters
Ruaraka along Thika Road
P.O Box 30397-00100,
Nairobi


Bids are to be submitted in plain sealed envelopes, marked Tender number on the right-hand side corner and bearing no indication of the bidder, addressed, delivered and placed in the tender box on 1st floor of the NYS headquarters Administration Block Building, so as to be received not later than **21st August, 2024 at 11:00am**.

Prebid site visits shall be held on Monday 12th August 2024, at 11:00am in both the NYS Paramilitary College-Gilgil and Athi River Field unit respectively.

Submitted bids will be opened immediately after the tender closure on the same date and time in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

The Government reserves the right to reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Head Supply Chain Management Services
For: NYS Commandant General.



Over 100,000 jobs expected from Naivasha Special Economic Zone as investors pour in

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND JANE WANJIRU (KNA)

The Government's commitment to operationalizing the Naivasha Special Economic Zone has received a major boost, with nineteen investors lined up to inject billions of shillings into the expansive zone.

According to Mr. Abubakar Hassan, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Investment Promotion, the Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA) has already allocated land to eleven investors, while eight other applications are pending approval.

Mr. Abubakar stated that the government has allocated an additional 5,000 acres of land, on top of the initial 1,000 acres, to accommodate incoming investors.

The PS mentioned that the government has introduced attractive incentives, including relaxed taxes and lower power tariffs, aimed at accelerating economic growth and development. These measures are designed to create jobs, generate wealth, and reduce the country's high import bill.

"Once the Naivasha Special Economic Zone is fully operational, over 100,000 jobs will be created for locals and deserving youths," said the PS.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for TAD Motors' electric assembly plant at the Mai Mahiu zone, Mr. Abubakar noted that the plant will accelerate the adoption of affordable electric cars in the country while helping to reverse the effects of climate change through reduced emissions.

Additionally, the PS mentioned that the government has introduced a range of incentives, implemented an e-mobility policy to drive the adoption of electrified motor vehicles, and reduced the country's high fuel import bill.

He said TAD Motors electric assembly will address the country's demand for electric cars, which stands at 120,000 cars annually, with only 10,000 being locally produced, adding that currently there are more than 1.6 million electric cars and 1.2 million bicycles in the country.

While addressing concerns of residents over the move by a Turkish investor to close shop, which left a section people in debts over unpaid bills, the PS said the government has repossessed over 400 acres of land allocated and is engaging the

The committee will engage the government to allocate more funds to help address basic infrastructure



Groundbreaking of the electric car assembly plant by TAD Motors at the Naivasha Special Economic Zone, targeting to assemble 5,000 electric cars for local consumption and export to neighbouring countries.



Turkish embassy over unpaid dues of Sh100 million.

On his part, James Gakuya, the chair of parliamentary committee on Trade, Investment and Cooperatives said the successful operations of the Naivasha SEZ will create jobs, grow the manufacturing sector and boost revenue collection.

However, Gakuya regretted that the move to drop the Finance Bill, 2024 has cut to zero the development budget allocated to SEZ while the allocation to Economic Processing Zones (EPZ) for flagship budget has been reduced from Sh1.8 to Sh1.2 Billion.

He said the committee in partnership with SEZA officials will engage the government in order to allocate more funds that will help address basic infrastructure at the zones including water system, power connections and linking roads.

According to Special Economic Zone Authority CEO Dr. Kenneth Chelule, the body has been reviewing bids from investors of Sh2B every day, thanks to attractive incentives at the zones, especially lower power tariffs.

Chelule said nine investors have committed to set up operations at the Naivasha zone by end of this year, a move that will accelerate the government manufacturing and investment agenda, while creating jobs for youths.

"We laud the president for allocating an additional 5,000 acres of land that will help ac-



Investment PS Mr. Abubakar Hassan

commodate incoming investors that will invest in heavy industries, cooling facilities, warehousing and logistics sectors as well as hospitality industry," said Dr. Chelule.

The Nakuru County Deputy governor David Kones welcomed the investment worth more than Sh1.5B, adding that the close to dozen investment interests will speed up the actualization of the Naivasha Industrial City plans.

He said the firm will have access to over 1000MW of geothermal energy from the Olkaria wells, which have been subsidized at lower costs, compared to other areas, adding that the

firm will assemble more than 3,000 units every year, once complete.

According to TAD motors CEO Eng. Tadesse Tesemma, the move to invest at the Naivasha zone was driven by attractive and competitive incentives such as reduced geothermal power from Olkaria wells.

Tesemma said his firm will assemble affordable electric cars for country's consumption and for export to neighbouring countries, while creating over 1,500 jobs locally.

The CEO said the plant will source 70 percent of its parts from local manufacturing plants, promote the country's climate change agenda, while helping owners save up to 80 percent costs of fuel.

Some of the companies that have been issued with licenses to start operations at the Naivasha zone include Accurate Steel Mill Ltd, JAFRO SEZ, Africa Global Logistics Ltd, Ceylon Energy Ltd and now Tad Moto SEZ Ltd.

In addition, the government has also earmarked other Special Economic Zones including Egerton Zone, Eldoret, Sagana, Murang'a, Busia and Ndogo Kundu in Mombasa all geared to drive the country's industrialization agenda, increase exports and increase dollar inflows.



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VACANCY – MANAGING DIRECTOR, REF: MD/KIE/001/2024

A brief description of the Organization

Kenya Industrial Estates is a Government Development Financial Institution with the mandate to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in value addition and responsible for promotion of industrialization through provision of credit facilities, workspace and Business Advisory Services to MSMEs. The organization is seeking to engage a dynamic, highly driven and result oriented individual to fill the position of the Managing Director and drive its focus on industrial growth and development in Kenya.

Key roles and responsibilities

Reporting directly to the Board, the Managing Director will be responsible for overseeing the strategic, operational and financial performance perspective of the organization through effective management of the executive leadership team. The key roles and responsibilities will include:

- Be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization;
- Provide leadership to senior management and staff;
- Prepare annual budgets and establish proper internal controls;
- Be responsible for the communication and execution of the Board's strategies, decisions and policies;
- Develop and recommend to the Board the annual business plans for the organization;
- Ensure that the organization has an effective management structure including succession plans;
- Ensure that all Board papers are accurately written, are relevant and are available to the Board members in good time;
- Serve as the link between the Board and the Management;
- Be responsible for the achievement of the objectives of the organization;
- Put in place effective administrative structures, processes and systems;
- Provide regular, thorough and prompt communication to the Board on key technical, financial and administrative matters;
- Be responsible for stakeholder management and the enhancement of the corporate image of the organization;
- Overseeing and ensuring implementation of corporate governance policies and programs;
- Working with the board to provide coherent leadership of the organization, conveying and executing the vision, mission and strategic intent of the organization;
- Developing and recommending to the board the short, medium and long term strategies, business plans and annual operating budgets;
- Ensuring the organization has risk management framework that foster adequate systems and processes of accountability, risk management, internal controls and business continuity;
- Ensuring continuous achievement of the organization's financial and operating goals and objectives;
- Ensuring compliance to all legal and regulatory framework and statutory requirements;
- Ensuring continuous improvement in the quality and value of services and products offered.

Key qualifying criteria:

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

- At least Fifteen (15) years relevant experience in the Public Service or in a large and reputable organization in the private sector, ten (10) of which should be in a senior management position;
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences, Economics, Strategic Management, Business Management, Commerce or related field from a recognized institution;

- Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Economics, Strategic Management, Business Administration/Management or related field from a recognized institution;
- Strategic Leadership course lasting not less than four weeks from a recognized Institution;
- Membership to a relevant professional body;
- Proficiency in computer applications; and
- Fulfill the requirements of Chapter six of the Constitution.

Critical Competences for success

- Possess hands-on experience on direct responsibility for developing and implementing strategic plans, generating substantive revenues and delivering positive cash flows and profits;
- The person should be capable of promoting the growth and sustainability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and demonstrate a clear understanding of the Bottom – Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA);
- Seasoned turnaround in a similar complex environment;
- Demonstrable P&L responsibility and accountability in a similar organization;
- Strategic thinker with a commercial acumen;
- Proven capability to formulate business strategies is essential;
- An established track record and reputation for outstanding performance preferably from the financial services sector;
- Excellent communication and strong interpersonal networking skills.

Terms of service and remuneration:

The successful candidate will serve on a three-year contract renewable once subject to a favorable performance evaluation. The remuneration attached to this position shall be determined in accordance with section 5 (3) of the State Corporations Act.

How to apply

If you believe your career objectives match the above role, please forward your application and detailed CV (enclosing relevant academic and professional certificates, national identity card/passport stating your current position, remuneration, contact details as well as names and contact of three referees familiar with your qualifications and work experience addressed to:

**The Chairperson, Board of Directors
Kenya Industrial Estates
P.O Box 78029-00507, Nairobi**

(To be clearly marked application for the position of Managing Director)

Or dropped at Kenya Industrial Estates building along Likoni/Lusingeti Road, Chairperson's office, 2nd Floor or in form of electronic copy attaching all the relevant documents to boardchairperson@kie.go.ke on or before **26th August, 2024**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NB

Kenya Industrial Estates is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution, 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, youth, women, people with disabilities, the marginalized, and minorities with the requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Any form of Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

Kenya to unveil an updated mineral map to attract global entrepreneurs

BY WAGEMA MWANGI(KNA)

The Government is generating an updated mineral map that will serve as a mining investment blueprint for Kenya, guiding critical decisions and providing a roadmap for engaging local, regional, and international mineral investors.

This development follows years of documenting new minerals and recent intensive ground-truthing field activities led by teams of geologists from the State Department for Mining. These teams have been working in 24 counties to map, extract, and test various mineral samples discovered during the four-year National Aerial Geophysics Survey (NAGS), which was completed in 2022.

Principal Secretary for the State Department for Mining, Elijah Mwangi, states that geologists deployed to the counties have been working tirelessly to complete the mapping and mineral confirmatory exercises. This is crucial for preparing data-driven reports on their findings, which will contribute to the formulation of the final mineral map.

“With the teams’ findings, we are confident we will develop a mineral map that accurately reflects Kenya’s mineral wealth. This will be a critical tool in engaging investors. Data on locations, mineral



Mining officials scrutinizing an area in a detailed physical map of Kenya at Madini House in Nairobi.

types, distribution, volumes, and values are key parameters for marketing Kenya as a mining destination,” he said.

The PS added that the department is pulling out all the stops to provide Kenya with the most modern mineral map, aiming to accelerate growth, attract investment, and create job opportunities in the mining sector, thereby driving the country’s economic transformation.

The completion of Kenya’s mineral map is seen as a significant

I want us to recommend that laws and policies be written and published in Kiswahili

achievement on the global stage at a time when the race for mineral discovery is at an all-time high. The technological revolution has led countries worldwide to scramble for critical stakes in the extraction and ownership of minerals essential for advancing digital evolution, artificial intelligence (AI), and green-energy transition.

With recent discoveries of strategic minerals such as Coltan, Nickel, and Copper—vital for modern technology—the country is expected to play a central role in promoting local, regional, and global manufacturing industries for digital products like computers, tablets, cell phones, and cameras.

While updating Kenya’s mineral map is a major undertaking for the

mining department, the activity reached its culmination following the government’s National Aerial Geophysics Survey (NAGS). This survey used specialized sensing equipment mounted on aircraft to detect mineral anomalies across Kenya’s land-mass.

The exercise, which began in 2018 and concluded in 2022, led to the discovery of 970 anomalies indicating potential mineral deposits in various counties. The aerial survey was followed by the deployment of geologists in a ‘boots-on-the-ground’ exercise known as ground-truthing.

It entails sending geologists to remote regions characterized by hostile and often inaccessible terrain, rocky hills and



Principal Secretary for the State Department for Mining, Elijah Mwangi

inhospitable zones, sometimes teeming with wild animals.

Currently, the teams have been working in locations in regions where the anomalies were discovered to conduct the actual confirmatory checks and testing to ascertain the types, value, distribution and volumes of the mineral resource.

In mining circles, this exercise is critical to establish if the minerals have

occurred in viable quantities for active extraction and, in the process, transform the deposit into a bankable mineral resource.

Mr. Enoch Kipseba, the Director of Geological Survey and Geo-Information Management, says the confirmatory activities is the penultimate step towards the generation of mineral data and other relevant information for enriching the mineral map.

He adds that apart from the teams of geologists deployed to the 24 counties, county-based geologists and mineral experts were also engaged in assessment of mineral occurrences to provide crucial data for mineral potential in the regions they operate from.

“With sufficient and verified data, we will be able to build on the existing maps and give a true picture of the mineral resource,” he notes.



MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PETROLEUM

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY

TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, State Department for Energy invites sealed bids from eligible firms for the following tender;

TENDER NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	CLOSING DATE & TIME
MOEP/SDE/ONT/01/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services, Garbage Collection and Provision of Sanitary Bins at Kawi House Block 'A', South C	Agpo	Wednesday, 21 st August 2024 at 10.00 am

Qualified and interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Tender documents during office hours (0900 to 1700) at the address given below.

The interested eligible bidders may request for clarifications on the Tender up to Four (4) days before the Tender submission date. Any request for clarifications must be in writing and addressed to:

The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
State Department for Energy
P.O. Box 30582-00100
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel:+254-20-310112
Email:supplychain@energy.go.ke

A complete set of tender documents with detailed qualification criteria may be purchased or obtained by interested tenderers from the Supply Chain Management office on 1st Floor, Kawi Complex Block 'A' upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kenya shillings one thousand only(1,000.00) in cash or Banker's Cheque and payable to Principal Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, State Department for Energy. Tender documents may also be obtained electronically from the Website(s) www.energy.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Those who obtain their tender documents electronically are requested to submit the details of the firm name, postal and physical address, email and contact telephone number(s) for purposes of submitting any clarification and/or addenda to the Tender documents.

Completed tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and marked with the tender name and reference number should be addressed to:

The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
State Department for Energy
Kawi Complex Block 'A', South C
Popo Lane, Off Red Cross Road
P.O Box 30582-00100 Nairobi

And be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the entrance, Ground Floor, Kawi Complex Block 'A' so as to be received on or before **21st August, 2024 at 10.00 am.**

The Tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the meeting room at 3rd floor Kawi Complex Block 'A' in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend.
Site visit will be compulsory to all interested bidders.

Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Head, Supply Chain Management Services
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



TENDER NOTICE

INVITATION TO TENDER REF: NO. NAKS/T/01/2024-2025

PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER AND GENERAL INSURANCE COVERS FOR NEPAD/APRM KENYA SECRETARIAT

The NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat [NAKS], a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the State Department of Planning located at **LIAISON HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR P.O BOX 46270-00100 NAIROBI** invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for provision of comprehensive Medical Insurance, Group Life Assurance, GPA/WIBA Insurance, Motor Vehicle Insurance and All Risk Micro-Sure Covers for the Secretariat.

Tender documents containing detailed requirements can be downloaded free of charge from our website; www.nepadaprmkenya.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal [PPIP], www.tenders.go.ke.

All clarifications and/or amendments will be published on the NAKS website and tenderers are required to regularly check for any addendums or amendments in the course of the bidding period prior to the closing date.

The completed bids in plain sealed envelope marked with tender reference number and tender name, shall be deposited in the Tender box located at **Liaison house 4th floor, State house Avenue** on or before **22nd August, 2024 at 10.00am.**

Tenders shall be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives who wish to attend at the NAKS Boardroom.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NEPAD/APRM KENYA SECRETARIAT



New bill aims to address gaps in service delivery across 14,000 public health facilities countrywide

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA(KNA)

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has developed a bill that will provide guidelines on the quality of care to be offered across all public health facilities in the country.

State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Ms. Mary Muthoni said a survey conducted at the 14,000 public health facilities spread across the country revealed gaps in service delivery that the bill seeks to address.

The PS stated that the survey showed that



Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary (PS), Mary Muthoni, addressing the media during the official opening of the 14th KMTC National games in Kisumu. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

healthcare is not just about having the infrastructure and advanced equipment but also about the qual-

ity of services offered at the facilities in order to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

“We can build as many hospitals as possible and have the most advanced equipment and human resources, but if we don’t consider the quality of services being offered, we cannot achieve UHC,” she said.

The bill, which has been drafted, will outline the guidelines on service delivery, with all stakeholders having been consulted to provide their input before it is tabled in the National Assembly for approval.

Speaking in Kisumu during the launch of the 14th Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) na-

tional sports competition, the PS said the government is on track to ensure Kenyans from all walks of life have access to quality health services.

To ensure that health workers’ concerns are addressed, the PS said President Dr. William Ruto has appointed a task force to look into the human resource for health and give recommendations to overhaul the sector.

“We want all stakeholders including training institutions like KMTC to give their contributions and send memoranda to the task force on how health care workers

should be treated,” she said. The games, he said, will not only help the 3,000 students from 85 KMTC campuses to unwind, but also to network and engage with the Ministry’s top leadership, to have their concerns addressed as they prepare to join the labour market.

“We have witnessed protests by the Generation Z (Gen-Z), over the last one month and as an institution, we feel that this is a golden opportunity to engage our students, so that we contain some of these issues at our level before spiraling out there on the streets,” she said.



OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Office of The Principal Secretary

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS ON KENYA'S LEGACY ON ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY OVER THE LAST 60 YEARS

Background

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs is the seminal reference point for the formulation, management and articulation of Kenya's Foreign Policy. The Vision driving Kenya's Foreign Policy is the pursuit of 'A peaceful, prosperous and globally competitive Kenya' while the Mission is 'To project, promote and protect Kenya's interests and image globally through innovative diplomacy, and to contribute towards a just, peaceful and equitable world.' The mission is guided by Kenya's Foreign Policy Document (2014), which is anchored on five interconnected pillars of Peace diplomacy, Economic diplomacy, Diaspora diplomacy, Environmental diplomacy, and Cultural diplomacy.

As part of celebrations to mark 60 years of Kenya's Diplomacy, the Ministry through the State Department of Foreign Affairs seeks to produce a publication on *Kenya's Legacy on Environmental Diplomacy Over the Last 60 Years*. The general and overarching objective of the proposed publication is to document Kenya's contribution and leadership on Environmental Diplomacy at the national, regional, bilateral, continental and multilateral levels.

The publication will cover five objectives of the Kenya's Environmental Diplomacy:

1. Champion the strengthening of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHABITAT) in prioritizing the global sustainable development agenda;
2. Promote compliance with the relevant national, regional and international environmental legislation, regulations, standards, and other appropriate operational procedures and guidelines;
3. Promote the integration of environmental management into national and regional economic activities, including agriculture and tourism to minimize negative impact on environment;
4. Promote research as a mechanism to encourage innovation and reduce adverse environmental impacts; and
5. Encourage public dialogues, awareness and knowledge creation on environmental matters through national, regional and international fora.

Thematic topics

The State Department for Foreign Affairs is seeking submissions of manuscripts to be considered for inclusion in the proposed publication- *Kenya's Legacy on Environmental Diplomacy Over the Last 60 Years*.

The State Department is inviting authors to submit manuscripts covering any of the following areas:

A. Genesis and history of Kenya's Environmental Diplomacy

The submissions on this topic should cover the historical background to Kenya's environmental diplomacy (pre and post-independence), including but not limited to national, regional and International legal and policy frameworks, such as the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and initiatives.

B. Kenya at the United Nations and Multilateral Agencies

Kenya has played a key role in advancing the environmental and sustainable development agenda at the United Nations and other multilateral and intergovernmental agencies such as the Africa Union, the East Africa Community (EAC) and the Intergovernmental Agency on Development (IGAD) among others. The submissions on this topic should cover the role that Kenya has played in advancing environmental diplomacy within the United Nations, including UNEP, UN Habitat, and other multilateral and intergovernmental agencies.

C. Nairobi as the Global Environment Capital

A key objective of Kenya's Environmental Diplomacy is to Champion the strengthening of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHABITAT) in prioritizing the global sustainable development agenda. As the host city of both UNEP and UNHABITAT, Nairobi is considered as the global environmental capital. In addition to the two UN agencies, Nairobi also hosts several other international agencies that work in the field of environment and sustainable development.

Submissions on this topic should address the evolution of Nairobi as the global environmental capital and how to enhance this status including but not limited to advancing the institutional and visibility of UNEP and UNHABITAT, the role of city planning and the synergies between national and international environmental institutions in based in Nairobi.

D. Champions of Kenya's Environmental Diplomacy

Many Kenyans have contributed immensely to environmental diplomacy, providing leadership at the national, regional and global levels in environmental and sustainable development matters. However, very little is documented on their roles and achievements, and apart from a few, many of these Kenyan icons are not known

and are hardly recognized and celebrated. The submissions on this topic should cover Kenya's nationals and the specific roles they played in contributing to and shaping environmental governance and diplomacy.

E. The Future of Kenya's Environmental Diplomacy

In 2014, the Government of Kenya published its Foreign Policy document. Since then, significant developments have taken place both at the domestic and international environments necessitating the need to update and realign Kenya's Foreign Policy with the current realities and emerging geopolitical and geo-economic trends and imperatives to make it fit for purpose.

The submissions on this topic should cover issues to be considered in Kenya's environmental diplomacy in the future, including but not limited to the following:

- Climate Change aspects such as climate science, climate finance and Climate security diplomacy;
- Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) including Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence and digital diplomacy;
- The Science-Policy Interface in promoting Environmental Diplomacy, including the role of Environmental Think tanks and convening conferences, seminars, policy dialogues;
- Sports as catalyst and promoter of Environmental Diplomacy;
- The role of culture in promoting Environmental diplomacy;
- Kenya's Diaspora as engine for promoting Kenya's environmental diplomacy.

Requirements for Manuscript Submissions

Manuscript Content

The manuscript should be double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 between 6,000 - 8,000 words in length (excluding notes, figures, tables and references). Tables and Figures should go at the end of the text. The Manuscripts should be prepared according to the following guidelines:

- 1) **Title:** The title should be comprehensive and between 20-30 words.
- 2) **Authors:** Include name, contact email address, telephone numbers and Institutional affiliation for the lead author and all co-authors
- 3) **Abstracts:** The abstract should be max 500 words
- 4) **Keywords:** List up to 6 keywords covered in the manuscript
- 5) **Main text:** The main text should cover specific topic(s) on Environmental Diplomacy and should be divided into the following distinct sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion and Recommendation, Acknowledgement, and References.

References

The authors should use the American Psychological Association (APA) reference style.

Language

Manuscript (including abstracts) are published in English.

Conditions

To be considered, the manuscripts must meet the following conditions:

- The authors must declare that the submitted manuscript is own original work and does not plagiarize nor duplicate any other previously published work.
- The manuscript is not currently under consideration for publication in any other outlet
- All submitted manuscripts are subject to initial appraisal by the Editorial Team and are only considered for publication after undergoing an independent peer review by experts.

Submission details

The following documents should be submitted:

- Manuscript
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the author/authors

Email the submission at: fsa@mfa.go.ke

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Timelines

Submissions of Manuscript: **16th August, 2024**

Notification of Manuscript Acceptance: **26 August, 2024.**

President Ruto applauds international support for Kenya's vibrant TVET sector

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA (PCO)

President William Ruto has lauded the development and implementation of a dual training policy, saying that its full rollout will ensure that the labor market is supplied with skilled and innovative human capital.

Speaking at the Kabete National Polytechnic during the TVET@100 Centenary celebrations, Ruto

said that sectors in Kenya such as agriculture, the blue economy, renewable energy, manufacturing, infrastructure development, mining, housing, and climate action require highly skilled and innovative human capital to be fully realized, and that TVET is key to Kenya achieving this. "Consequently, we must supply our labor market with

skilled and innovative human capital in order to unlock the vast opportunities in key sectors such as agriculture, the blue economy, renewable energy, manufacturing, infrastructure development, mining, housing, and climate action."

The President noted that the infusion of industries in TVET institutions is very important as it en-

ables the institutions to develop the curriculum with industries, train with industries, and examine all the TVET trainees with the industries.

He further implored TVET principals and stakeholders to embrace the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR) even as they implement the dual training policy in TVET institutions.



President Dr. William Ruto (R) at the Kabete National Polytechnic Industrial Automation Lab during the commissioning of the equipment donated by Colleges Institutes Canada.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No.:	7289-KE & 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	DIGITAL INFORMATION SECURITY EXPERT
Reference/Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-392523-CS-INDV

- This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in MyGov Newspaper on 24th October 2023.
- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("Services") include digital information security expert. The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke / www.tenders.go.ke
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority (the "Client") through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable). The shortlisting criteria are:
 - A minimum of a Master's degree in Management Information Systems, Telecommunication Engineering, Computer Science or related field from an institution/university recognized in Kenya.
 - A minimum of 7 years of general work experience.
 - A minimum of 10 years specific experience in Information Security, risk, compliance and policy development and General knowledge of Information Security regulatory requirements and standards such as ISO 27001.
 - Must have relevant professional certifications in information systems security such as CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional), CISM (Certified Information Security Manager), ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor or equivalent
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **23rd August 2024 at 1100hours EAT**, using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on **12th Floor, Telpos Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya** or (ii) send by email to: procurement@icta.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **DIGITAL INFORMATION SECURITY EXPERT; Contract No. KE-ICTA-392523-CS-INDV**.

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 - MECHANICAL ENGINEERS - Job Ref: HR:KP1/5B.2/1/3/1589
 - MECHATRONICS ENGINEERS - Job Ref: HR:KP1/5B.2/1/3/1590
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NOTE:

- The ideal applicants for the above positions **must be aged no more than 30 years by 31st August 2024, and should have preferably graduated from recognised institutions from the year 2020.**
- Successful candidates will **undergo an eighteen (18) months training program** at the Company. The training program will be structured to include classroom, mentorship, hands-on projects, and rotations across various Departments and functions among others. On successful completion, they will be absorbed in specific functions of the Company.

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Only candidates offered employment shall present the following clearance certificates;

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Eldoret's city status to unlock economic and cultural opportunities



The North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB) Governors Chairman and Nandi County Governor, Stephen Sang flanked by Uasin Gishu County Governor Dr. Jonathan Chelilim (right) and other political and corporate leaders from the region.

BY EKWAM SILVESTER(KNA)
Leadership from the North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB) has welcomed the conferment of Eldoret Municipality into a city, which will take place later this month.

The leaders spoke during a consultative forum with various stakeholders, including the business community and investors, hosted by Uasin Gishu Governor Dr. Jonathan Chelilim Bii in Eldoret town. The forum aimed to enhance preparations for the new 'baby' of nearly a week to come: Eldoret City.

Led by NOREB Governors' Chairman and Nandi County Governor Stephen Sang, the leaders praised the conferment of city status to the strategic town, referring to it as a 'regional city' that will significantly contribute to the growth of nearby towns such as Iten in Elgeyo Marakwet, Kapsabet in Nandi, and others by promoting economic, cultural, tourism, and other sectoral growth.

Governor Sang noted that Eldoret Town, soon to become a city, is a strategic metropolitan hub for all, as it is the heart of the region.

"The forthcoming event on August 8 is not an end in itself. The city status will be officially unveiled, and from that point onward, we all need to work with all stakeholders on board. We thank the first Governor of Uasin Gishu for initiating the process and the second Governor for concluding and completing that journey," said the NOREB Chairman.

He added that ensuring Eldoret City achieves and maintains its new status will not be the sole responsibility of the government; it will be a collaborative effort involving all stakeholders in the region and the surrounding counties.

"As leaders for the entire region, we will work together with stakeholders to ensure this dream of Eldoret City is realized," added Governor Sang. He indicated that the benefits of the new city will extend beyond the Uasin Gishu County government to other NOREB counties like Elgeyo Marakwet, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Baringo, and Turkana, including the neighbouring towns like Kakamega and Bungoma, that the region has great potential for investment and to take advantage of the historic day to know what is available in terms of investment opportunities in the region.

He assured the business community of numerous opportunities, including big businesses and hotels, as part of the infrastructure to support the new city status. He noted that they will also ap-

proach the National Government for a comprehensive infrastructure plan.

"We need a major bypass in this town, overpasses in the region, and an expanded airport. This will be significant, and I am confident that in the next five years, we will be amazed at how this new status will have expanded, with towns like Nandi, Kitale, Iten, and others growing," he said.

Governor Chelilim affirmed his administration's commitment to embracing the new city status, which will open up numerous business and employment opportunities for the people. He highlighted that Eldoret is strategically located and serves as a gateway to the western part of Kenya and neighboring East African countries, including Uganda, DRC, Rwanda, and Burundi.

"We have met with all leaders, including MCAs, MPs, Senators, and corporate leaders, regarding the August 8 event. We had various deliberations and eagerly welcome our President as we anticipate our town's transformation into the fifth city in this country," said the Governor.

He assured the business community of adequate security and a peaceful environment conducive to business and investment.

"We are well-prepared; we have offered businesspeople a waiver on repainting their

buildings and beautifying their premises in preparation for the new city status," he noted. Senator Jackson Mandago, the country is prepared for the occasion, noting that the City is not going to be a city of Uasin Gishu County alone, but a regional city and a catalyst to development in the region in terms of attracting investment, taking advantage of the placement of the city both in terms of geographical location and even in terms of the ease of transportation in and out of County. He urged all Kenyans, potential investors and people who want to scout for investment in the region which comprises Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Baringo, and Turkana, including the neighbouring towns like Kakamega and Bungoma, that the region has great potential for investment and to take advantage of the historic day to know what is available in terms of investment opportunities in the region.

We had various deliberations and eagerly welcome the President as we await the big day



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MULTINATIONAL HORN OF AFRICA ISILOLO – MANDERA CORRIDOR: EL WAK – RHAMU (A13) ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SENSITIZATION, AWARENESS AND MITIGATION ON HIV/AIDS, STIS, AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION, GENDER MAINSTREAMING, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF EL WAK-RHAMU (142KM) ROAD SECTION IN MANDERA COUNTY

TENDER NO: KeNHA/2793/2024

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the Multinational Horn of Africa Isiolo – Mandera Corridor: El Wak – Rhamu (A13) Road Upgrading Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the provision of "Consultancy Services for Sensitization, Awareness and Mitigation on HIV/AIDS, STIS, and other infectious diseases prevention, Gender Mainstreaming and Reproductive Health".
- The Consultancy Services, among others, shall include: (i) integration of HIV/AIDS, STIs prevention, infectious diseases, Reproductive Health awareness, sensitization as well as Gender mainstreaming in the road project through enhancing capacity of the labourers, supervisors, management staff and the local communities to address HIV/AIDS, STIs prevention, infectious diseases, Reproductive Health awareness, sensitization as well as undertake Gender mainstreaming, and (ii) to ensure that the local communities and road construction workers are safeguarded from being susceptible to HIV/AIDS, STIs prevention, infectious disease, Reproductive Health awareness, sensitization as well as Gender mainstreaming.
- It is envisaged that the Consultant's Services will be for a duration of Forty Eight (48) months.
- The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), being the implementing agency of the Government of the Republic of Kenya now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interests in providing the above services.
- Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). The shortlisting criteria comprises:
 - The firm must have at least 8 years of experience in the field of HIV/AIDS, STIs, and infectious diseases as well as in raising awareness and enhancing knowledge on Gender mainstreaming, and Reproductive Health
 - Specific experience of successful completion of a minimum of five (5) similar infrastructure assignments involving all the four (4) components ie HIV/AIDS & STIs; Infectious diseases, Gender mainstreaming and Reproductive health
 - Availability of Key Experts – The firm must demonstrate as having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment
 - Experience in similar assignments in Kenya.
- Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Public Procurement & Asset Disposal Act, 2015.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. and deposited in the box at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, so as to be received on or before **28th August, 2024 at 1100hrs local time.**

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta
International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
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Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842,**

- Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address given below during office hours (weekdays from 0800hr to 1700hr local time, excluding public holidays).

Attention: Director (Development)
Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
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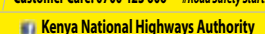
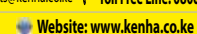
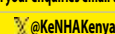
- Electronic bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **28th August, 2024 at 1100hrs Local time.**

**Kenya National Highways Authority, Headquarters
Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Off Mazao Road,
Block C, 2nd floor Boardroom.**

- Interested Consultants are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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Kenya's exclusive breastfeeding rate rises sharply

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A
(KNA)

Kenya's exclusive breastfeeding rate increased significantly from 32 percent in 2008 to 61 percent in 2024. According to the Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary, Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki, the government is dedicated to improving infant and young child nutrition by establishing a supportive policy and regulatory environment in efforts to achieve the globally recommended target of 70 percent exclusive breastfeeding.

"Article 53 (1) (c) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every child the right to basic nutrition. Additionally, Section 29 of the Employment Act 2007 provides for 90 days of paid maternity leave, while Articles 71 and 72 of the Health Act 2017 mandate workplace support for breastfeeding mothers," said the PS.

Ms. Muriuki explained that since slightly over half (52 percent) of working women return to work within three months after childbirth, creating a supportive environment for breastfeeding in workplaces is essential.

To support mothers in their breastfeeding endeavors, Ms. Muriuki stated that Kenya is com-



memorating World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) from August 1st to 7th, with this year's theme being "Closing the Gap - Breastfeeding Support for All." This theme highlights the importance of inclusivity and the need to reach all breastfeeding mothers in Kenya.

"In line with the WBW 2024 theme, the Ministry aims to ensure no woman is left behind in promoting breastfeeding. This includes mothers in correctional facilities, teenage mothers, mothers affected by emergencies, and breastfeeding mothers with disabilities, who often face unique challenges," said the PS.

Ms. Muriuki highlighted that the government, through the Ministry of Health, has enacted policies and ini-

tiatives to support and promote breastfeeding. These include the Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) guidelines, workplace support legislation, regulation of breastmilk substitutes (BMS) marketing, and monitoring initiatives.

Additionally, the Baby-Friendly Community Initiative and Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative aim to equip healthcare workers and communities with the skills necessary to promote and sustain optimal breastfeeding practices.

"Despite these efforts, gaps remain, particularly in program implementation. Breastfeeding is crucial for child survival, health, growth, and development, providing unparalleled benefits to both infants and mothers," said

Ms. Muriuki.

She highlighted that WHO and UNICEF recommend initiating breastfeeding within the first hour of birth and exclusively breastfeeding for the first six months, with continued breastfeeding for up to two years or beyond. Breastmilk contains all the essential nutrients for a child's first six months of life. She disclosed that extensive research highlights the numerous benefits of breastfeeding.

"According to the Lancet's 2016 series, breastfeeding prevents 823,000 deaths annually among children under five. About 87% of these deaths occur in infants under six months. Breastfeeding also reduces infection-related mortality by 88% among infants under three months, prevents 72% of all diarrhoea admissions and 57% of respiratory infection admissions. It decreases the incidence of diarrhoea and respiratory infections by 54% and 32%, respectively," explained Ms. Muriuki.

Moreover, said the PS, breastfeeding positively impacts children's cognitive development and reduces the risk of them becoming overweight or obese. For mothers, breastfeeding offers significant advantages, including a reduced risk of ovarian cancer. It results in a 6% decrease in the risk of invasive breast cancer for each year of breastfeeding.

"Approximately 20,000 deaths from illnesses such as breast cancer and diabetes are prevented annually through breast-

feeding, with potential for further reductions with improved breastfeeding practices. Other benefits include aiding in mother-child bonding and birth spacing," said the PS. Ms. Muriuki said that through the World Breastfeeding Week, the Division of Nutrition and Dietetics will create awareness on breastfeeding benefits and support for mothers who face barriers to breastfeed adding that the Ministry will launch World Breastfeeding Week at Lang'ata Women's Prison, Nairobi.

Kenya Power receives Sh1.85 billion Last Mile connectivity boost from JICA

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A
(KNA)

The Last Mile Connectivity Project (LMCP) under the Kenya Power Company has received a boost of Sh1.85 billion grant from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

A total of 9,121 households are targeted to be connected to the grid under Phase Five of the project. The households are located within the four counties of Nakuru, Kilifi, Kwale and Nyandarua, where JICA is financing other key energy projects.

"We expect to connect all the targeted households across the four counties by January 2025. The Company is committed to fast-tracking electricity connection across the country to achieve universal access to electricity.

We thank JICA for

the grant which will go a long way to enable these households to access electricity and transform their livelihoods," said Eng. Rosemary Oduor, Kenya Power's General Manager for Commercial Services and Sales.

Eng. Oduor, in a statement indicated that the JICA grant comes two months after Kenya Power signed 26 contracts for the implementation of Phase Four of the Last Mile Connectivity Project.

She explained that the Sh.27 billion project is funded by the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Union (EU) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). It will connect a total of 280,000 new customers to the grid by November 2025.

"Funded to the tune of Sh.73.1 billion to date, the Last Mile Connectivity Project is anchored on the Kenya

National Electrification Strategy that was developed in 2015 to speed-up electricity access for households and businesses in Kenya. Kenya Power, is the implementing agency of the project on behalf of the Government," said Eng. Oduor.

She added that since its inception in 2015, the Last Mile Connectivity Project has significantly contributed to the growth of the electricity access rate in the County which currently stands at 76 percent with 9.6 million households connected to the grid.

Eng. Oduor said that a total of 746,867 households have been connected to the grid under the first three phases of the Last Mile Project at a cost of Sh51.1 billion. "This success is primarily hinged on maximizing the efficiency of existing distribution transformers by con-

necting every household within 600 meters of the transformer, as well as the installation of new transformers to serve households outside this radius," she explained.

Eng. Oduor said that in the period between 1922 to date, Kenya Power has extended its transmission and distribution network across the country, covering over 306,000 kilometres. As at May 2024, the Company had over 9.62 million accounts and had enabled over 76 percent of the country's population to access the national grid.

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Kenya Power

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TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
KPIO/9A/OT/NER/01/24-25	Supply of Bar Soap for North Eastern Region (Special Group)	Wednesday 07.08.2024	Thursday 29.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from the Kenya Power website (www.kplc.co.ke) from the date shown above.

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State Department to implement micro irrigation projects in public schools for commercial farming

BY PENINAH KIHKA (PCO)

The State Department for Irrigation is implementing a Micro Irrigation for Schools Programme in 2,000 Public Schools all over the country in a bid to inculcate a culture of commercial farming through irrigated agriculture among learners.

The Programme, which commenced in 2016, aims at instilling the right attitude and skills among the learners so that they can adopt commercial irrigated agriculture after leaving school.

This culture will enhance food security for the nation in line with the Government's Bottom Up Economic and Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"Imparting the right attitudes and skills among learners at an early age on irrigated commercial agriculture is key in enhancing food security for our country. Over-reliance on traditional agricultural practices has made many youth shun farming. This is what we are seeking to change through the Micro Irrigation for Schools Pro-



Irrigation Secretary, Eng. Vincent Kabuti, who represented the Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho, officially commissions PCEA Grace Girls, Letoire Micro Irrigation for Schools Programme in Kajiado Central Constituency, Kajiado County.

gramme", said the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho who emphasized this while commissioning one such project at PCEA Grace Girls, Letoire at Oloililai Sub County in Kajiado Central Constituency, Kajiado County.

Mr. Kimotho who was represented by Eng. Vincent Kabuti, the Irrigation Secretary, revealed that 92 schools have already benefitted from the programme said the beneficiary schools have a borehole drilled and equipped with a solar

powered pump, an elevated steel tank, two fully equipped green houses, and a students' hand washing point with six taps.

In addition, the PS said, the Programme has also incorporated the community by installing a community water kiosk with four taps in a bid to ensure that the surrounding community own and benefit from such projects, which greatly reduces the time the community take in looking for water, time that is then used for other economic activities.

The PS further noted

that Kajiado County faces the twin challenges of water scarcity and food insecurity adding that undertaking commercial irrigation in schools through this programme will go a long way in enhancing food security and the dietary needs of the students through the provision of fresh vegetables.

Kimotho added that it is expected that the community will utilize the

project not only to get safe drinking water for their families but also plant kitchen gardens which will also go a long way in enhancing food security and the dietary needs of the community.

The State Department envisions that the programme will give the country an opportunity for sustainable agricultural education with opportunities for practical

hands-on experience for the learners, who will gain valuable skills in sustainable agriculture and efficient water utilization using drip irrigation technology.

The Programme is also expected to assist the schools in reducing the costs incurred in procuring fresh food supplies, a saving that can be directed towards other needy areas in the school.



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

The Kenya Airports Authority invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders: -

Reference Number	Tender Description	Pre-Bid Meeting / Site Visit	Closing / Opening Date
CAA/OT/MBD/EOI/0002/2024-2025	Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Development and Management of a Commercially Important Persons Lounge at: Lot 1: Moi International Airport Lot 2: Eldoret International Airport Lot 3: Kisumu International Airport	N/A	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/EOI/0003/2024-2025	Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Development of an International Arrivals and Development and Management of Lounges and Retail at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA's) Newly Built Rooftop at Terminal 1B and C.	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 12/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage).	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0004/2024-2025	Development and Management of a Tanzanite and Tsavorite Jewellery Store at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 13/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage).	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0005/2024-2025	Development and Management of a Branded Luxury Fashion and Accessories Store at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 13/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage).	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0006/2024-2025	Development and Management of: Lot 1 - Branded Halal Restaurant Lot 2 - International Branded Restaurant at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 14/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage).	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0007/2024-2025	Development and Management of Forex Bureau at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 14/8/2024 at 2.00 p.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport-Rooftop (Parking Garage).	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0008/2024-2025	Supply and Installation of Parking Management System Services at Moi International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 15/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Moi International Airport.	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0009/2024-2025	Supply and Installation of Parking Management System Services at Kisumu International Airport	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 16/8/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Kisumu International Airport	22/8/2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, tenders@kaa.go.ke

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KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY



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Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) is a state corporation whose mandate is to regulate, co-ordinate and oversee maritime affairs guided by the Kenya Maritime Authority Act No. 5 of 2006 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009. KMA invites sealed National Open tenders as below: -

No.	Tender No.	Item/Service Description	Closing Date / Time	Targeted Group
1.	KMA/ONT/01/2024-2025	Provision of General Insurance Covers	20th August, 2024 at 10.00 am	Open

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) website; www.kma.go.ke under "Tenders" portal and/or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) <https://www.tenders.go.ke> respectively. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant) to email; procurement@kma.go.ke and/or info@kma.go.ke for purposes of registration and any further tender clarifications and addendum.

Original, Completed Tender documents plus **one copy** should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with tender reference name & number and should be deposited in the Tender Box located at 4th Floor of Kenya Maritime Authority's Headquarter Offices; Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa addressed to: -

**Director General
Kenya Maritime Authority
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so as to be received on or before **20th August, 2024 at 10.00 am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the 4th Floor KMA Board Room - Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Late tenders will not be accepted.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL
KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY**



Government unveils DRIVE Project to support 375,000 pastoralists in Wajir

BY HAMDY BUTHUL(KNA)

The Government, through the State Department for Livestock Development (SDLD), has enthusiastically launched community mobilisers for the De-Risking Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoral Economies (DRIVE) project, which is anticipated to greatly benefit 375,000 pastoralists and their dependents in Wajir County.

The Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, Mr. Jonathan Mueke, ardently stated that this innovative initiative, revealed in partnership with ZEP-RE (PTA Reinsurance Company), Kenya Development Corporation (KDC), and the World Bank Group (WBG), aims to robustly bolster pastoral systems by addressing critical vulnerabilities and fostering economic inclusion in the livestock sector.

“Severe and frequent droughts, on average, impact 3-4 million people across the nation, with the most adversely affected regions being Arid and Semi-Arid Lands,” he noted solemnly.

During the launch of the community mobilisers and market linkages in Wajir County, Mueke praised the immense significance of the livestock sector, which he described as a crucial pillar in Kenya’s food chain system



Participants during the launch of De-Risking Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoral Economies (DRIVE) Project.



The Principal Secretary (PS) for Livestock Development, Jonathan Mueke giving his speech during the launch of the community mobilisers and market linkages in Wajir County.

and a major contributor to poverty alleviation, food security, and sustainable livelihoods.

He elaborated that the



Wajir governor Ahmed Abdullahi giving his speech during the launch of the community mobilisers and market linkages in Wajir County.

sector contributes a substantial 10 to 13 percent of the national GDP and employs up to 50 percent of the agricultural labor force. “In ASAL counties

such as Wajir, the sector provides an astounding 90 percent of employment opportunities and 95 percent of family incomes and food security,” he explained with emphasis. The PS highlighted the challenges that the livestock sector faces, including inadequate pasture and quality feeds, scarcity of water resources, climate change, breeding management challenges, poor marketing, and socio-economic constraints.

To alleviate these challenges, he stated that the government initiated the De-Risking Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoral Economies project.

“In Kenya, the project is funded through a credit facility from the World Bank and implemented by

the State Department for Livestock Development in partnership with the private sector, ZEP-RE Reinsurance, and Kenya Development Corporation,” said Mueke.

He revealed that the project was designed to build on the lessons learned during the implementation of the Kenya Livestock Insurance Program, which was implemented in eight ASAL counties.

He highlighted that by supplying subsidised insurance products, drought insurance will become affordable to millions of pastoralists who face immense climate change risks, leading to the loss of 2.5 million livestock in the last drought cycle.

He said the community mobilisers and the livestock production groups or cooperatives would share the livestock insurance commissions when their trained members successfully register for livestock insurance.

“This creates a livelihood for our youth and community-owned groups who participate in this program,” he said.

He further stated

“Severe and frequent droughts, on average, impact 3-4m people across the nation

that through the DRIVE project, an innovative livestock producers and market actors engagement approach has been initiated.

Wajir governor Ahmed Abdullahi said the sector was facing many challenges, including climate change, diseases, resource-based conflicts, and attitudinal change leading to pastoralist dropout, especially among the youth.

He emphasised how the project will help to mitigate the effects of the harsh weather and improve their economies.

He said that during the pilot project of component one of the DRIVE in October 2022, Wajir County alone registered 17,656 beneficiaries for the index-based livestock insurance aimed at protecting pastoralists against drought risk.

“The number of livestock insured was 65,488 tropical livestock. To this end, our pastoralists paid Sh54,067,635 with a government subsidy of Sh168,945,647. The bonus payment summed up to Sh94,308,000 with claims of Sh85,788,300,” he claimed.

The governor expressed hopes that the project would be successful based on lessons learned from the previous project implemented by the Kenya Livestock Insurance Program.

Government, partners unveil comprehensive plan to tackle wildlife poaching

BY CHERUIYOT KORIR(PCO)

The Government is finalizing the development of a five-year strategy to eliminate poaching and the illegal trade of wildlife in private, community, and government wildlife conservation ecosystems across the country.

The Illegal Wildlife Trade in Wildlife (IWT) Project Manager, Ms. Netty Jemutai, stated that this strategy, supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), has created a framework designed to integrate a coordinated and multi-stakeholder

approach to address critical wildlife conservation challenges and eradicate wildlife crimes.

During a stakeholder validation workshop in Naivasha, Ms. Jemutai mentioned that the five-year strategy was developed through consultations and collaborations with relevant government agencies, conservation organizations, local communities, and international partners.

She added that once the roadmap is finalized and implemented, enhanced law enforcement capabilities are expected through capacity building and the provision of equipment

to protect wildlife, sustain engagements with wildlife stakeholders, and improve livelihoods for communities coexisting with wildlife. The official said modern technology will be used to fight illegal trade in wildlife and improve intelligence and data gathering and sharing. She added that the strategy has factored in guidelines to ensure comprehensive legal structures are adopted to detect, deter, and prosecute wildlife crimes effectively to sustainably maintain ecological balance for national economic prosperity.

During the deliberations, participants drawn from line Ministries, De-



partments, Agencies, and County governments observed that there was a need to urgently deal with wildlife crimes because, besides threatening to drive some animal species into extinction, wildlife crimes undermined national security, economic stability, and community livelihoods.

The participants noted that fighting and eliminating poaching and illegal trade in wildlife is important to preserve natural heritage for future generations and safeguard wildlife as a natural resource to

support sustainable development and thrust Kenya position as a global leader in wildlife conservation.

Mr Evans Lokabel the project consultant from the Policy Research and Evaluation Centre (PREC) noted that illegal wildlife trade involves harvesting, procuring, transporting and distributing wild animals and plants, as well as their parts and products locally and internationally, violating existing laws and treaties.

Mr Lokabel said IWT is a multi-billion shillings industry that involves inter-

national crime syndicates that require the intervention of regional and international governments. He attributed the proliferation of wildlife crime in Kenya to a lack of strategy, inadequate resources, and the country’s strategic location, which makes it an origin and transit point for illegal wildlife and wildlife products.

Among the critical strategic interventions to combating poaching and IWT in the strategy document include the push for the strengthening of laws and policies to effectively deter wildlife crimes and increase the capacity and resources of law enforcement agencies.

Other interventions are integrating local communities and tap into their indigenous knowledge and local resources in monitoring and prevention of anti-poaching and IWT efforts and public education.



Government steps up Monkeypox containment efforts amid outbreak

BY KUNOW ABDULLAHI(PCO)

The Government is intensifying efforts to curb the spread of Monkeypox (MPox) following the recent outbreak in some parts of the country.

Speaking in Kirinyaga, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki (pictured), underscored the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate and coordinated action to control the spread of the viral infection.

Ms. Muriuki stated that the ministry has not yet identified all individuals who had contact with the infected person. A team has been deployed to Taita Taveta for contact tracing. In addition, the Ministry of Health has disseminated guidelines on the information to be collected at the border.

“We have sent our health teams to Taita Taveta for response, and we are conducting contact tracing and enhanced surveillance,” she noted.



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms. Mary Muthoni Muriuki

The PS highlighted that the identification of this case demonstrates the effectiveness of enhanced border surveillance, noting that port health officers at all 32 entry points are well-trained and

We are conducting contact tracing and enhanced surveillance

equipped to monitor any potential outbreaks at the border.

“The ministry is committed to containing any outbreak and is working closely with county and other state agencies to address the situation effectively. The quarantine process will continue for any individuals detected to prevent the spread of the disease,” Ms. Muriuki added.

Ms Muriuki further said that medical teams have also been dispatched

to high-risk areas for screenings and care and the authorities are also actively tracing and monitoring contacts of confirmed cases to control the virus’s spread.

Last week, the ministry released guidelines for diagnosing Mpox, which involves laboratory tests on skin lesions conducted at the National Public Health Laboratory and other specialized facilities.

Although Mpox usually resolves on its own within 2-4 weeks, symptomatic treatment may be administered if needed, and complex cases should be handled by healthcare professionals. Symptoms of Mpox can mimic those of other conditions, including chickenpox, measles, bacterial skin infections, scabies, and allergic reactions.

To prevent the spread of Mpox, the Ministry of Health advises the public to: Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitiser, seek medical attention if symptoms develop, avoid close contact with others, and visit a health facility.

Interways Works Ltd given nod to inspect truck axle load at Webuye weighbridge

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A (MYGOV)

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) has accredited Interways Works Limited, which manages and operates the Webuye weighbridge and 1,519 kilometers of adjacent road networks on behalf of Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) as an Inspection Body Type A under ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for axle load inspection for trucks and dimension checks for wide loads.

KeNHA in collaboration with KENAS has included accreditation as one of the tender requirements for inspection bodies providing axle load control in Kenya to curb road damages and excessive vehicle operating costs.

While receiving the certificate, Interways Works Ltd General Manager Mr. Vincent Gakumu said that accreditation as an Inspection Body Type A will ensure they operate on internationally set standards.



From left to right Mr. Seth Ongwae, Mr Vincent Gakumu, GM Interways Works Ltd and KENAS CEO Dr. Walter Ongeti.


“Accreditation determines our technical competence, independence, and impartiality as we carry out inspection and monitoring of truckers passing here to Uganda and other neighbouring countries ensuring that the capacity they are carrying is accepted by axle load and dimension checks for wide loads under the Traffic Act Cap 403 and EAC VLC 2016 Regulations,” noted Gakumu.

The General Manager disclosed that Type A Inspection Body accreditation positioned Interways as an independent third

party doing physical inspection of axle load, and dimensional checks for wide loads for trucks and wide loads.

Gakumu reported that the organization is working closely with the KeNHA and the police to ensure that those found bridging the set laws are dealt with according to the law.

KENAS CEO Dr. Walter Ongeti lauded Interways for their commitment to rigorous inspection and verification practices which has ensured their services meet industry standards.



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TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
MWSS/FC/001/2024-2025	Supply & Delivery of Pipes, Fittings and Couplings	Open	N/A	Tuesday 20 th , August 2024 at 11.00am
MWSS/FC/002/2024-2025	Supply of Water Meters	Open	N/A	Tuesday 20 th , August 2024 at 11.00am
MWSS/FC/003/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Calcium 65% Hypochlorite	Open	N/A	Tuesday 20 th , August 2024 at 11.00am

Complete Tender documents can be obtained and downloaded free of charge from www.mombasawater.co.ke. Bidders who download the tender documents are required to notify Mombasa Water (info@mombasawater.co.ke/procurement@mombasawater.co.ke) with full contact details for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendum if need be. These clarifications and addendum will also be posted on our website.

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Or deposited in the Tender Box located Outside the Managing Director’s office, on or before the specified date above. will be open immediately thereafter at the company’s Boardroom in the presence

MANAGING DIRECTOR



Japan funds 4.4 km pipeline to address water scarcity in Kwale

BY HUSSEIN
ABDULLAHI(KNA)

The Kwale County Government has launched several major water projects to address the problem of water shortage in the coastal county. Governor Fatuma Achani stated that these multimillion-shilling projects fulfill her administration's promise to tackle the scarcity of potable water in the region.

Achani made these remarks during the commissioning of the Melikubwa-Oldonyo-Dzoyagenu Water Pipeline Extension

in Dzoyagenu, Macknon Ward, Kinango Sub-County. She emphasized that this water project in Kinango Sub-County would address chronic water shortages and improve access to clean water for residents in the arid area.

According to the Governor, the project, which aims to increase access to potable water, will serve over 3,000 families. This will enable them to use the water for domestic purposes and for water troughs for livestock.

The main objective of the 4.4 km pipeline wa-

ter project—funded by the Japanese Government and implemented by UNDP through the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and the County Government of Kwale—is to provide clean and safe water for both livestock and human consumption.

These new water projects are part of broader initiatives aimed at building the resilience of communities in arid and semi-arid areas of Kwale. “Water is life and plays a crucial role in fostering peace, prosperity, and conflict prevention within



Kwale County Government and NDMA senior officials inspect a water trough in Kinango sub county that aims to provide cattle herds with water at all seasons.

communities,” Achani said. Accompanied by Kinango Member of Par-

liament Gonzi Rai, NDMA Board Chairman Shallow Yahya, and NDMA Chief

Executive Officer Hassan Awale, Achani noted that the County has also established solar-powered water supply schemes. These schemes are designed to provide safe water, improved sanitation, and irrigation for farms and livestock. She thanked the project sponsors for putting-up the sustainable project that will help the region during drought seasons.

“The solar-powered water supply schemes will be crucial to improving the lives and livelihoods of our communities,” she said.

Documentary explores impact of 17th-century Omani civilization on Kenya's coast through historical figures

BY SADIK HASSAN(KNA)

German-Omani producers have delved back in time to the 17th-century Omani maritime empire in a documentary about the impact of Omani culture on the coast of Kenya through the lens of Liwali (Governor) Mbarak Al-Hinawy. The documentary premiered in Mombasa.

Al-Hinawy, originally from Oman, began as the Liwali of Mombasa, now a bustling port city, from 1937 to 1941. He then served as the Liwali of the ten-mile coastal strip from 1941 to 1959 under the Sultanate of Zanzibar.

He is credited with initiating major infrastructure projects, including schools and a stormwater treatment plant. He also played a pivotal role in assisting Kenya in gaining its independence.

Friedrich Klütsch, the producer, director, and scriptwriter of the ‘House of Wonders’ film, explains that the film investigates the historical relations between Oman and the East African coast and how Omani heritage is connected to the Swahili coast. The film has three episodes. The first episode, titled “A Trader’s Empire,” looks at the life of Sayyid Said bin Sultan, a ruler of Oman and Zanzibar. The second episode, “The Age of Caravans - Tippu Tip,” focuses on a slave trader. The third episode, “The Voice of Mbarak,” documents the life of Mbarak Al-Hinawy, a conscientious ruler of the ten-mile coastal strip.

“We aimed to show the richness and diversity of this heritage and its contribution to the Swa-



Juma Al-Maskari and Friedrich Klütsch, the producers of the House of Wonders film at the Nyali Cinemax, Mombasa.



Film lovers during the premiering of the Voice of Mombasa episode at Nyali Cinemax, Mombasa. Photos and captions by Haniel Mengistu/KNA

hili culture at the coast of Kenya,” said Klütsch during the premiering of episode three at the Nyali Cinemax, Mombasa.

“It is about the life and story of Mbarak Al-Hinawy, who used to be the Liwali of the Coast. We want to share this beau-

tiful film with you and the audience that is coming here tonight,” added the German Producer.

He stated that the main cast of the documentary is from Oman since the film tells the story of Omani people who worked, lived and brought their culture

and heritage to the East African Coast and shared with the people of East Africa.

“We had a lot of people contributing to our film, especially the documentary parts. We filmed at KBC, OldTown, House of Mbarak Al Hinawy and Fort Jesus. There are a lot of locations, we also did stunning sequences in Lamu. Kenya has a lot of space in this film,” stated Klütsch. The film has Arabic, English and Swahili versions. The Swahili version was done in Mombasa with Kenyan talents.

There was a hiatus in the production of the film that began in 2019 when the

Coronavirus pandemic hit the world. Producer Klütsch noted that there is so much heritage, many people and memories and it's impossible to fill all of them in 53 minutes. “We had to do a selection, we had to make choices and we hope we did the right ones,” he said. Klütsch added that, “I have been filming in the surroundings of the Indian Ocean a lot and on the Swahili coast you find these unique combinations of cultures. You have African, Arabic, Indian and Western cultures. All of these come together in the Swahili culture.”

He urges other filmmakers across the globe who are looking at diverse populations, architecture and beautiful landscapes to come to Mombasa. Juma Al-Maskari, the co-producer said the history of Oman and East Africa is intertwined for more than 2000 years and they want to showcase the history and the nexus between the Omani and East Africa Coast to give birth to Swahili culture.

“Mbarak Al-Hinawy was the Liwali of the Kenyan Coast before Kenya gained her independence. He was under the Sultan of Zanzibar, he assisted the late Jomo Kenyatta until Kenya gained her independence,” said Al-Maskari.

“It was interesting for me and at the same time challenging because this is a story about Mombasa that is being sent to me from German to localize it to our dialect. I felt like, is it that we are failing or what because people from far away are coming to do our stories and we have to localize it,” said Waweru.

“We had a lot of people contributing to our film, especially the documentary parts”

Organizations asked to enroll staff for fraud examination course

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB) has pledged to support the fight against corruption in the country through the training of fraud examiners across the board.

KASNEB states that these fraud examiners will investigate fraud and corruption cases in both the government and the private sector. Approximately ten Certified Forensic Fraud Examiners (CFFE) professionals have graduated from the post-professional course, which is valuable for building a career in fraud risk management and fraud detection systems.

Speaking in Mombasa, KASNEB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nicholas Letting said the institution has achieved a significant milestone with the graduation of the first cohort of professionals.

Letting noted that the graduates successfully completed the qualification, which was launched in 2021, with exams starting in April 2022.

The CEO mentioned that KASNEB has addressed a gap in the integrity sector by providing experts trained in this course for all investigative agencies.

"The course was launched in 2021 in partnership with a representative of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), who assisted us in developing this qualification. KASNEB has administered the examinations," he said.

He noted that there



Juma Al-Maskari and Friedrich Klütsch, the producers of the House of Wonders film at the Nyali Cinemax, Mombasa. Below: Fraud examiners graduates following proceedings.



are three modules for the course and each of the modules has three papers adding that the unique

factor about the course is that it has a Kenyan case study chapter called "Integrated Case Study Pa-

per" whereby students go through role modeling by coming up with a paper based on the situation in the country, tasking them to tackle it as fraud examiners, having been backed up by legal cases.

"As KASNEB, we want to support the government in the fight against corruption. We are looking forward to the impact of the professionals on the nation," he added.

The KASNEB Chairperson Dr. Nancy Muriuki said the graduation has produced graduates who would help the country

deal with integrity cases.

Muriuki said money is lost and failed to be accounted for in the country yet there are many unemployed young people with some families languishing in poverty.

"We now have people who can help us to fight corruption in terms of fraud examination. This is not just a career progression but a calling and a passion. You must carry the spirit and mind the common good otherwise the certificate will not be useful," she said.

The Chief Executive Of-

ficer of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in Kenya Jane Mugo said that she highly supports the programme which could be tailored to the country's legal environment.

Mugo said the CFFE programme is an international course administered by KASNEB, with the administrators having heavily benchmarked with the international bodies in charge to make it better and relatable to the country.

As a mentor and trainer of the graduates, she noted that there are still very few professionals in the country under the docket, calling for more to come so that they would be able to build capacity to fight fraud and corruption in the country.

"We are calling all the organizations to consider having certified fraud examiners in their organizations and dedicated senior members of staff especially to small organizations to add to the other responsibilities they have," she said.

She noted that it is high time that board members considered the inclusion of fraud examiners in their boards to help them fight fraud and corruption and assist in achieving their primary responsibility.

According to Mugo, the International Certified Fraud Examiners under KASNEB now has 10 professionals who have graduated, and 18 others waiting to graduate.

She added that there are other professionals in module one and two yet to finish the course.

Government seeks stakeholder input on Correctional Services Bill and Policy

BY PILI CHIMERAH(PCO)

The State Department for Correctional Services has launched a public participation exercise to develop legal and policy frameworks for correctional services in the country.

The consultations, which will continue for the next month, aim to consolidate stakeholders' views on the proposed Correctional Services Bill and policy.

This initiative seeks to review and consolidate all laws related to correctional services and offender management in penal institutions.

Presiding over the

launch of these consultations, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary, who is also the Acting Interior CS, Musalia Mudavadi, stated that the consultations would help engage key players to ensure that issues such as congestion and poor living conditions for both offenders and staff are appropriately addressed.

Mr. Mudavadi emphasized that the reform agenda is timely as it will align the correctional legal framework with the constitution and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"This process, therefore,

marks a new dawn in the Government's commitment to overhaul the legal framework for correctional services and align it with the Constitution and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda," he said. According to the Prime Cabinet Secretary, the Correctional Service Bill will amend existing Acts of Parliament such as the Probation of Offenders Act Cap 64 and Community Service Orders Act, Cap 93 and repeal the Prisons Act Cap 90 and the Borstal Institutions Act Cap 92. Speaking at the same forum, the State Department for Correctional Services Principal Sec-

retary Dr. Salome Muhia Beacco lauded the Technical Committee which was appointed to develop the legal framework for a good job. She said the State Department for Correctional Services sits at the core of the national security and the wider criminal justice sector as it is the Government Agency responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of Correctional Policy and programmes. "The State Department contributes to community safety through humane containment of offenders and by ensuring that the offenders are rehabilitated, reformed and reintegrated back into the



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (centre) launches the public consultation forum on Correctional Services.

society," she observed.

The proposals contained in the Correctional Services Bill and Policy which will be subjected to public participation include the rights and obligations of offenders, duties and responsibilities of Prison and

Probation officers, welfare programs for prison and probation officers, management of both custodial and non-custodial offenders, aftercare and resettlement, internal complaints mechanism, among others.

State, private sector develop financing framework to boost urban sanitation

BY SHARON ATIENO
(KNA)

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation has partnered with the private company Fresh Life to improve the sanitation sector by providing an innovative model and financing approach designed to sustain growth in access to safe sanitation in informal urban settlements.

The partners have launched the Results-Based Financing (RBF) initiative in Nairobi. This innovative financing framework aims to achieve sustainable and measurable growth in the

provision of safe sanitation as a fundamental human right for non-sewered urban areas in Kenya.

Furthermore, this approach seeks to enhance the delivery of sanitation services in Nairobi, where over 60 percent of the population resides in informal settlements that are largely underserved by sewer systems.

During the launch, Fresh Life Executive Director and Co-Founder Lindsay Stradley stated that the RBF initiative represents a new era for the urban sanitation sector in Kenya, marking a significant step toward

achieving universal access to improved sanitation.

“By focusing on results, we can ensure that every shilling spent translates into real, measurable improvements in public health and quality of life,” said Stradley. She added that the partnership with Nairobi Water aims to provide safely managed sanitation to 100 percent of the population, with a focus on improving sanitation in informal settlements that are currently non-sewered.

While she underscored the government agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, Stradley

noted that Kenya has its work cut out to alter the current trajectory and attain universal coverage by achieving the targeted 40 percent sewer and 60 percent non-sewered coverage by 2030.

“In Nairobi only, 52 percent of the people have safely managed sanitation, the sector facing a funding gap of Sh652 billion, with the deficit provision of safe sanitation in urban areas estimated at Sh365 billion,” revealed Stradley.

To fund this gap, she maintained that it was necessary to leverage on public private partnerships and blended financ-



Fresh Life Co-founder and Executive Director Lindsay Stradley (C), and other officials during the launch of the First Results-Based Financing framework for non-sewered urban sanitation in Nairobi.

ing mechanisms to attract private and commercial investments and that the introduction of RBF for urban non-sewered sanitation by Fresh Life marked a significant step

towards bridging this gap.

In order to increase the accountability in the use of funding, the Director insisted on the measurement of the three results contained in the RBF.

Rangers reflect on challenges, triumphs at World Rangers Day event in Laikipia

BY MUTURI MWANGI
(KNA)

As the world celebrated World Rangers Day last week, John Lentulla's scars are a testament to the challenges he and his colleagues face daily in protecting the country's precious wildlife heritage.

Lentulla, a ranger from the Elmamus Community in Mukogodo Forest, Laikipia County, recounts how he narrowly escaped death during banditry attacks on June 22, 2022, while pursuing stolen camels between the Isiolo and Laikipia border.

The fearless ranger was speaking at the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Laikipia station, where he joined over 250 rangers to mark World Rangers Day, celebrated annually on July 31. The day honors the incredible work rangers do in protecting the country's treasures and remembers those who have died or been injured in the line of duty, like Lentulla.

This year's World Rangers Day theme, “30 by 30,” aimed to highlight the role rangers play in achieving the target of conserving 30 percent of the country's area by 2030.

As he recounts his harrowing ordeal, one can notice a scar on his left cheek and some slurred speech, which he attributes to the bullet wound—a day forever etched in his memory.

“As a ranger, we face numerous challenges in our efforts to protect wildlife from poachers and bandits in the forest.



Rangers commemorating world rangers day in Nanyuki, Laikipia county. Over 250 rangers took part.



John Lentulla, a ranger from Elmamus community in Mukogodo forest receiving certificate of appreciation from Kenya Wildlife Service Director General Dr. Erastus Kanga (Photos by Muturi Mwangi/KNA)

I am a victim of bullet wounds sustained while trailing stolen camels, which is why my speech is affected,” reveals Lentulla.

Despite the challenges and stress related to their daily duties, Lentulla expresses his satisfaction in joining other rangers in the county to share experiences.

“I am happy to celebrate with my colleagues and grateful for the support we receive from KWS. We are on the front lines and have been entrusted with conservation responsibilities. We keep them informed

about everything that is happening,” he notes.

Lentulla is among thousands of rangers across the country who have faced similar or even worse incidents from bandits and wildlife attacks while performing their duties. Joyce Naipitali, a ranger from Naibunga Lower Conservancy in Laikipia North says that her only challenge is human wildlife conflict and especially during this rainy season.

She however applauds KWS for their quick responses in addressing human wildlife related

incidents whenever she calls them upon.

The rangers reveal that technology advancement has aided to monitor wildlife and make their work easier as compared to previous years.

Laikipia East Deputy Commissioner Patrick Muli said that rangers needed support aimed at motivating them and making them feel as part of the society.

“This is a very important occasion in being together with our rangers since they also need to feel that they belong to the society,” said the administrator, adding that with technology, wildlife conservation was on the right path.

KWS Mount Kenya Region Assistant Director Elema Hapicha pointed out that rangers were the backbone of wildlife conservation and hence celebrating the work of rangers was remarkable.

She said that Laikipia County hosted three quarters of the wildlife endangered species both the black and white rhino, which rangers had been in the frontline

protecting.

She pointed out rangers encountered unique challenges from Aberdare forest, Mount Kenya and the vast Laikipia landscape which arose from different wild animal species.

“We have had interactions from rangers coming from different conservancies so that they can share the challenges that they go through as far as wildlife conservation in various sites are concerned,” said the KWS Mt. Kenya region boss.

Additionally, she revealed that rangers had field excursions to Olpajeta to learn about the latest technologies that aided the work of a ranger.

On his part, KWS Director General Dr. Erastus Kanga who was also the chief guest during the world rangers day celebrations in Nanyuki, lauded the rangers for their strong commitment to KWS conservation led campaign dubbed “Tunza Mali Yako and for being in frontline on nurturing and protecting Kenya's natural heritage.

Murang'a overhauls maternal health support program

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The Murang'a County government has resolved to make some drastic changes to streamline the maternal health support program in the area, which was initiated last year. The program, intended to encourage expectant mothers to attend antenatal clinics and deliver in hospitals, was paused earlier this year to allow the devolved administration to carry out a physical audit of the beneficiaries.

In a public notice, the Governor Irungu Kang'ata-led administration announced that starting from the next financial year, expectant mothers will receive financial support to cover their travel costs once annually. The payment of accumulated stipends for clinic visits will be made between May and June each year.

“Mothers will receive payments only once annually in May/June. To qualify for the support, mothers must attend at least six antenatal clinic visits—one visit in the first trimester, two visits in the second trimester, and three visits in the third trimester,” read part of the notice.

Following the physical audit conducted in early July this year, it was revealed that 4,104 expectant mothers had not received payments since the inception of the program. Among these mothers, only 482, or 11 percent, have medical insurance coverage. The devolved administration also resolved to pay the verified but unpaid mothers between 5th and 10th of this month. The payment will be done at the sub county level.

Experts urge Government to strengthen protection of Kenya's bio-cultural resources

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

The Government has been urged to urgently review and strengthen policies that protect the nation's rich bio-cultural diversity from exploitation by unscrupulous forces.

The African Biodiversity Network and its stakeholders in Kenya, including the Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya (BIBA Kenya), have noted that the country is experiencing widespread destruction of its bio-cultural resources and rich biodiversity. Therefore, it is imperative for the government to develop and implement policies that ensure their conservation and equitable benefit-sharing in cases of regulated use.

Speaking at a two-day media engagement forum on Bio-Cultural Diversity in Kenya, Ms. Anne Maina, the National Co-ordinator for BIBA Kenya, emphasized the need to diversify and promote farmer-managed seeds. "There are challenges with seed laws in the country; while farmers' seeds are recognized and approved for sharing, they are not allowed to be sold," she added.

Ms. Maina also mentioned that they have been engaging with various policy departments and that steps are being taken to review the access and benefit-sharing regulations in the country. "A proper review of the Seed and Plant Varieties Act, which prohibits farmers from selling their seeds,

will enable farmers to share indigenous seeds. This can only be achieved by easing restrictions that hinder the circulation of nutritious farmer varieties," she said.

She explained that BIBA Kenya has been working and partnering with the National Museum of Kenya and the Intersectoral Forum on Agro-biodiversity and Agro-ecology to promote farmer-managed seed systems and indigenous seeds through annual cultural and seed festivals and harvest fairs.

Dr. Fassil Gebeyehu, General Coordinator of the African Biodiversity Network, emphasized the need to demystify the concept of bio-cultural diversity, stressing the importance of protecting genetic, species, ecosystem, and cultural diversities.

"Protecting elements of cultural diversity, such as language, traditions, and indigenous knowledge, is crucial for a country like Kenya. With a rising youthful and urbanized population, many are becoming disconnected from their ancestral lands and cultural heritage," Gebeyehu noted.

He warned of the cultural threats posed by urbanization, saying, "Many young people no longer identify with the foods and traditions of their grandparents.

Losing these cultural elements threatens our cultural values and environmental stewardship."

As a network, Gebeyehu called for the nurturing of the new generation by



Some of the traditional seeds being displayed at a food harvest at the national museum



African Biodiversity Network members reading the communique after two day media engagement forum on conservation of bio cultural diversity.

the elderly, who can educate the youth on the importance of conserving biological and cultural diversity.

He emphasized that this intergenerational transfer of knowledge is essential to mitigating the loss of heritage to urbanization.

Simon Mitambo from the Society for Alternative Learning and Transformation (SALT) stated that they have been working with communities to revive some of the values of

yesteryears. He gave the example of the Kikuyu community, which relates to Mount Kenya as a sacred place. One way of engaging the community is through the preservation of sacred natural sites, which hold significant cultural, ecological, and spiritual value for communities living near these places.

Mitambo also highlighted the unprecedented loss of biodiversity, with various reports show-

ing that millions of plants and animals are threatened with extinction. "Our seeds, for example, are part of biodiversity. By reviving or conserving seeds, we ensure a diversity of crops on farms that provide nutritional value. Even in adverse weather conditions, having a variety of crops means that while some may die, others will survive," he added.

Diversification, Mitambo explained means planting traditional food together such as the sorghum, millet and even green grams as a way of managing risk so that if one crop fails due to maybe rain, one does not miss on the other crop unlike when one plants a whole area with say maize and if that crops is affected by either pest or disease, one loses an entire harvest unlike when one diversifies.

He lauded the National Museums of Kenya who have been trying to tap

different communities and different knowledge through collection, preservation, studying, documenting and presenting Kenya's past and present cultural and natural heritage.

Gathuru Mburu - Team Leader Ngaatho Community highlighted the alarming rate of theft, destruction, over-exploitation, and desecration of sacred sites, and natural forests such as the Kayas, the Mau Forests, Mt Kenya, Kakamega and Elgon ecosystems.

He emphasized the need for legal support and protection for communities, many of whom are unaware of the value of their resources.

"While some communities are knowledgeable and vocal about defending their resources, however, the majority are not and require legal support and protection. Every Kenyan should be aware of and knowledgeable about the natural resources within their locality. These resources have the potential to transform local economies and sustain our cultural identity," Mburu added.

Uncontrolled harvesting of plant and animal species have been threatening Kenya's biodiversity and although biodiversity within the protected areas remains high, incidences of illegal extraction are common.

Globally Kenya is classified among the ten mega-bio diverse nations, with over 35,000 species of flora and fauna. The country has a unique diversity of ecosystems, ranging from mountains, forests, rangelands, arid lands, croplands, and urban areas to marine and inland waters.

New policies aim to protect breastfeeding mothers in drought and flood zones

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government is implementing policies to safeguard the well-being of breastfeeding mothers during crises such as droughts and floods, which have become increasingly common.

A nutrition and dietetics expert at the Ministry of Health, Ms. Purity Kibe, stated that the Ministry is enforcing the Breast Milk Substitution Act and its regulations. This act provides guidelines on food donations during crises, with a focus on the mother and the breast-

feeding child.

Ms. Kibe explained that during crises like floods and droughts, people often receive maize and beans as food donations. However, preparing these foods can be challenging for affected families, as they may lack the necessary utensils, a jiko (stove), or firewood due to displacement or damage from the crisis.

"We are now recommending ready-made supplements or easy-to-prepare nutritious foods for the affected families," said Ms. Kibe. Recently, the government has been distributing nutritious food supplements, such as

plumpy nuts, to children aged between six months and 59 months who are suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

Ms. Kibe highlighted that during crises, mothers experience significant mental stress, which can impact milk production. She explained that the Ministry of Health is now providing psychosocial support to mothers to ensure they are in the right state of mind to produce milk and breastfeed their children.

Ms. Kibe spoke during a media sensitization forum at Lang'ata Women's Maximum Prison. She

explained that the Breast Milk Substitutes (Regulation and Control) guidelines indicate that health workers, while performing their duties, should inform mothers about the benefits and importance of breastfeeding.

This includes how to initiate and sustain breastfeeding, the importance of periodic HIV/

We are now recommending ready-made supplements for the babies

AIDS testing, adherence to maternal anti-retroviral treatment and infant prophylaxis, early infant diagnosis, continued anti-retroviral treatment, and continued breastfeeding by mothers who are infected with HIV/AIDS.

"Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months promotes brain development in children, and for mothers, it reduces the risk of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, high blood pressure, and Type 2 diabetes," said Ms. Kibe.

Luara Kiige, a nutrition specialist at UNICEF Kenya country office said

that Kenya has made a lot of progress on matters breastfeeding with about 60 percent of mothers giving their children breast milk only for the first six months.

Kiige said that, however, there were rampant gaps in early initiation of breastfeeding because there were about 89 percent of mothers giving birth in the healthcare system but only about 60 percent of them are breastfeeding within the first hour of birth which is a requirement they give because of the many value added benefits of early initiation of children.

PS roots for international standards for Africa's economic growth

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

State Department for Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana, has encouraged African economies to embrace accurate and internationally accepted measurements, to unlock the continent's economic potential.

Dr. Mukhwana said there was a need for African economies to standardize their products for intra-Africa trade to thrive and to tap into global trade, and called on Africa to prioritize measurements in order to boost industrialization.

The Principal Secretary spoke in Nairobi during the official opening of the 17th General Assembly of the Intra-Africa Metrology System- AFRIMETS. The General Assembly, whose theme is "Measurement for Sustainability," has attracted delegates from across the continent.

Dr. Mukhwana pointed out that despite having the youngest population and an abundance of raw material, Africa still relied on foreign markets for the supply of 85 percent of its manufactured products.

He said it was imperative that Africa develops systems and policies around metrology

that can supplement industrialization so that the continent can consume more of what it produces.

The Principal Secretary emphasized the need for accurate and reliable measurements to accelerate and promote industrialization and trade in Africa.

"As we develop these measurements, we need to ask ourselves one question, what difference will they make to our people," PS Juma posed.

Dr. Mukhwana said accurate measurements were the cornerstone of quality infrastructure and have a profound impact on every aspect of our lives, from industry to innovation, commerce to conservation.

He underscored the importance of accurate measurement and monitoring for sustainable growth amid the shift towards sustainable future development.

PS pointed out that Africa's commodity-based economies, heavily reliant on extractives and agricultural exports, cannot thrive without a solid foundation of measurement.

Dr. Mukhwana and the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) Director of Quality Assurance and Inspection, Dr. Geoffrey Muriira, ob-



State Department for Industry Principal Secretary (PS), Dr. Juma Mukhwana (R), presents a plaque to Dr. Wynand Louw (L) in appreciation for his service as AFRIMETS Secretariat Chair from 2006-2023, during the organization's 17th General Assembly.

served that Africa was facing a huge challenge to stay abreast of technological developments and to meet health, safety and sustainable environmental requirements.

He said this directly relates to the continent's ability to prove measurement equivalence and provide analytical assurances for export products.

The Principal Secretary, however, expressed optimism that AFRIMETS, through association with the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI), the African Standards Organisation (ARSO), the Inter-African Cooperation

can realize industrial growth and progressively eliminate technical barriers to trade, thereby, boosting their exports to the developed world.

He also expressed Kenya's commitment to measurements and said the country was enacting a National Quality Infrastructure Policy, to establish a legal framework to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the country's national Standardization, Metrology, and Accreditation matters.

Dr. Muriira, who was representing the KEBS Managing Director, Mrs. Esther Ngari, said the Organization, as the custodian of the National quality standards, has a broad mandate of offering the most accurate measurements for the country's developing economy and facilitating sustainability in industrial production.

The Director highlighted the importance of accurate

measurements in fostering sustainable development, enhancing quality of life, and ensuring environmental stewardship.

He observed that metrology had gained greater significance for the continent as it pushed towards implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), to create a single continental market for goods and services and free movement of business persons and investments.

Dr. Muriira noted that with the appropriate metrology measures, products from Africa will be measured against the same standards as those from other parts of the world, eliminating technical barriers to trade, reducing costs, and enhancing the credibility of African products. This will help open new markets for goods and services, spurring economic growth and development across the continent.



MINISTRY OF LABOUR & SOCIAL PROTECTION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS

RECRUITMENT OF ENUMERATORS

The State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs will be recruiting casuals for twenty-one (21) days to serve as enumerators to carry out data collection in the counties of Uasin Gishu (658), Bomet (521), Nyeri (312), Nakuru (1,002), Siaya (495), Kiambu (833), Nandi (432), Nairobi (1,495), Embu (276), Busia (730), Trans Nzoia (425) and Kericho (380).

Qualifications

- At least a mean grade of C- (Minus) or its equivalent in form four level of education
- Computer proficiency
- A candidate must be a resident of the location and conversant with the local language. Exception to be given to urban centres which are considered metropolitan

Remuneration

- Successful candidates shall be paid daily wages of Kshs. 1,000 per day based on daily targets as will be outlined in the appointment letter payable at the end of twenty-one days
- Transport allowance shall be paid at the rate of Kshs. 500 per day to facilitate data collection
- Airtime will be provided

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications online through the link provided at the state department's website: www.socialprotection.go.ke. Hard copies shall not be accepted. The deadline for the application is on **26th August, 2024**.

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Qualifications

- At least a mean grade of C Plain or its equivalent in form four level of education
- Computer proficiency
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- Candidates who are Community Health Volunteers and have held positions of leadership will have an added advantage

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From town to City, the rise and rise of Eldoret

BY MIKE ORIEDO (KYEB)

Eldoret is a bustling town located in the North Rift and best known by its moniker the “Home of Champions”.

The town, which is the administrative capital of Uasin Gishu County borders Trans Nzoia to the North, Kericho to the South, Elgeyo-Marakwet to the East, Baringo to the South East, Nandi to the South West and Kakamega county to the North West.

Eldoret has a rich history and a vibrant economy that makes it tick.

The town which currently has a population of about 500,000 people, started its rise in the early 20th century as a transit point along the Kenya-Uganda Railway which was built by the British colonialists.

Its strategic location made it an important region for the colonial administration serving as a trade and transportation hub.

Today, it remains a gateway to the East and Central African countries, what has made it a key transit point for goods going to Uganda, Rwanda and DR Congo.

Apart from the railway,

over the years, Eldoret’s transport system has been modernised to include air and an extensive road network which have eased transportation and enabled the town grow economically.

The town’s rich agricultural lands have made agriculture the economic mainstay.

Main agricultural activities around the town include large-scale wheat, dairy and horticulture farming.

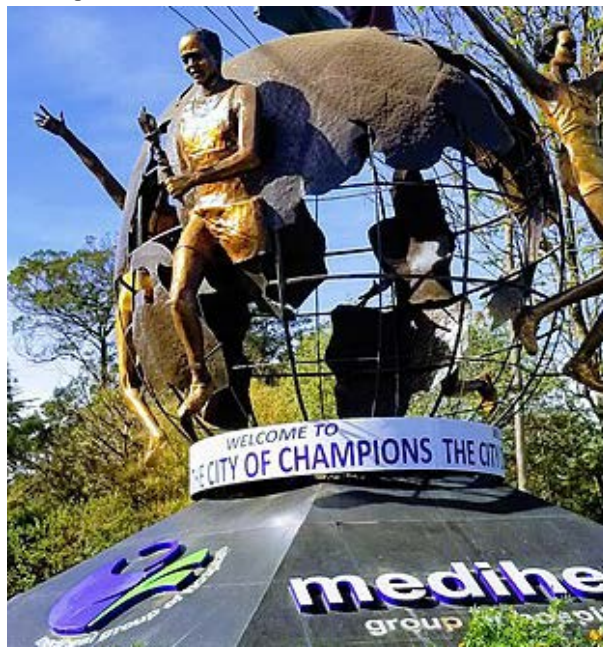
In terms of manufacturing, Eldoret boasts a number of industries such as timber, textile, dairy, maize millers and bakeries.

One may wonder, why is the town called the “Home of Champions”?

Well, Eldoret’s high altitude and hilly terrain create an ideal training environment for middle and long-distance athletes.

Notable training centres include the IAAF High Altitude Training Camp, University of Eldoret grounds and Kipchoge Keino Stadium.

As it seeks to be elevated to a City, Eldoret has earned the status and would join Kisumu, Nairobi, Mombasa and Na-



President William Ruto is expected to confer the City Status to Eldoret on August 15th.

This will make Eldoret, which is President Ruto’s hometown, the first City in the North Rift.

Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii said preparations for the conferment are nearing completion.

“All arrangements are going on as planned to ensure that we have the best celebrations to welcome the new city of Eldoret,” Bii said.

requirements.

According to the Urban Areas and Cities Act, it must have a population of over 500,000 residents, as confirmed by the latest census, among other things.

This population growth is a testament to the town’s economic potential.

It must also have an integrated urban development plan that outlines its strategies for sustainable growth, infrastructure development, and environmental management.

A town also needs to show capacity to generate sufficient revenue to sustain its operations through innovative revenue collection methods.

In the last financial year, Uasin Gishu raised some Sh1.09 billion, according to the County Government, with Eldoret contributing the bulk of the amount.

Further, there should be clear and efficient management systems in place.

This includes keeping accurate records and making decisions that benefit the community.

The town must be able to provide essential services to its residents, such as clean water, waste disposal, healthcare, and ed-

ucation.

In terms of infrastructure development, there should be increased development of residential, commercial, and industrial zones to accommodate the growing population and business activities.

For Eldoret, it ticks all the above boxes.

Eldoret Municipal Board CEO Tito Koiyet said the town has more than 70 per cent sewer coverage and adequate water supply.

He added that Eldoret is the second largest medical destination in the country with both air, road and rail transport.

“Outside Nairobi we also have the second largest coverage by banking institutions which are over 40. We also have a high concentration of universities and colleges,” he said.

A city status attracts both local and international investors, leading to economic growth and job creation.

It leads to improved educational and healthcare facilities to meet the demands of a larger urban population.

City status might attract more people from rural areas or smaller towns seeking better employment and living conditions.

PS-Tea farmers record increase in tea production

BY CHARI SUCHE AND NURU SOUD(KNA)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Agriculture, Dr Kipronoh Ronoh, has announced an increase in tea production witnessed in the Financial Year 2023/2024.

Dr Ronoh said the increase in production has led to an increased stock of unsold tea by small holder tea factories.

Speaking at the East Africa Tea Trade Association in Mombasa, the PS said that there is need to tackle various challenges facing sale of tea from smallholder tea factories managed by Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA).

He noted that the increase in production is a result of the fertilizer subsidy initiated by the President in the previous Financial Year, good rains and the increase of tea farmers in the tea sector.

Dr Ronoh also clarified that there is only 100 million kilograms of unsold tea which remains in stock in the various factories and will be sold in one month.

“Through the analysis of KTDA we have established that at least 100 million kilograms of unsold tea is in the various warehouses hence we have agreed among the tea brokers and buyers to buy tea locally so that we can clear the remaining stock in the next one month,” he said.

Additionally, the PS urged tea traders to desist from publishing unverified information regarding stocks of unsold tea to avoid causing anxiety in the markets, citing that KTDA is not holding 400 million kilograms of tea as earlier reported but only 100 Kilograms.

According to the PS, in an effort to improve the tea market the stakeholders derived a list of strategies, which include the review of the reverse price mechanism.

The Government shall make an amendment to the tea Act, 2020 to allow for Direct Sales Overseas (DSOs) by all tea producers, including factories managed by KTDA.

All tea producers adhere to a tea quality standard of at least 65 percent to reverse the declining quality of

Kenya tea.

He added that there is a need for tea producers to diversify their tea production from the traditional black CTC tea to orthodox tea and other teas in the tea auction.

He noted that tea traders and all other tea industry stakeholders shall join in the government’s agenda of enhancing value addition from the current five (5) percent to over 22 percent.

“In this regard, the government shall support the establishment of a Common Use Facility (CUF) for tea value addition and also implement fiscal incentives like tax exemptions in order to support value addition tea,” he said.

At the same time, the PS said that the State shall enhance marketing activities by signing MOUs and bilateral agreements with key markets to enhance market access of Kenya tea.

Dr Ronoh applauded tea farmers for their continuous cooperation, especially during the tea sector elections that were conducted in July as he unveiled the appointment of new directors who have successfully taken the oath and are currently in office.

Kenya Forest launch programs to enhance Mt. Kenya rehabilitation

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH (KNA)

In a bid to rehabilitate 1,700 hectares of degraded sections of Mount Kenya Forest in Kirinyaga, Kenya Forest Services Department has partnered with Community Forest Association groups, to plant and protect trees in the area.

The initiative, under Plantation Establishment and Livelihood Improvement Scheme (PELIS), will help in increasing forest cover in Kirinyaga by involving communities living near forests.

The programme will see rehabilitation of degraded 1,400 hectares of forest, where the Kenya Forest Services (KFS) will partner with residents, to rehabilitate and in return residents will be allowed to cultivate maize and graze their livestock, as part of conservation under specific arrangements.

According to Kirinyaga County Forest Chief Conservator, Kenneth Muturi, the programme will also see restocking of 300 hectares of forest, which was

harvested in 2012.

“We know part of economy of Kirinyaga people is timber industry and we need those plantations, to offer jobs to people,” he said.

Speaking at Kimunye, Kirinyaga County, during the launch of Five Participatory Forest Management Plans with different Community Forest Associations in a bid to conserve natural resources in Kirinyaga, Kenya Forest Services Deputy Chief Conservator, Beatrice Mbula, said that all forests will be managed through agreement with communities.

Mbula said that under PELIS programme, residents living near forest will be allowed to cultivate and graze their livestock under strict rules and regulations in partnership with Kenya forest officers.

“We have rules and guidelines governing all our programmes, we shall strictly implement grazing hours from 6am to 6pm, some of you want to leave their livestock in forest overnight which has brought misunderstand-

ing,” she said

Mbula says that the residents will also be allowed to collect firewood as the department pushes for clean energy by 2028.

She added that signing of agreements with five Community Forest Associations will play a critical role in improving the ecosystems of forest and empowering residents in terms of food security through planting of maize and grazing their livestock.

Kabare Ward Member of the County Assembly (MCA), Isaiah Mbogo, says that residents living near the forest have been champions of conservation and should be issued with a special use license to benefit with the forests.

Rainforest Alliance Director, Dida Wario, says that under the programme the Association will enlarge the covering area across the Mr. Kenya region, noting that the rehabilitation programme has been extended up to 2026, where they have included Laikipia County in the initiative to improve forest cover around Mt Kenya region.

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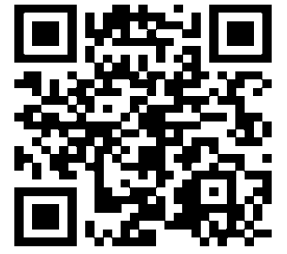
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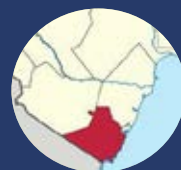
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KWALE COUNTY

866,820

The total population according to the 2019 national census



Kenyans reap from jobs abroad as government steps up labour export

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BOTTOM-UP ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

President Ruto inaugurates development projects to transform lives at the Coast

President Ruto enhances his government's transformation of the grassroots with the launch of various initiatives in the region



President Ruto (middle) issues Sh1.7 billion in grants to 612 fishing groups across the five coastal counties.

INSET BELOW: President Ruto inaugurates the Baricho-Kakuyuni Water Supply Project which will serve citizens in both Kilifi and Mombasa County.

President Ruto lays a foundation stone for the Matuga Affordable Housing project.

Inside the room at Matuga Technical and Vocational College in Kwale County, over 10 desktop computers neatly placed on white tables stood out. Sitting behind the computers were young men and women, their eyes glued on the computer screens as their fingers typed on the keyboards.

The youth, who were doing online jobs at the government-established Jitume Lab, were tirelessly working to meet various deadlines for their clients.

On this day, they had received an important visitor - President William Ruto - who officially opened the facility during his development tour of the Coast region.

"This is the job I do and love. I do online surveys. We have questions every day and for every question we answer there is some money that we earn. The questions vary depending on the day because there are political, educational and work-related, among other things," one of the youth told the President. In a week, she said she earns about Sh3,100.

President Ruto promised to work with the region's MPs to build more Jitume ICT hubs in each constituency to train more youths to enable them access economic opportunities online.

"After they build the ICT hubs, we will connect the internet and install computers. We already have 10,000 computers coming in September. So apart from establishing more hubs to reach every ward, we will equip

them," he said.

The Jitume Lab is one of the government initiatives implemented in Kwale County and at the Coast in general as part of its Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Under the digital skills enhancement programme, the government has trained over 500,000 youths and 150,000 of them are already earning from online jobs.

During the development tour, the President visited Kwale, Mombasa, Lamu, Kilifi and Tana River counties to push on with the transformative agenda.

In Kilifi County, President Ruto inaugurated the Baricho-Kakuyuni Water Supply Project. The Sh1.4 billion project, included the Baricho wellfield protection project to protect the wells from future floods.

There is also the Baricho-Kakuyuni high-volume water pipeline that was done for Sh2 billion and is already in use. The project has eased the perennial water problem in Kilifi and Mombasa counties.

"Our country's food security strategy is dependent on reliable supply of water. It is for this reason that we are constructing new and rehabilitating existing water projects that will further this agenda," noted the President.

The President also visited the Kwale County Aggregation and Industrial Park under construction, which he said would help unlock the area's agricultural potential by adding value to cassava, tomatoes, cashew nuts and other farm produce.

This will further boost the country's foreign exchange earnings and increase farmers' income. The Industrial Park will also help in the creation of jobs for the youth. He further toured the Mwananyamala Industrial Park in Lunga Lunga, which is also under construction.

"The youth are the drivers of our economic plan. The technical skills and knowledge that we are imparting in them will empower them to drive that agenda," he said while at the Kinango Technical and Vocational College.

Covering some 79,686.1km² and with a population of about 5 million people, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, the Coast region is Kenya's main tourism hub and is a key gateway to the country at the Mombasa Port and the Lunga Lunga and Taveta border points.

As a major tourist destination, thousands of visitors flock Mombasa, Diani, Malindi and Lamu, with the region generating substantial revenue through hotels, restaurants and tour



operations. The tourism sector has become a major source of employment for residents of the region.

Another key economic hub is the Port of Mombasa, one of the largest and busiest

ports in Africa. It serves as a key gateway for trade not just for Kenya but also for several landlocked countries in East Africa, including Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan.

The port facilitates the import and export of goods, making it a critical hub for regional commerce. The revenue from port activities, logistics, and related industries forms a significant part of the coastal region's economy.

Beyond the Port of Mombasa, the region is a critical transportation hub. The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) connects Mombasa to Nairobi, enhancing the movement of goods and passengers across the country. Additionally, the region's road network facilitates trade and the movement of goods, particularly for industries located in the inland regions.

The Coast region is also rich in mineral resources, including titanium and gemstones. Mining activities, particularly for titanium in the Kwale County, contribute to the national economy through export earnings and provide jobs to the local population.

In touring the region, President Ruto acknowledged its contribution to national development, noting the government would initiate more projects in the area.

He laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Matuga Affordable Housing project, which is expected to create employment for thousands of youths.

In Kilifi, the President inaugurated the Last Mile Connectivity Project in Bamba as part of the Kenya National Electrification Strategy aimed at increasing the country's electricity access rate.

To date, the project has secured Sh73.1 billion in funding and has connected 746,867 households under its first three phases at a cost of Sh51.1 billion.

"We are connecting households and businesses to affordable and reliable electricity across Kenya so as to power our manufacturing and drive economic growth," he stated. The project is in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Another BETA milestone that was highlighted during the President's visit is the promotion of fishing as an income generating activity for numerous families in the coastal region.

"Fishing is a key component of BETA. That is why we are investing in our blue economy to unlock its huge potential. This deliberate plan will generate more than Sh120 billion a year and create employment for thousands of youths," stated President Ruto. He made these remarks while issuing Sh1.7 billion in grants to 612 fishing groups across the five coastal counties, with rich marine resources and vibrant fishing communities.

"I promised the local fishermen that I would return. I come bearing good news. I have allocated Ksh800 million to the fishing sector to ensure the young people get opportunities to make a living," he stated. This is part of the broader Economic Stimulus Plan aimed at rejuvenating various sectors of the economy. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook and KICD to tell the story of education reforms

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum

Development (KICD) will partner to document the ongoing reforms in the education sector.

KYEB CEO, Ms Lilian Kimeto, and her counterpart from KICD, Prof Charles Ong'ondo, said there is convergence in the work the institutions do and, therefore, the partnership is of great public good.

"Our desire is to partner with KICD in different capacities. KYEB tells the story of Kenya as a brand and our education sector is a key component



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of that brand. The nexus for the two institutions is publishing," said Ms Kimeto during a courtesy visit to the KICD headquarters.

Prof Ong'ondo said that Kenya has been going through a series of educational reforms, which need to be documented and communicated to the public.

Both institutions also took note of the austerity measures that the Government has put in place.

Prof Ong'ondo noted that the partnership between the two institutions would work within the austerity measures that the country has taken.



"Indeed, leveraging on the strengths of one another as sister agencies will make it easier to achieve the austerity measures that the Government has adopted," stated Ms Kimeto. ■

KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto (left) presents the almanac, The Kenya Yearbook, to the CEO KICD Prof Charles Ong'ondo.

Huduma Kenya, NGCDF partner to take government services to constituencies

Huduma Kenya and the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) have teamed up to enhance government service accessibility at the grassroots.

This initiative aims to improve service delivery across Kenya's 290 constituencies by constructing new Huduma Centres. These centres, which provide services such as ID issuance, business permits, and tax filing, are funded through a co-financing model where NG-CDF covers construction costs and Huduma Kenya supplies branding, ICT infrastructure, and staffing.

Thus far, out of the 74 Members

This initiative aims to improve service delivery across Kenya's 290 constituencies by constructing new Huduma Centres.

of Parliament, 27 have committed funds in the FY 2023-2024 to establish Centres in their constituencies. The Centres will create employment through cybers located inside.

Recent Huduma Centre openings in Laikipia East, Kathwana, Marimanti, and Maara reflect the commitment to equitable service provision nationwide. ■



HUDUMA CORNER

Construction work for a new Huduma Centre.

A bilateral agreement between Kenya and Germany will see thousands of youth from TVETs get access to work opportunities in Germany.



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Kenyans reap from jobs abroad as government steps up labour export

Bilateral agreement between Kenya and Germany will benefit graduates

The government is addressing the challenge of unemployment by facilitating Kenyans to get international job opportunities.

Two recent initiatives by the government are moving forward the country's labour export strategy.

The first, a bilateral agreement between Kenya and Germany, will see thousands of university and college graduates commence work in Germany starting September.

"The agreement aims to provide valuable job opportunities abroad for Kenyan professionals, reflecting the government's commit-

ment to combating high unemployment rates within the country," President Ruto said. The President made the announcement during the centenary celebration of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector at Kabete National Polytechnic.

He praised the programme, known as the Kazi Majuu initiative, which is managed by the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, which is designed to leverage Kenya's skilled

workforce by offering them positions in Germany, aligning with Kenya Kwanza's broader plans to tackle unemployment.

President Ruto also highlighted a substantial investment in TVET institutions, amounting to Sh13 billion. This investment, supported by countries such as Germany and Canada, aims to modernise and equip these institutions, thus improving the quality of vocational training and adequately preparing the youth for the modern job market.

The President emphasised the importance of this modernisation in bridging the skills gap between training and industry needs, which is crucial for job creation and self-employment.

On Wednesday last week, Mr Musalia Mudavadi, the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary Foreign Affairs, flagged off the first cohort of teachers to the United States as the government step up its programme to enable Kenyans access jobs abroad.

This initiative, which saw 70 out of over 150 applicants successfully secure positions across various American school districts, reflects a growing global demand for Kenyan professionals.

Mr Mudavadi praised the reputation of Kenyan workers for their dedication and professionalism.

He advised the teachers to remain focused, disciplined, and compliant with the laws of their host country. He stressed that Kenyans are often preferred for their strong work ethic and communication skills, but also cautioned them to adhere to ethical codes and legal requirements to avoid potential issues abroad.

The Prime CS also underscored the government's dedication to investing in TVET institutions, noting a 51.8 per cent increase in enrolment due to recent upgrades.

He highlighted the need for TVET programmes to adapt to emerging global trends such as artificial intelligence and advanced robotics, ensuring that Kenyan trainees acquire skills that are competitive on the global stage.

The government's support for Kenyans working abroad extends beyond these initiatives. President Ruto announced that Kenyans going overseas for work will have their travel documents processed within seven days and their flights covered by the Government.

Labour PS Shadrack Mwandia revealed that approximately 1,000 youths leave the country every week for overseas employment, and there are currently 400,000 jobs available for Kenyan youth abroad.

This support not only facilitates the migration of skilled workers but also contributes to an increase in diaspora remittances, which are crucial for the Kenyan economy.

These efforts reflect Kenya's proactive approach to addressing unemployment and leveraging global opportunities for its workforce.

By investing in vocational training, supporting international job placements, and ensuring practical assistance for those seeking work abroad, the Kenyan government is taking substantial steps towards enhancing the livelihoods of its citizens and strengthening the nation's global presence. ■

Joy as Baringo gets first power plant

President William Ruto recent visit to Baringo County revealed a strategic plan aimed to transform Tiaty and the surrounding regions. The President inaugurated a Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) at the North Rift Technical & Vocational College in Chemolingot, and a Jitumu ICT Hub, emphasising the region's readiness for investment focused on economic growth and youth employment.

The President also issued the first community title deeds in Tiaty since independence, alongside a financial grant of Sh70,000 for the community.

The visit highlighted the region's significant geothermal potential, with 3,000 MW available, which is 30 per cent of Kenya's geothermal capacity. This initiative could attract up to \$10 billion (Sh129.75 billion in investments, with



President William Ruto commissioning the Chemususu Water Supply Project Last Mile Connectivity in Baringo County.

Sh467 million needed to develop 1 MW.

The President urged the community to engage with the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) and the National Land Commission to facilitate land allocation for these projects. He also called upon regional

leaders to unite and work together to drive positive change and development.

In addition to the geothermal initiative, President Ruto announced plans to establish an industrial park in the region, which will generate job opportunities, support local infrastructure, and foster economic development. This park is expected to drive business growth and create high-skill educational opportunities. The President also emphasised the need to move away from practices such as cattle rustling to enable development.

He pointed to the success of a Sh45 billion cement manufacturing plant in Ortum, which has boosted West Pokot's economy, and expressed his vision for similar growth in Tiaty. Additionally, he commissioned the Last Mile Chemususu Dam Water Project in Eldama Ravine. ■

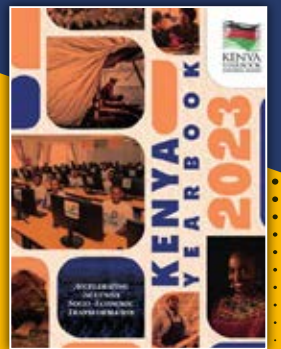


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Faith Kipyegon wins Heat 1 of the 5000m Womens race and secures a spot in the finals.



Lilian Odira finished 4th in the Women's 800m semi-final setting a personal best of 1:58.53 but narrowly missed out on the finals.

19 year old Olympic debutant Faith 'Kadogo' Cherotich qualified for the finals of the 3000m Women Steeplechase.



800m World Champion Mary Moraa won Heat 1 and qualified for the 800m finals.



Wiseman Were finished 5th in the 400m Hurdles earning a spot in the semi-finals.



Olympic debutant Brian Komen shone with a time of 3:32.54 earning a sport in the 1500m finals.



Kenya's fastest man Ferdinand Omanyala misses out on the 100m finals coming 8th in Heat 3 of the Semi-Finals.

PHOTOS: OLYMPICS KENYA

New bill promises to improve returns on livestock investments and market access

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI(KNA) AND KENNEDY NYAMBANE (PCO)

The Livestock Bill 2024, a draft law proposed by the State Department of Livestock in consultation with stakeholders, aims to commercialize livestock farming in the country if passed.

The Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, Jonathan Mueke, stated that the Bill, which takes into account the interests of farmers, will address their economic stability by securing good returns on investment and developing the livestock value chain.

"This proposed legislation, which is aligned with and sensitive to livestock farmers' interests and aspirations, will ensure a robust and sustainable livestock sector by enhancing productivity, market access, and sector resilience," said Mueke.

The legislation will also address policy regulation, incentives, training, research, and disaster management. It will encourage best practices, guarantee stable prices, create employment and wealth opportunities, and make the



country competitive for both local and international investors.

"Unethical practices that have taken root due to a lack of regulation will be fully addressed to allow investors, especially farmers, to achieve better returns on their livestock investments," said the PS.

The PS added that the Bill will also create infrastructure to ensure that inputs are free from contaminants and harmful substances, guaranteeing quality animal nutrition and high levels of efficiency and productivity.

Mueke said with the legislation in place, farmers will now be able to access incentives such as grants, credit, off-take agreements and farm inputs which

have been scarce and uncoordinated due to absence of an enabling regulation.

He mentioned that the Bill through creation of the marketing Board will open markets for livestock products such as meat, milk, eggs, honey and leather which currently have no marketing agency thereby making farmers reach broader markets and optimize their sales.

Mueke, further, noted that the legislation will require livestock farmers to register commercial breeding animals for purposes of ensuring high standards in genetic improvement and herd quality, aimed at protecting livestock farmers from quacks and preventing losses.

He said the promotion of

research and innovation in the Bill aims to address emerging challenges and improving overall sector efficiency through research findings in commercial livestock enterprises.

"The utilization of research findings will foster innovation as well as ensure that resources are directed towards addressing critical sector challenges, thus improving management practices and productivity," Mueke added.

The PS said the Bill will ensure that institutions established under subsidiary legislation among them Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute, Kenya Animal Genetics Resources Centre, Kenya Leather Development Council and the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council are established under substantive law under the Act of Parliament.

He added that the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization will be reformed to establish the Kenya Livestock Research Organization whose impact will bring sustainable production of high quality and effective vaccines, enhancement of livestock genetics to improve breeds.

BRIEFS

Moi University receives Sh6 million for smart classrooms

Moi University has received digital audio-visual equipment worth Sh6 million from the Shanghai Municipal People's Government and Donghua University of China to establish two smart classrooms.

These classrooms, named the "Shanghai Love Classroom," will be equipped with advanced technology to enhance distance learning. One classroom will be set up on the Mombasa campus, and the other will be on the main campus in Uasin Gishu County.

Shang Yuying, Vice Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, said during the launch of the digital classroom at Moi University's Mombasa Campus that Donghua University and Moi University have shared a long-standing partnership since 1950, when the China-based university began recruiting international students.

"Smart classrooms provide a crucial platform for digital education.

People around the world are increasingly focusing on the possibilities of distance learning, and I know Moi University has been a leader in this field for the past decade," said Yuying.

She also noted that since 2016, they have been establishing digital classrooms with various partners in several countries, including Moi University, where a Confucius Institute for textile engineering and fashion design was launched in 2015. "We would love to make use of the equipment donated by Shanghai Government to even strengthen that platform to make it do more. Together we can make a difference," she stated.

The Vice Secretary General of Shanghai Municipal People's Government said through their cooperation with Moi University, they have collaborated on student cultivation, research collaboration as well as people-to-people exchange.

By Sadik Hassan(KNA)

KVDA to spend Sh100m on Chebagon and Emsoo dams

The Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) will spend Sh100 million to construct the Chebagon Dam and rehabilitate another dam in Emsoo, in the Keiyo North Sub-County.

The project's Managing Director (MD), Sammy Naporos, said that once complete, the Emsoo Dam, which will cost Sh59 million, and the Chebagon Dam, costing Sh41 million, will serve over 12,000 households and put approximately 1,200 acres under irrigation.

Speaking during the launch of the projects at the Emsoo Dam, Naporos said the ongoing project includes extending the water pipes to expand the distribution to a distance of 24 kilometers. He added that the Authority would construct six tanks and renovate the existing pipes along Kapchela and Kokwao Sub-Locations.

The MD also mentioned that they were encouraging the growth of fruit trees, such as mangoes,

avocados, and passion fruits, to help boost food security, with the government planning to supply seedlings to farmers in the area.

The KVDA Chairman Mark Chesergon said the project would economically empower residents. Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich said each farmer is set to earn approximately Sh 25,000 through fruit cultivation. The Governor called on the County Assembly to legislate strict laws which will guard against selfish individuals from disadvantaging the poor through diversion of water meant for irrigation projects.

The Chairman of the Emsoo water project Alex Ngeno welcomed the extension of the project which was started by World Vision in 2017 saying it was serving a few people but now with its expansion would serve a larger population including schools and the local dispensary.

By Alice Wanjiru(KNA)

Sh8.5m micro-irrigation project launched in Kajiado to boost agriculture in schools

BY ROP JANET(KNA)

Over 2,000 public schools in arid and semi-arid areas across the country will benefit from an irrigation program spearheaded by the State Department of Irrigation.

The micro-irrigation program, which has already been introduced in 92 schools, aims to initiate learners into the practice of irrigation and instill the right attitudes and skills to ensure food security.

Speaking at PCEA Grace Girls Letoire in Kajiado Central after commissioning an Sh8.5 million micro-irrigation project, Irrigation Secretary Engineer Vincent Kabuti said the project typically in-

volves drilling a borehole and equipping it with a solar-powered pump connected to a large-capacity storage tank.

He added that a greenhouse, a learners' hand-washing point, and a community kiosk are also provided to ensure that the local community benefits as well.

The Irrigation Secretary said that embracing the program and undertaking commercial irrigation in schools will ease the burden of water on learners and enhance food security through the provision of fresh food in schools.

"Through the project, learners now have access to water for use at school and for irrigation, allow-

ing them to grow crops and vegetables to supplement their dietary needs."

Kabuti, who spoke on behalf of his Principal Secretary Euphantus Kimotho, reiterated that the trajectory in traditional agricultural practices continues to turn away many young people from agriculture and the irrigation initiative is aimed at reversing this trend.

He said the students will gain valuable skills in sustainable agriculture and efficient water utilization using drip irrigation technology.

"The benefits of this project extend beyond the school gates. As students take their knowledge home, they can inspire and