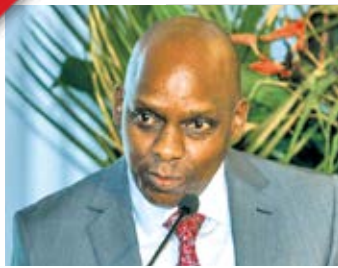


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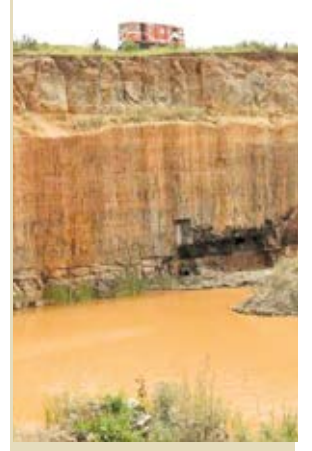
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## School safety regulations could soon become law, says Education CS

BY WANGARI MWANGI (KNA)

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has said the ministry is considering upgrading school safety regulations into law.

Ogamba noted that while the

safety guidelines and policies set by the ministry are sufficient, laxity on the part of those entrusted with enforcing them is exposing learners to risks.

Ogamba also attributed the frequent lapses, which have led

to tragedies involving children, to the absence of legal obligations and lenient disciplinary actions for offenders.

“Perhaps, as a country, it is time to review the rules and regulations and determine

whether they should be elevated to laws so that penalties are enforced. We cannot continue like this as a country,” said the CS

“If we find that policies exist but people fail to act because

there are no penalties, then I am prepared—based on the recommendations of the working party involved in education reforms—to elevate these regulations to laws with attached

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## PSC unveils rules to boost inclusion in public service

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has developed regulations to ensure that public institutions take affirmative action measures to include underrepresented or unrepresented communities in their organizations.

PSC Chairperson, Amb. Anthony Muchiri, stated that the Public Service Commission Affirmative Action Regulations, 2024, have been formulated in

PSC Chairperson, Anthony Muchiri says Commission developed the regulations to promote a public service culture that supports and values diversity and the inclusion of special interest groups



PSC Chairperson, Amb. Anthony Muchiri.

accordance with Sections 48 and 92 of the Public Service Commission Act, 2017.

“You are already aware that the Constitution requires public institutions to ensure representation of Kenya’s diverse communities in public service. This aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the principle of leaving no one behind,” said Amb. Muchiri.

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2,500

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## CS unveils preparations for Connected Africa Summit 2025

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (MICDE) Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Margaret Ndung'u (center) accompanied by Principal Secretary, ICT and Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui (right), Chairperson of the Board of Directors of ICTA, Sylvanus Maritim, Principal Secretary Broadcasting and Telecommunications Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani (left) and ICTA CEO Mr. Stanley Kamanguya during the official launch of ICTA's Strategic Plan 2024-2027 and unveiling the preparation of Connected Africa Summit 2025 (CAS25).  
Photo: Beverlyne Musili.



# School safety regulations could soon become law, says Education CS

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penalties. People are losing lives, and disciplinary action alone is insufficient," he added.

Ogamba spoke after visiting Hillside Academy in Enderasha, where a tragedy claimed the lives of 21 pupils and left several others injured.

The CS said ongoing investigations by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations will establish whether the school complied with the ministry's recommended safety regulations.

He also stated that the Education Ministry

“Once the report is finalized, it will inform our next steps,” -Gachagua

would conduct an internal self-audit to identify any policy gaps.

The CS's remarks come a day after Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua urged County and Sub-County Directors of Education to continuously inspect all public and private schools to safeguard the security of learners.

The DP called on Kenyans to remain patient as investigators continue to probe the incident, adding that the findings will guide the government's next course of action.

“The issue of safety in schools remains a highly emotive matter. It is a wake-up call for education officers, whose responsibility is to ensure the safety of children in these institutions through regular inspections,” said Deputy President Gachagua.

“Once the report is finalized, it will inform our next steps,” he added.

# Public Service Commission launches 2024 Affirmative Action framework

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Speaking during a stakeholder validation webinar on the regulations, Amb. Muchiri explained that Parliament empowered the Public Service Commission to develop affirmative action regulations.

He further clarified that Section 48 of the Public Service Commission Act, 2017, mandates the Commission to establish regulations promoting inclusiveness for gender, Kenya's diverse communities, persons with disabilities, and the youth.

“The Commission has therefore developed these regulations to promote a public service culture that supports and values diversity and the inclusion of special interest groups. These regulations aim to attract, retain, and advance persons from special interest groups in public service, accelerate the representation of these groups as mandated by the Constitution, eliminate unfair discrimination, and promote equal opportunity and fair treatment in public ser-



PSC Chairman Anthony Muchiri.

vice employment,” Amb. Muchiri elaborated.

He reassured stakeholders that the regulations would not compromise merit and fair competition in favor of inclusion, emphasizing that affirmative action does not involve appointing unqualified individuals but aims to balance merit with inclusion.

“The appointed individual must meet the minimum requirements for the job. For instance, one cannot be appointed as a doctor or an architect on affirmative action grounds unless they are already qualified for those

positions,” Amb. Muchiri insisted. He added that discretion would only be applied in terms of interview scores.

Amb. Muchiri also clarified that communities already overrepresented in government organizations would not face dismissals under these regulations.

“The draft regulations merely require institutions to review their diversity and inclusion status and halt appointments from overrepresented communities. This will create opportunities for underrepresented or unrepresented groups,”

he explained.

While acknowledging the progress made toward ensuring diversity, inclusion, and promoting the principle of equality and non-discrimination in public service, Amb. Muchiri emphasized that more work remains.

“Some of you may know that until 1989, women in public service were employed on contract terms, while men served on permanent and pensionable terms. Today, both men and women enjoy equal employment terms, whether permanent or contract-based,” he noted.



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Interested and eligible candidates may inspect and obtain Tender Document from the University's Department of Procurement at JKUAT – Main Campus or download documents from our website: [www.jkuat.ac.ke](http://www.jkuat.ac.ke) free of charge from PPI portal: Public Procurement Information Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke).

Renewal for second year will be subject to satisfactory performance.

The Tenderers should stamp and serialize all pages and **SHOULD NOT** alter the Bid Document.

Sealed Tenders must be accompanied by duly completed forms as specified in the Bid Documents with Original and a copy in the same envelop and addressed to:

**Vice Chancellor,  
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology,  
P.O. Box 62000 - 00200,  
Nairobi.**

and placed in the Tender Box at the Department of Procurement JKUAT Main Campus. The documents should be in plain sealed envelopes indicating the Tender Number, without identifying the sender so as to reach the University not later than **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.** Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the Procurement Department in the presence of bidders/their representatives who wish to attend.



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No.	Position	Grade	Ref. No	No of posts
1.	Senior Technologist II	11	Kenya-AIST/HR/1/2024	1
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3.	Estate/Maintenance Officer I	10	Kenya-AIST/HR/3/2024	1
4.	Assistant Housekeeper I	10	Kenya-AIST/HR/4/2024	1
5.	Finance and Accounts Officer II	9	Kenya-AIST/HR/5/2024	1
6.	Caretaker	6	Kenya-AIST/HR/6/2024	2
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8.	Driver III	5	Kenya-AIST/HR/8/2024	2
9.	Plumber II	4	Kenya-AIST/HR/9/2024	1
10.	Electrician	4	Kenya-AIST/HR/10/2024	1

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# Uwezo Fund to disburse Sh1.6b to boost youth, women & PWDs

BY ROBERT OJWANG(KNA)

The Uwezo Fund plans to disburse Sh1.6 billion in loans during the 2024/25 Financial Year, targeting youth, women, and people with disabilities to support business development. This represents a significant increase from the Sh517 million distributed in the 2023/24 Financial Year.

Since its inception in 2013, the Fund, managed at the constituency level, has disbursed a total of Sh7.8 billion, benefiting approximately 1.4 million households by providing affordable credit and offering capacity-building programs in entrepreneurship.

The Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Development, Wycliffe Oparanya, urged the Fund's management to innovate and diversify its products to meet current market demands.

Speaking at the Uwezo Fund Board members workshop in Kisumu County, Oparanya emphasized the importance of adapting to the changing environment and finding a unique market niche to attract borrowers.

"The environment is changing, and you cannot continue operating under the same policies that existed ten years ago. You must ensure compliance with the changes by being aware of the competing forces, and to establish a niche in a certain sector to attract specific groups," Oparanya advised the Fund board members.

The CS also addressed the Fund's challenges, particularly the poor loan repayment history, which he attributed to the misconception that Uwezo Fund loans are politically motivated and therefore not meant to be repaid.

He suggested involving National Government



The Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Development, Wycliffe Oparanya.

Administrative Officers (NGAO) and Members of Parliament to raise awareness and improve loan recovery efforts.

"You can use other state officials, the MPs, chiefs, and assistant chiefs to help debunk the notion that Uwezo is a political fund. The loans issued are

meant to boost enterprise development and improve the living standards of the groups, hence they must be repaid to benefit others," Oparanya stressed.

He also pointed out that 15 MPs are yet to establish the Constituency Uwezo Fund Management Committees required to vet groups and facilitate access to funds at the grassroots level.

"There are 15 constituencies where money is lying idle because no committees have been

formed by the patrons (MPs) as required by the regulations. These patrons are now denying their constituents opportunities to access these funds," he said.

Principal Secretary, State Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development, Susan Mang'eni, speaking at the forum, revealed that the government has recovered over Sh46 billion out of the Sh57 billion lent through the Hustler Fund

to approximately 24 million Kenyans.

She noted that the repayment rate for active borrowers is currently at 79 per cent and warned that the loan defaulters' risk being locked out of the credit market.

"The Hustler Fund seeks to nurture individuals' credit behavior to build up a credit rating that will be used by financial institutions to offer loans without any collateral," Mang'eni explained.

She added that the government plans to grade Hustler Fund beneficiaries, allowing those with high credit scores to access loans from commercial banks based on their credit ratings rather than traditional collateral.

Globally, countries with strong economies rely on good credit ratings to offer loans, and Mang'eni emphasized that this is the culture the government aims to instill on every Kenyan.

She also mentioned that over two million Kenyans who were previously blacklisted by Credit Reference Bureaus (CRB) have been rehabilitated and now have excellent credit ratings, with the government working to transition them to higher loan limits.

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### TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

The Teachers Service Commission invites interested and eligible bidders/tenderers to bid for the tenders listed below:

S/ No.	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TENDER SECURITY	PREBID/ SITE VISIT	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TSC/T/003/2024-2027	Provision of Back -up Internet connectivity to the TSC Headquarters (Three year framework contract)	Open National Tender	70,000	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10.00a.m	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 at 9.00am.
2.	TSC/T/004/2024-2027	Provision of Maintenance of Multifunctional printers at the Teachers Service Commission Headquarters and Regional offices. (Three year framework contract)	Open National Tender	30,000	N/A	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 at 9.00am.
3.	TSC/T/005/2024-2027	Provision of Human Resource Management Information Systems (HRMIS) License (Three year framework contract)	Open Tender	100,000	N/A	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 at 9.00am.
4.	TSC/T/006/2024-2026	Provision of Garbage Collection Services at TSC Headquarters (Three year framework contract)	Reserved for Women	Tender Security Declaration Form	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 10.00am	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 at 9.00am.

Detailed Tender documents may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Services Division, at the **TSC House 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Podium Wing, Kilimanjaro Road, Upper Hill** during normal working hours. Interested bidders may also access the tender documents from TSC website: [www.tsc.go.ke](http://www.tsc.go.ke) or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge.

Complete bid documents must be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and tender description should be addressed to: **The Secretary, Teachers Service Commission, TSC House, Upper Hill, Kilimanjaro Road, Private Bag, 00100, NAIROBI** and deposited in the Tender Box located at TSC Headquarters, TSC House, Podium Wing, ground floor to be received on or before **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.00am.**

All inquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: [ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke](mailto:ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke)

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### OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND CABINET SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

#### STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

The State Department for foreign Affairs invites sealed tenders for the below listed tenders for the supply and/or provision of goods and services under framework Contracts for a two-year period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Category	Closing Date
1.	MFA/001/OT/2024-2025	Maintenance & Repair of Photocopying Machines and Supply of Related Consumables On a Two-Year Contract	Open	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 11.00A.M
2.	MFA/002/OT/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of General Office Stationery and ICT Related Consumables	Reserved for Women, Youth and Person With Disabilities	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 11.00A.M
3.	MFA/003/OT/2024-2025	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Conference Services	Open	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 11.00A.M

Eligible and qualified Suppliers and Service Providers are expected to respond by submitting the completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes marked **WITH THE RESPECTIVE TENDER NUMBERS** and dropped in the tender box located at the entrance on the ground floor at the Ministry Headquarters on or before **27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 11.00a.m.**

The Tender Documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the Ministry's website at [www.mfa.go.ke](http://www.mfa.go.ke) or from the Public Procurement Information Portal; PPIP ([www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke)).

Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to the Supply Chain Management Unit at the address indicated below on normal working days and time from Monday to Friday, between 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. to facilitate registration and in case there is a need for further clarification or addendum.

Tenders submitted after the closure time will be rejected.

Address for submission of Tenders:

**Principal Secretary  
State Department for Foreign Affairs  
Old Treasury Building Harambee Avenue  
P.O. Box 30551-00100, Nairobi  
Telephone Number: +254-20-318888  
Email: [procurement@mfa.go.ke](mailto:procurement@mfa.go.ke)**



# State begins budget prep for 2025/26, focuses on efficiency, accountability

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The National Treasury has launched the budget preparation process for the Financial Year 2025/26 with the aim of enhancing efficiency, accountability, and the prudent use of resources.

Speaking during the launch, National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary Mr. John Mbadi noted that, on the global stage, economic growth is expected to remain subdued over the medium term due to the effects of high inflation, restrictive macroeconomic policies, geopolitical tensions, and challenges in the Chinese economy.

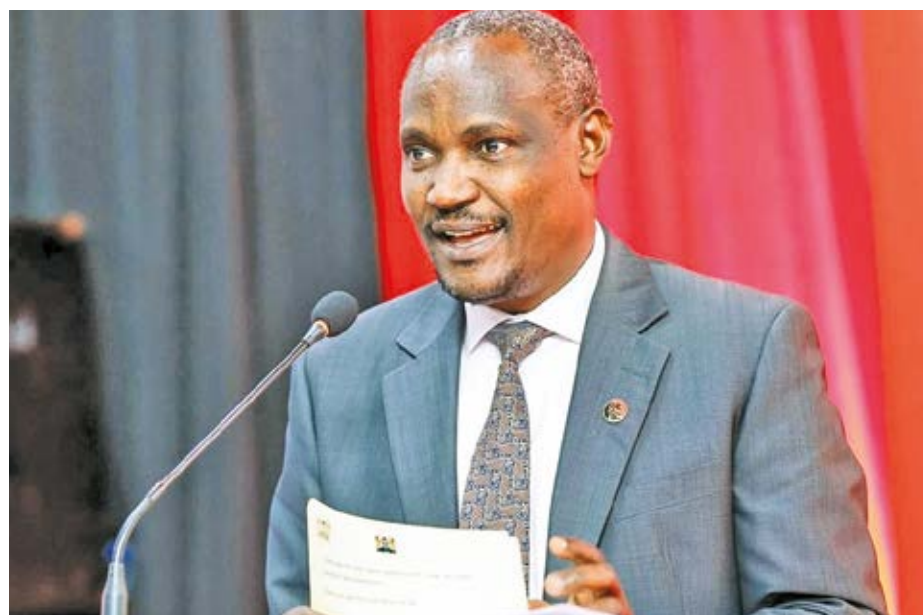
He pointed out that while tackling inflation remains a primary focus in many countries, as inflationary pressures continue to ease, the global policy focus will increasingly shift to managing

other growth risks, such as climate change and high debt sustainability.

“The latest world economic outlook report indicates that global growth is projected to drop slightly to 3.2 percent in 2024 from 3.3 percent in 2023 before recovering to 3.3 percent in 2025,” he said. He added that in advanced economies, growth is projected at 1.7 percent in 2024 before rebounding to 1.8 percent in 2025. The CS mentioned that several global factors pose risks to output, noting that the monetary policy regime could remain tight for an extended period due to persistent inflation, heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the risks associated with the Ukraine-Russia war, and potential escalations in geopolitical tensions that could disrupt international trade and slow

global trade. Mbadi noted that agriculture has contributed a lot to the general growth in the world economy, especially in the growth of Indian economy adding that, the emerging markets and developing economies growth is expected to remain stable at 4.3 per cent in 2024-2025. In sub-Saharan Africa growth is projected to remain moderate at 4.1 per cent in 2025.

“Kenyan Economy is not new to global development and a combination of the elevated inflation and high interest rate has resulted in slower growth causing the private sector not to access loans and finances as expected,” he said. The CS stated that Kenyan growth has been supported by agricultural and manufacturing activities that have been underpinned by favorable weather conditions, strong service sector and



National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi. (Photo: National Treasury)

microeconomic environment and ongoing public infrastructure investment such as the housing sector.

Additionally, he said that the economy is expected to grow by 5.5 per cent in 2025 as compared to the growth of 5.6 per cent in 2023 terming the financial year as being framed and prepared within the context that he highlighted.

Mbadi stated that the budget will be anchored on the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV), Vision 2030 and continue to support the implementa-

tion of the government’s agenda, which will be achieved by implementing a growth responsive fiscal consolidated plan, designed towards slowing down the public debt without compromising the service delivery.

“The focus remains on the five pillars with the largest impact on the economy including agricultural transformation, MSME economy, health-care, housing and settlement and the digital superhighway and creative economy,” Mbadi said, adding that the

government will work towards ensuring responsible economic management to support economic empowerment.

He said other measures include broadening opportunity and promoting equity and attracting investments in key sectors among others, explaining that sector working groups will be required to undertake a thorough review of the proposed budgets and prioritize allocations accordingly towards improving productivity and achievement of MTP IV objectives.



## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL & DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### WORKING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL EDUCATION SECTOR REFORMS

## CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The Attorney-General established a Working Committee on Legal Education Sector Reforms on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to consider and harmonize the concerns and issues raised by students and stakeholders with respect to the legal education sector.

The Committee is convened by the Chairperson, Kenya Law Reform Commission. Members of the Committee are the President of the Law Society of Kenya, the Chairperson of the Council of Legal Education, the Chairperson of the Kenya School of Law and the Secretary, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice. It is expected to deliver a Report to the Attorney-General that will inform the implementation of the requisite reform interventions, including the recommendations of the Taskforce on Legal Sector Reforms no later than **26<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 10(2)(a) and 232 (1)(d) of the Constitution, the Committee hereby seeks views from all stakeholders and members of the public to inform its terms of reference with respect to the legal education sector. The Committee is open to receiving views from individuals, public and private institutions and other interested parties by way of **written memoranda** and should address any or all of the following areas:

- (i) **Current legal framework for the entry qualifications criteria to the Advocates Training Programme and for admission as an Advocate;**
- (ii) **Examination process for the Advocates Training Programme; and**
- (iii) **Financial sustainability measures for the legal education sector institutions, specifically the Kenya School of Law and the Council of Legal Education, including the current training and examination fees structure and financial support for students.**

The memoranda should be submitted by hard copy or email through the following addresses so as to reach the Committee no later than **5 pm on 20 September 2024**:

**The Chairperson, Working Committee on Legal Education Sector Reforms**  
 C/O Kenya Law Reform Commission  
 Reinsurance Plaza, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 P. O. Box 34999 – 00100,  
 NAIROBI, KENYA.  
 Email: [wclesr@gmail.com](mailto:wclesr@gmail.com)

**The Chairperson**  
 Working Committee on Legal Education Sector Reforms  
 Office of the Attorney-General & Department of Justice  
 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024



## OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL & DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION BILL 2024

The Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice notifies stakeholders and members of the public that it has developed the Whistleblower Protection Bill 2024. The purpose of the Bill is to provide for the procedure for the disclosure of information relating to improper conduct in the public and private sectors and to provide for the protection of persons who make such disclosure against victimization. The Bill is available at the State Law Office website <https://www.statelaw.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WHISTLEBLOWER-PROTECTION-BILL-2024.pdf>.

In accordance with Article 10 (2) of the Constitution, stakeholders and members of the public are hereby invited to submit their comments, proposals, and recommendations through written memoranda on the draft Bill, in the following format:-

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION BILL 2024			
NAME OF ENTITY/PERSON:.....Date.....			
PART A – General Comments			
.....			
PART B – Comments on the draft provisions			
No.	Clause	Comment/Proposal	Rationale/Justification
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Written memoranda may be emailed to [whistleblowerbill2024@ag.go.ke](mailto:whistleblowerbill2024@ag.go.ke) or sent to: **The Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice, P.O. Box 40112-00100, NAIROBI**

or

Physically delivered to: The Secretary, Justice & Constitutional Affairs, The Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice, Co-operative Bank House, Haile Selassie Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 1012, Nairobi not later than the **31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2024**.

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# CA to lay 2,500km of fibre to enhance internet access across 19 counties

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is financing the laying of 2,500 kilometres of fiber across nineteen counties at a cost of Sh5 billion to enhance internet access for Kenyans in the rural areas.

At the moment, according to the CA Director General David Mugonyi, the project is 50 per cent complete with a total of 1,300 kilometres of fiber optic connectivity already laid.

Speaking during the ITW Africa 2024 in Nairobi, Mugonyi said Phase II of the project, which is being undertaken in partnership with the ICT Authority (ICTA) and Kenya Power, would facilitate last-mile connectivity to 3,800 public offices and institutions across the country.

He noted that numerous studies have established a clear link between broadband access and socio-economic development




**Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) Director General David Mugonyi speaking during the ITW Africa 2024 in Nairobi.**

and broadband usage is associated with business growth and formation, particularly in knowledge-intensive industries, leading to increased access to new ideas, supply chains and custom-

ers. Mugonyi said access to affordable, reliable and high-speed internet is the cornerstone of modern economies and essential for economic growth and is also a critical factor to full participation in modern digital life.

“Today, connectivity is the biggest driver of the global economy. Without robust, secure and competitive telecommunications markets, Africa’s participation and capacity to exploit the opportunities of a rapidly expanding digital economy are significantly constrained,” he said.

Mugonyi, however, noted that expanding access creates exposure to cyber threats and “to set the pace for cyber security we promulgated the cybercrime and computer misuse (Critical Information Infrastructure and Cyber-crime Management Regulations) early this year hence providing an all-encompassing regulatory framework for securing our critical information infrastructure”.



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR KENAS**

KENAS invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services firms to Resource Mobilization.


ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER NO.
Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Provision of Consultancy Services on Resource Mobilization for KENAS.	KENAS/EOI/01/2024-2025


The details for each EOI can be accessed from the Service website: [www.kenas.go.ke](http://www.kenas.go.ke) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke). Free of charge. All applications should be received on or before **27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11:00 AM (EAT)**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below submitted in plain sealed envelopes marked as per the EOI Name and be deposited in the Tender Box located at the ground floor of KENAS office, 06 Masaba Road, Upper Hill and addressed to:

**Chief Executive Office  
Kenya Accreditation Service  
P.O. Box 47400-00100 Nairobi.**

**late (EOI) documents will be rejected**





**MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY REFORMS FOR ADVANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION, INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND MANUFACTURING**

Kenya’s long-term development blueprint, the Vision 2030 aims at transforming the country into a middle-income economy.

Kenya has undertaken measures to improve both domestic and foreign trade such as promoting structured commodity trading, identifying the unique needs of small traders, and creating market access through international trade agreements. However, costs and procedures for domestic trade remain burdensome, export performance in manufacturing is struggling, and consumer protection and fair trade still show significant gaps across sectors.

In the last two (2) years, the country has witnessed increases in Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and Domestic Direct Investment (DDI). However, it has been noted that we still have constraints in the investment climate & business environment with a focus on cost of doing business in the country.

Over the last 10 years our contribution of manufacturing to GDP has declined from 15 to 7.6%. This has been attributed to a number of challenges including an unpredictable taxation regime and high cost of power.


In line with Section 232(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya which requires involvement of the people in the process of making policies, the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) is inviting members of the public, traders, manufacturers, investors, experts, the private sector, civil society, professional bodies, academia, religious groups and other stakeholders to submit proposals on the following:


- Measures to attract, incentivize and derisk private investments (both foreign and local) in all sectors of the economy;
- Rationalization of incentives to boost manufacturing;
- Measures to improve consumer protection and fair trade
- Measures to improve the performance of the export sector, foster structured commodity trade, and ease costs associated with domestic trade;
- Harmonization of taxes within the manufacturing sector to eliminate distortions and provide a stable and predictable taxation structure; and
- Putting in place measures to consistently assure the quality of manufactured products, ensure consumer protection, and fight counterfeits.

The proposals received will inform the formulation and development of legislation and policies by the MITI for submission to Parliament for consideration.

Hard copies of such proposals should be submitted to the undersigned or a soft copy sent to [mitireforms@miti.go.ke](mailto:mitireforms@miti.go.ke) not later than **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 12.00 p.m.**


**Hon. Salim Mvurya, EGH**  
CABINET SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY





**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**

**State Department for Agriculture ENABLE Youth Kenya Program**



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Background:**

The Empowering Novel Agribusiness-Led Employment (ENABLE) Youth Kenya Program aims at contributing to job creation, food security and nutrition, income generation and improved livelihoods for youths in both urban and rural areas. ENABLE Youth Kenya Program is currently seeking suitable Agripreneurs as incubatees to be trained and empowered within the supported value chains via a countrywide recruitment exercise. The agribusiness ideas have to be innovative and novel.

The Program focuses on the entire Agriculture Value Chain from production, processing, value addition: input supplies and marketing in the following specific values chains targeted; Poultry, Vegetables, Dairy, Beef, Pasture, Mushroom, Pig, and Fish.

This recruitment will target the following two categories: Standards & Accelerators.

Standard Incubatee	Accelerated Incubatee
A youth Agripreneurs to be recruited as an incubatee into the ENABLE Youth Kenya Program should be one whose business has an annual turn over of less than Kes 500,000	A youth Agripreneurs who has been actively running an agribusiness venture with an Annual Turn Over of above Kes. 500,000.
The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to attain economic viability.	The incubatee must be willing and available to be capacity built and/or funded to upscale their business.
The standard Incubatees should be having a running Agribusiness.	The Accelerator Incubatees business should have been in operation for a period exceeding twelve months
This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.	This category will undergo incubation and training for a period not exceeding 3 months.
Must be a holder of a certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.	Must be a holder of a Certificate/Diploma/Degree from a Recognized Institution.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- They must be Kenyan Citizen with a National ID, Aged between 18-35 Years
- ALL candidates shall be required to meet all integrity requirements.
- The Program is committed to implementing Affirmative Action. In this regard, Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) and those from marginalized groups with requisite qualification are encouraged to apply.
- Projects in Value Addition, Aggregation, Marketing, Agricultural Services and Distribution will be highly considered.

**Application Process:**


The interested candidates shall be required to submit their application by filling the online provided form and submitting it. The form is available through the link: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>

The details for application can be accessed through ENABLE youth website; <https://enableyouth.kilimo.go.ke> (PIU) and Ministry of Agriculture website <https://.kilimo.go.ke> **{VACANCIES OR MEDIA CENTRE – ADVERTISEMENTS}**

All Applications should be received not later than **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**.

CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGES TO APPLY HIGHLIGHTING WHETHER THEY ARE STANDARDS OR ACCELERATORS BASED ON THE CRITERIA PROVIDED

Fill and submit an online application form at: <https://forms.gle/1S5dQUHeEAuoNLN58>



# CS unveils legislative and operational measures to support Kenya Power

BY SHARON ATIENO  
(KNA)

The government will enhance Kenya Power's (KP) strategic role to provide reliable, adequate, and affordable energy to Kenyans, aiming to spur sustainable economic growth in the country.

During an inaugural visit for an induction tour and an update on the status of electricity supply at the Juja Road Substation in Nairobi, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Mr. Opiyo Wandayi engaged with KP's board, management, and staff. He discussed the various challenges faced by the institution.

Wandayi also addressed the legislative, policy, and operational interventions Kenya Power has implemented to support and collaborate with other government agencies and departments. These measures are intended to address challenges and



Energy Cabinet Secretary Mr. Opiyo Wandayi.

align with the aspirations and expectations of various stakeholders.

"The Board of Directors appraised me on the company's five-year strategic plan complete with its current level of implementation to appreciate the company's work and alignment of its strategies, policies, projects and programs in the support of various national, county and sectoral strategies," Wandayi stated.

He observed that as the customer service agency in the sector value chain,

expectations of the government and key stakeholders among them and its customers puts a high demand on KP board, management and staff to ensure that its strategies, are geared towards meeting and exceeding all key stakeholder' expectations.

"The government has reiterated its desire and commitment to reform strategic Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs) and in particular KP to transform it to an agile, customer-centric institution," Wandayi added.



## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS OF GOODS, WORKS, SERVICES AND UPDATING OF THE SUPPLIERS' LIST

Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) is a state corporation established and regulated under the Tourism Act 2011. Our mandate is to develop, implement and co-ordinate a National Tourism Marketing Strategy. Our mission is to market Kenya as the home of human origin and as an all-year-round, diverse, sustainable and authentic tourism destination aligning to the vision of Kenya being the most visited tourism destination in Africa.

Magical Kenya is the flagship tourism brand created and managed by the KTB. Magical Kenya captures the essence of Kenya's diverse offerings, promoting the country as a must-visit destination for local, regional, and international travelers.

The Board (KTB) intends to update its Register of suppliers for the provision of various goods, works and services for the year 2024 to 2026. Suppliers currently in the Board's database who wish to be retained are required to apply and submit up to date information required in the registration of suppliers tender document.

The Board is seeking eligible firms for registration as follows:-

TENDER NO.	TENDER NAME	CLOSING DATE
KTB/T/00010/2024-2025	Registration of suppliers of Goods, Works, Services and updating of suppliers' list.	03/10/2024 at 12.00 Noon Kenyan time

Interested and eligible firms including those owned by youth, women and persons living with disabilities (PWD) may view the detailed tender advert, respective registration of suppliers' document and further details regarding the registration submission from the Board's websites [www.ktb.go.ke/tenders](http://www.ktb.go.ke/tenders) or the public procurement information portal (PPIP) website: [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) Downloadable documents from the website are free of charge while hard copies from the Board will cost a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000.00 payable at the cashier's office on 7th floor either in cash or Bankers Cheque.

For those who physically pick the tender document from procurement office must attach evidence of payment to the technical proposal.

Completed registration documents, in a plain sealed envelope, clearly marked "REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2024 TO 2026" and bearing the respective REFERENCE NUMBER & CATEGORY and should be addressed to:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
KENYA TOURISM BOARD  
P.O. BOX 30630- 00100 NAIROBI, KENYA  
TEL:+254 20 2749000**

and deposited in the tender box on 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Kenya Re Towers, Ragati Road, Upper Hill by or before the closing date and time indicated in the table above. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' or their representatives who choose to attend.

Tenders that will be delivered after 12.00 Noon on 03/10/2024 will not be accepted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



HRM/ EXT. ADVERT 2024-25/01



## VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) is established under Section 3 of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act No. 22 of 2011 pursuant to Article 79 of the Constitution of Kenya. The Mandate of the Commission is to combat and prevent corruption and economic crime in Kenya through law enforcement, preventive measures, public education and promotion of standards and best practices of integrity, ethics and anti-Corruption.

The Commission invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of:

### SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION

#### 1. Duties and Responsibilities

- The Chief Executive Officer;
- The accounting officer of the Commission;
- Carrying out the decisions of the Commission;
- Day-to-day administration and management of affairs of the Commission;
- Supervision of employees.

In addition, the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer is expected to:

- Coordinate the development and implementation of strategy for the Commission to ensure achievement of its mandate;
- Oversee prudent financial management in accordance with the Public Financial Management (PFM) Act;
- Formulate and review guidelines and regulations that enforce legislations on anti-corruption and integrity;
- Oversee capacity development in line with the Commission's strategy;
- Promote collaboration/cooperation with other state organizations, agencies, regional and international bodies in the prevention and investigation of corruption;
- Coordinate preparation and submission of statutory reports as per the law;
- Undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Commission.

#### 2. Requirement for appointment

For appointment as the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, a person must possess the following qualifications:

- Is a citizen of Kenya;
- Possess a post graduate degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- Have at least ten years' experience at management level;
- Have experience in any of the following fields: ethics and governance; law; public administration; leadership; economics; social studies; audit; accounting; fraud investigation; public relations and media; religious studies or philosophy;
- Meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

#### 3. Terms and Conditions of Service

- Duration of Contract: The successful applicant will be appointed for a six (6) year non-renewable term.
- Remuneration: The Secretary to the Commission is a State Officer and shall serve on such terms and conditions as determined by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Shortlisted candidates will be published in the newspapers and on the Commission Website.
- The name of the successful candidate shall be forwarded to the National Assembly for approval in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 (1) of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2011 and Section 3 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011.
- Before assuming office, the Secretary shall take and subscribe to the oath of office as set out in the First Schedule of the EACC Act, 2011.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In addition to the qualifications set above, shortlisted applicants will be required to obtain clearances from the following:

- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
- Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
- Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)
- Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
- Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

Interested candidates who meet the set criteria should complete **EACC Form 1** online from <https://jobs.integrity.go.ke> and attach copies of National Identity Card, Curriculum Vitae, academic and professional certificates, and testimonials.

All applications **MUST** be made online and will be acknowledged via an email. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

To be considered, all applications should be received not later than **7<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 by 5.00 p.m.**

**EACC is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity. Canvassing of any nature will lead to automatic disqualification.**

**DAVID OGINDE, PHD  
CHAIRPERSON  
ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**



# New High Court in Isiolo to improve access to justice

BY DAVID NDURO AND ABDUBA MAMO(KNA)

The Chief Justice Martha Koome launched a High Court and the Alternative Justice System (AJS) in Isiolo County to ensure that judiciary services are accessible to every citizen. In addition to the High Court, the Chief Justice also introduced the County Action Plan and Model for Isiolo AJS, which allows residents to take ownership of their justice processes and resolve disputes within their communities.

She encouraged residents to embrace dispute resolution through AJS, as it draws from the traditional justice system known to local communities for generations. The Chief Justice stated that the AJS promotes reconciliation, fosters social harmony, and encourages peaceful coexistence within communities.

She added that, through the action plan, communities in the county—including Samburu, Borana, Meru, Somali, Turkana, Kikuyu, and other minority ethnic groups—would



**Chief Justice Martha Koome (Centre, clad in Borana traditional dress) in Isiolo, where she presided over the launch of Isiolo High Court and also the Alternative Justice System (AJS). She was accompanied by Isiolo governor Ibrahim Guyo.**

be able to live peacefully. Koome noted that the AJS action plan for Isiolo would be crucial in addressing emerging land disputes linked to the LAPSET Infrastructural Development Project, as well as other conflicts over access to natural resources such as water and pastures among pastoralist communities. The Isiolo AJS suite was established at the Law Court, which provides an ideal space for conducting proceedings.

She said the court would collaborate with

the county government in quest to increase access to justice by residents, especially in getting land for developing physical infrastructures to house courts across the county.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by Isiolo County Governor Abdi Ibrahim Guyo, High Court judges and other stakeholders. She had earlier led the team in the installation of Isiolo High Court Judge, and the opening of a building that will be used to host AJS hearings at the Isiolo Court grounds.



## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS NOTICE

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established under the Political Parties Act, 2011 as a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution and pursuant to Articles 91 and 92 of the Constitution with broad responsibility of registration, supervision and administration of the Political Parties Fund. ORPP hereby invites applications from interested and eligible bidders for registration of suppliers for the period 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 Financial Years. Suppliers currently registered by ORPP are required to register a fresh if they wish to participate.

Interested bidders may view and download the registration document for free from the ORPP website (<https://www.orpp.or.ke>) OR Public Procurement Information Portal (<https://tenders.go.ke>).

**TENDER No. ORPP/T/01/2024 -2026 - REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2024-2025 & 2025-2026.**

**CATEGORY** ..... **ITEM No** .....  
**ITEM DESCRIPTION** .....  
**GROUP (OPEN/YWPD)** : .....

Registration documents should be addressed to:

**Registrar of Political Parties  
 Office of the Registrar of Political Parties  
 Lion Place 1st and 4th Floor  
 P.O. Box 1131-00606  
 NAIROBI.  
 Tel. +254 (020) 402 2000  
 www.orpp.or.ke**

The registration documents should be placed in the Tender box situated on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor reception area of Office of the Registrar of Political Parties, at Lion Place, Westlands during office working hours; Monday through Friday, to be received on or before **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. 11:00 a.m.**

**Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO):** for the purpose of this exercise are; Youth (18-35 years), Women and Persons with Disabilities who have registered with the National Treasury (**Directorate of Procurement**)

**Open:** means all eligible bidders can apply.  
 Registration documents submitted later than the indicated closing date and time shall automatically be disqualified.

**Ann N. Nderitu, CBS  
 Registrar of Political Parties/CEO**



[www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)



## HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD INVITATION TO TENDER NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

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

HELB invites interested, experienced and reputable professional debt collectors to submit sealed tenders as follows:-

Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender closing date	Eligibility
HELB/OT/02/2024-2025	Provision of Debt Collection services for a period of 2 years	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 11.00am	Open

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
 HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD**

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Competition Authority of Kenya ('the Authority') is a Statutory Agency established under the Competition Act No.12 of 2010. The Authority's mandate is to promote and safeguard competition and also protect consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct.

The Authority operates a One-Year Internship Program for University graduates. The objective of the program is to expose graduates joining the labor market to a real work environment in order to enhance their skillsets and employability.

The Authority thereby invites suitably qualified applicants to apply for consideration to join the 2024 Internship Program (November intake) in the following functional areas:

Functional Area	No. of Positions	Job Reference
Legal Services	1	CAK/02.09/2024
Consumer Protection	1	CAK/03.09/2024
Enforcement and Compliance	1	CAK/04.09/2024
Planning, Policy and Research (Registry Unit)	1	CAK/05.09/2024
ICT	1	CAK/06.09/2024
Supply Chain Management	1	CAK/07.09.2024

Interested candidates can access detailed information and requirements about the Internship Program from the Authority's Website [www.cak.go.ke](http://www.cak.go.ke).

*Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.*

*The Competition Authority of Kenya is "An ALL Inclusive Employer"*

*Canvassing of any form will lead to automatic disqualification*



# Government to decongest prisons through early release of petty offenders



Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco

BY DOMINIC CHERES(KNA)

The Government is planning to decongest all GK prisons for petty offenders currently serving a sentence of five years and below.

Speaking at the Kericho Main GK Prison, Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco said probation officers in the counties have been directed to prepare a full list of all petty offenders who are serving a sentence of five years and below.

“We want to see how far we can go to decongest the prisons and to see how many of the inmates will be released. The probation officers will take a full list of the offenders serving five years and below. They will take a review of them and see how they can be released to serve under the community service order,” Dr. Beacco said.

“It was important to decongest the prisons and allow the inmates to serve under community service order (CSO), through the CSO the victims are vindicated and allowed to serve the community by working in the chief’s offices, cleaning the hospitals, cleaning of markets, cleaning the streets and planting trees.

“This way, the victims feel vindicated and the society benefits and feel served, the offenders also feel satisfied and will have added value to the society, this is the reform from the bottom,” she said.

The PS observed that the process of enhancing training of the offenders has already kicked off and in November this year a total of 52 inmates will graduate in the field of law, while others will do so in vocational works like carpentry, electrical works, plumbing and welding.

The PS further stated that high standards of cleanliness must be maintained in all prisons to make the facilities conducive and habitable.

Dr. Beacco observed that infrastructural development in the prisons to allow more space will not be given much attention this financial year, owing to the financial constraints, given that the Finance bill 2024 did not go through, but later it will be given due consideration.

“It was important to decongest the prisons and allow the inmates to serve under community service order (CSO), through the CSO the victims are vindicated and allowed to serve the community by working in the chief’s offices, cleaning the hospitals, cleaning of markets, cleaning the streets and planting trees.”  
– Dr. Salome Beacco

She said one of the ways of solving decongestion in prisons was through freeing of petty offenders to serve their sentences in the society and thus help in building the nation.

The PS said it was also important that petty offenders like being drunk and disorderly, which she noted was a big problem in the region, should be allowed to go back to their families and help take care of them.

During the visit, the inmates at the Kericho Main GK Prison requested the government to provide modern equipment to assist them in courses they are pursuing, while serving their sentences.

“Concerning our vocational training in our facility, many inmates who have been trained and certified by National Industrial Training Authority have no access to equipment to start their own workshops upon release from prison, and they requested the government to provide them with tools and equipment to jumpstart their lives on leaving the prisons gates,” an inmate said in a memorandum.

Others present included the Deputy Commissioner of Prisons Nicholas Maswai, the Regional Prisons Commissioner Barnabas Keino, Probations and Aftercare Services Officer Dr. Christin Obondi.



## TENDER NOTICE

Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) invites interested and eligible bidders to participate in the following tender:

NO	TENDER REF NO.	TENDER NAME	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
1	TBK/OT/01/2024-2025	PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES ON A TWO (2) YEAR FRAMEWORK FOR NAIROBI, MOMBASA AND KER-ICHO BRANCHES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
2	TBK/OT/02/2024-2025	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICAL REAGENTS FOR THE TEA BOARD OF KENYA LABORATORY IN MOMBASA	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
3	TBK/OT/03/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CALLING CARDS SAFARICOM, AIRTEL AND TELECOM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.	AGPO (PWD)	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
4	TBK/OT/04/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT.	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
5	TBK/OT/05/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF CONFERENCE AND ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
6	TBK/OT/06/2024-2025	REGISTRATION FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
7	TBK/OT/07/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SERVICING OF AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.	OPEN NATIONAL TENDER	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
8	TBK/OT/08/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TYRES, REPAIR, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
9	TBK/OT/09/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR REPAIR, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF GENERATORS.	OPEN	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
10	TBK/OT/10/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
11	TBK/OT/11/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTERS, SERVICES, LAPTOPS, PRINTERS, SCANNERS AND OTHER RELATED ICT EQUIPMENT	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
12	TBK/OT/12/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
13	TBK/OT/13/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND REPAIR OF ASSORTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
14	TBK/OT/14/2024-2025	PREQUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF EVENT ORGANIZER SERVICES FOR SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
15	TBK/OT/15/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF MINOR BUILDING WORKS, REPAIRS, CIVIL WORKS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES (SMALL WORKS)	AGPO	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M
16	TBK/OT/16/2024-2025	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF CHOPPER SERVICES	OPEN	TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M

Tender documents with detailed information and instructions can be downloaded from the following website: [www.teaboard.or.ke](http://www.teaboard.or.ke) or [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) free of charge.

Enquiries can be made via email address: [info@teaboard.or.ke](mailto:info@teaboard.or.ke).

Completed tender documents shall be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked with the Tender Number and Name and be deposited in the Tender Box located at the reception of the Tea House or Addressed to:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Tea Board of Kenya  
Tea House  
Naivasha Road, Off Ngong Road  
P. O. Box 20064 – 00200 NAIROBI

To be received on or before **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Local Time)**.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates’ representatives who choose to attend at the Tea Board of Kenya Conference Hall, Ground floor, Tea House.

Bidders are advised to regularly visit the TBK website. All addenda/additional information on the tender shall be posted on TBK website as they become available.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**







**KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**TENDER NOTICE**

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency established under the Statistics Act, 2006 to collect, compile, analyze, and disseminate socio-economic statistics needed for planning and policy formulation in Kenya. KNBS invites sealed open National tender as below:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM /SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATES	TENDER SCURITY (Ksh)	TARGETED GROUP
1	KNBS/ONT/02/2024-2025	Supply and delivery of general office supplies under Framework Contract	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10:00 am	N/A	Reserved for Youth, Women & PWDs
2	KNBS/ONT/03/2024-2025	Provision of full board accommodation and day conference facility on "As and When Required"- basis (Framework Contract)	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10:00 am	50,000.00	Open

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) supplier portal (<https://supplier.treasury.go.ke>) and / or Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) website; [www.knbs.or.ke](http://www.knbs.or.ke) under "Tenders" portal. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant) to email; [procurement@knbs.or.ke](mailto:procurement@knbs.or.ke) for purposes of registration.

Original and Completed Tender document should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the **Tender Box on 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Real Towers** addressed to:-

**Director General  
Kenya National Bureau of Statistics  
P. O. Box 30266-00100,  
NAIROBI.**

so as to be received on or before **8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 10:00am**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the **KNBS Board Room- Real Towers, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

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

**DIRECTOR GENERAL  
KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS**



**TENDER NOTICE**

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

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT	CLOSING DATE
GDC/FLM/OT/006/2024:2025	Tender for Hire of Crane Services for a period of one (1) year Through Framework Contract	Ksh 300,000.00	7.10.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/SRBS/RFP/001/2024 :2025	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Review of Investment Policy Statement for GDC Staff Retirement Benefit Scheme	N/A	4.10.2024 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](http://www.gdc.co.ke) or PPIP Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://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](mailto: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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KeNHA invites sealed bids from eligible Service Providers for the following tenders.

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date/Time/Venue
1.	KeNHA/2808/2024	Supply, Delivery, Installation Configuration and Testing of Server and Storage Systems at KeNHA	KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road, Block C - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room.
2.	KeNHA/2809/2024	Supply and Delivery of Desktop Computers and Un-Interruptible Power Supply (Lot 1) & Supply and Delivery of Laptop Computers (Lot 2)	
3.	KeNHA/2810/2024	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Large Volume Multi-Functional Copiers	

A complete set of tender document may be obtained by interested Bidders **free of charge** by downloading from KeNHA website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP): [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) or from KeNHA Office JKIA Barabara Plaza Block C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Supply Chain Department during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs.1,000.00** (One thousand shillings only) in form of a **banker's cheque** payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

Bidders are encouraged to download the Tender document from the above websites to minimize physical visits to the **KeNHA Office.**

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: [www.kenha.co.ke](http://www.kenha.co.ke) and Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) for any other tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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

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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 tenders as below: -

No	Tender No.	Item/Service Description	Closing Dates / Time	Targeted Group
1.	KMA/ONT/02/2024-2025	Provision of Air Ticketing Services under Framework Agreement	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.	Youth, Women and PWDs
2.	KMA/ONT/03/2024-2025	Provision of Outside Catering Services under Framework Agreement	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.	Open
3.	KMA/ONT/04/2024-2025	Provision of Registration, Inspection and Certification Services of KMA Lifts at Bahari Towers	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.	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](http://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](mailto:procurement@kma.go.ke) and/or [info@kma.go.ke](mailto:info@kma.go.ke) for purposes of registration and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Kenya Maritime Authority's Headquarter Offices; Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa addressed to: -

**Director General  
Kenya Maritime Authority  
P. O. Box 95076-80104  
MOMBASA**

so as to be received on or before **1<sup>st</sup> October, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor KMA Board Room- Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa.

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

**Tenderers are further advised to comply with the Public Procurement Capacity Building Levy Order, 2023 (referred to as the Levy Order, 2023) vide Legal Notice No. 206 of 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL  
KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY**



# KURA to complete sh 7.3 billion bus rapid transit(BRT) on outer ring road in two years

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Government expects to role out the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along Outer Ring Road in the next two years.

This project is part of a broader strategy to modernize the country's urban transportation network.

A statement by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) signed by Mr. John Cheboi for the Director-General which is implementing the project says the parastatal is currently undertaking public consultations on the BRT project.

KURA revealed during a stakeholder consultative meeting at the Deputy County Commissioner's Office-Embakasi Sub County that it is working in partnership with the South Korean Economic Development Corporation Fund (EDCF) to transform Nairobi's urban mobility.

"Once implemented, the project will provide efficient, environmentally friendly and affordable mode of transport for Eastland's residents commuting from Taj Mall all the way to Allsops connecting Thika Road", said the statement.

The project is designed to address some of the key challenges Nairobi faces, including traffic congestion and high carbon emis-

sions, while also improving mobility accessibility and safety for citizens.

Other benefits include reduced travel times making the system attractive for daily commuters who need a fast and reliable way to navigate the city, cost effective transport and job creation and skills development.

The 10.4 km stretch will include civil works like dedicated lanes, five bridges, a 1.4-meter underpass, and ten BRT stations, among other infrastructural developments.

The project covers basic and detailed design of various aspects, such as dedicated BRT lanes, traffic management systems, and an efficient passenger information system.

Other amenities will include bus depot and vehicle charging centres for electric vehicles (EVs).

Additionally, the stations will be equipped with advanced technology, including vehicle location tracking, surveillance systems and fare collection equipment.

The entire line will feature a Vehicle Enforcement System (VES) and CCTV surveillance to ensure maximum safety for passengers.

The project valued at approximately Sh7.3billion officially commenced on June 2, 2022, with a projected timeline of 49 months.

This includes design, bid preparation, and a 24-month construction and supervision period.

KURA plans to advertise for construction bids which is expected to close by end of October, 2024 with the construction set to commence early next year.

The Authority is also in the process of engaging the public through Stakeholders Consultative meetings in a bid to capture their views and opinions which are key in project implementation.

In line with its goals of reducing environmental impact, the BRT system is expected to lower the city's greenhouse gas emissions by easing traffic congestion.

The project also aligns with Nairobi's economic realities, offering an affordable transport solution that caters to citizens across various income levels.

The upcoming implementation of BRT project marks a significant step forward in Government efforts to modernize its public transportation system with a focus on sustainability, advanced technology and more efficient urban environment. Other stakeholder meetings will be held on 12th September at the Redeemed Gospel Church (Kware) in Embakasi South and at the KAG Fedha off Outer Ring road on 13th September, 2024 from 9am.

# Agency curbs Kitale floods in advance

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

The National Government through The National Water Storage and Harvesting Authority has put in place flood control systems across the country to mitigate against effects of floods following the heavy floods witnessed across the country.

According to the National Disaster Operations Centre (NDOC), 291 people died, 188 injured, and 75 were


missing, while an estimated 278,380 people (55,676 families) were displaced and more than 412,760 (82,552 families) were affected by heavy rains and floods between 1st March and 16 May this year.

The National Water Authority, the agency mandated to control floods has put in place flood control systems across the country even as it plans to enhance and increase these systems so as to cope with increasing floods caused by effects of climate change.

Sabwani flood control project located in Kitale, Trans-Nzoia County has a cumulative of 4 kilometers of dykes that protect residents of Marinda, Namanjalala, Amuka and Bidii areas of Kitale.

Irrigation Principal Secretary Mr. Ephantus Kimotho said the dykes along Sabwani River have protected over 1000 farms.

With projected yield of 30 bags of maize produce per acre, this will translate to earnings of about Sh120 million.



## INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.2/OT/004/ICT/24-25	Procurement of Fiber Optic Tools, Equipment, Accessories and Active Devises	Friday 20.09.2024	Friday 27.09.2024 at 10.00 a.m. <b>(IESR, Ruaraka)</b>	Tuesday 08.10.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/005/ICT/24-25	Provision of Fiber Installation Services	Friday 20.09.2024	Friday 27.09.2024 at 10.00 a.m. <b>(IESR, Ruaraka)</b>	Tuesday 08.10.2024 at 11.30 a.m.
3.	KP1/9B.2/OT/DSP/001/24-25	Disposal of Furniture	Tuesday 17.09.2024	<b>Viewing</b> As Stipulated in the Tender Document	Tuesday 01.10.2024 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](http://www.kplc.co.ke)) from the dates shown above.

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Applications are invited from qualified persons for the positions shown below.

V/NO.	POST	GRADE	NO. OF VACANCIES
291/2024	Information Communication Technology Officer I	CSG 10	40

The details of the post and mode of application can be accessed on the Commission's website.

Interested and qualified persons are required to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Commission website: [www.publicservice.go.ke](http://www.publicservice.go.ke) or jobs portal: [www.pscjobs.go.ke](http://www.pscjobs.go.ke) so as to reach the Commission on or before **8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 (Latest 5 pm East African Time)**.

**SECRETARY/CEO  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## KENYA BIOVAX INSTITUTE LIMITED

### INVITATION TO TENDER

NO.	TENDER REF NO.	TENDER NAME:
1.	BIOVAX/PREQ/2024-2025-2026-2027	KBI LIST OF SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

1.1 The Kenya BioVax Institute Limited invites eligible candidates to apply for consideration as contractors/suppliers/service providers

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	CATEGORY	CLOSING AND OPENING DATE
BIOVAX/ LIST OF SUPPLIERS/ SERVICE PROVIDERS/ 2024-2025-2026	LIST OF SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2024-2025-2026.	AS PER THE BID DOCUMENT	TUESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2024 at 11.00 am.

1.2 Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents from Kenya BioVax Institute's website ([www.biovox.go.ke](http://www.biovox.go.ke)) and Public Procurement Information portal.

1.3 A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates through the link <https://biovox.go.ke/tenders/> and filled on line via the link <https://suppliers.biovox.go.ke:8443/>

1.4 Candidates will be required to register and upload valid mandatory documents and proof of qualification via the Suppliers' Registration link (<https://suppliers.biovox.go.ke:8443/>)

1.5 Candidates are allowed to choose various categories in which they deem suitable to participate in.

1.6 Any requests for clarifications can be sent to the email address, [procurement@biovox.go.ke](mailto:procurement@biovox.go.ke).

1.7 Late bids will not be evaluated.

1.8 Suppliers registered by the National Treasury under the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) are required to submit a copy of the Registration Certificate for inclusion in the List of Registered suppliers for Kenya BioVax Institute.

MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, KENYA BIOVAX INSTITUTE LIMITED.

# Acting Inspector-General outlines new strategies to combat regional insecurity

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

The government will enhance security in the North-Eastern region as the security apparatus seeks to address attacks on personnel in the area.

Acting Inspector-General of Police Gilbert Masengeli, who conducted a comprehensive security assessment of Garissa, Wajir, and Mandera counties, noted that the insecurity in the region is primarily due to the vast, porous border between Kenya and Somalia.

During a three-day tour of the region to evaluate the security situation, the police chief met with senior security officials and personnel from the National Police Service (NPS). According to the Acting IG, the NPS will focus on combating the smuggling of contraband goods and drugs through the border, addressing illegal immigration into the country, and preventing the entry of al-Shabaab terrorists.

Other issues the service



Acting Inspector-General of Police Gilbert Masengeli (C).

will address, he noted, include the inter-clan conflicts and criminal gangs especially in Garissa town.

“We have noticed that there have been crimes committed by youthful gangs wielding knives from Garissa estates. Some of them have been arrested but there are others who are still at large and soon they will be arrested because we will not relent,” Masengeli said.

“We will also ensure that contraband goods, human trafficking, and drug trafficking coming from our neighbouring countries stop whatsoever. We want to assure

the public and the region that we are very grateful for their cooperation with security agencies,” he added. Masengeli also indicated that NPS will consider increasing security officers in the border areas, noting that security installations in the region are far apart, leaving some areas uncovered.

In February last year, the government announced plans to reopen the Kenya-Somalia border points in Mandera, Liboi and Kiunga in phases over a 90-day period, but it was put on hold shortly afterwards following a ‘wave of attacks’ in the region.



## TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC) is a State Corporation established to facilitate Industrial and Economic Development in Kenya by Initiation, Assistance or Expansion of Industrial, Commercial and other Enterprises.

KDC's mandate is to promote sustainable economic development by providing development finance, infrastructure finance, business support and advisory services to medium and large-scale industries, infrastructure projects and commercial undertakings in target sectors in Kenya and elsewhere.

The Corporation invites sealed bids from firms interested to submit tenders as follows:

Ref. Number	Description	Tender Security (Ksh.)	Closing Date	Eligibility
ONT/KDC/001/24-25	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lifts at Finance House  Mandatory Pre-Tender Site Visit: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	800,000.00	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at Uchumi House, 17th Floor, at 10:00 AM	Open

Interested eligible candidates may obtain the Tender documents from our Website [www.kdc.go.ke](http://www.kdc.go.ke) or the Public Procurement Information Portal at <https://tenders.go.ke/>. All the candidates who download the Tender documents are required to register with the Supply Chain Office by sending an email to: [supplychain@kdc.go.ke](mailto:supplychain@kdc.go.ke)

Completed Tender documents shall be sealed in a plain envelope, clearly marked as stated above showing the reference and title of the tender and addressed to:

**The Director General**  
Kenya Development Corporation Limited (KDC)  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk  
P.O. Box 12665-00100, Nairobi

Completed documents shall be deposited in the Tender box located at the Reception area on 17th Floor, Uchumi House, Aga Khan Walk, Nairobi; so as to be received on or before **10.00 a.m. on Friday 27th September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** The documents will be opened immediately thereafter at the Reception on 17th Floor in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to witness.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
KENYA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED



## MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PETROLEUM STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES FIRMS SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
Credit No:	CKE 1127
Assignment Title :	SELECTION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE THE 7TH COST OF SERVICE STUDY FOR THE ELECTRICITY SUB-SECTOR IN KENYA
Reference No :	MOEP/SDE/EOI/1/2024-2025

- The Ministry of Energy & Petroleum has received financing from Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”), and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments under the following project: **Consultancy Services to Undertake the 7th Cost of Service Study for the Electricity Sub-sector in Kenya.**
- Overall, the Services of the consultant shall be to determine Kenya electric system charges, in generation, transmission, distribution and retail. This shall inform costs incurred in delivering the services and which fully recover costs while addressing social and equity concerns. The findings shall be used to support EPRA in the review of the electricity tariffs applicable for the 2026-2028 Tariff control period. Specific Services of the consultant shall consist of:
  - Developing a reasonable electricity price structure consistent with a financially and operationally sustainable electricity supply system;
  - Refining the existing financial model for the electricity tariff computation for each power utility;
  - Recommending a comprehensive strategy and roll-out plan for a gradual transition to cost-reflective tariffs while making provisions for targeted life-line rates and associated social support mechanisms;
  - Recommending improvements to the existing tariff structure for electricity consumers for application by KPLC to its customers;
  - Restructuring the Kenya system load-curve to reduce peak load and improve off-peak consumption by:
    - Assessment of the current TOU tariff, its effectiveness and weaknesses, and propose a workable and sustainable structure for implementation.
    - Explore the possibility of re-introducing an interruptible load tariff category for certain consumers
    - Recommend appropriate Demand Side Management interventions necessary for energy management
    - Propose any other measures that could meet the same objective
  - Recommending a methodology for calculating the annual revenue requirement (ARR) for the power utilities that meet efficient operations and allow for new capital investments;
  - Developing a framework for annual indexation of tariffs to cater for changes in costs of major inputs;
  - Assessing and proposing implications of captive power generation, net metering and grid defection to the sector regulated utilities;
  - Assess the existing transmission wheeling methodology for effectiveness and recommend amendments where necessary;
  - Separating the transmission and distribution infrastructure assets in the Kenyan power system and allocate relevant costs to each category. The costs shall be used for tariff allocation to the appropriate services;
  - Along with undertaking the 7th Cost of service study for the Electricity Sub-sector in Kenya, the services of the consultant shall also consist of undertaking comprehensive capacity building for electricity sub-sector staff on tariff design and structuring, to support implementation of the recommendations of the study.

**The estimated budget for this assignment is expected to be not more than Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand US dollars (US\$650,000)**

- The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum now invites eligible consulting firms (“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. The shortlisting criteria are:
  - Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.
  - Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:
    - The contracts size;
    - The nature of the Services is detailed technical studies
    - The technical area and expertise are Tariff Setting, Power System Planning (Demand forecasting, Generation & Transmission Planning, Power System and tariff evolution), Financial and Investment Analysis, and adequate skills and jobs planning (organizational and strategic analysis of skills and employment needs as well as initial and vocational training schemes to respond to the needs).
    - The location is any developing country with a focus in Sub-Saharan Africa and English as the language of communication.
  - The consulting firm must have at least 15 years of experience in the area of tariff setting and Power System planning, 10 years in Financial and investment analysis (specific to electricity sector) and 5 years in skills and jobs planning
  - The consulting firm will also be required to have undertaken at least one (1) similar studies in the last five (5) years as the lead consultant.
- This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to Consulting firms only
- Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the **“Procurement Guidelines for AFD Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries”**, available online on AFD's website: <http://www.afd.fr>.
- The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, all those applications shall be rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.  
If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:
  - a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,  
**or**
  - a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,
  - In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.
  - Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.
- Among the submitted applications, The Ministry of Energy & Petroleum will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the morning and from 1:30PM to 5:00 PM in the afternoon from Monday to Friday. Expressions of interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below in person, by mail, or by e-mail by **16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 12:00 Noon East African time**. The Tender box is located on the ground floor Kawi House, Block A.

The address (es) referred to above are:

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**Head, Supply Chain Management Services**  
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# PRESIDENT RUTO'S BETA ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER TWO YEARS IN OFFICE



When the Kenya Kwanza Government took office in 2022, President Ruto pledged transformative leadership through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). This agenda focuses on five key areas: Agriculture, Health, Housing, MSME Economy, and the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy. The Plan's vision is to improve the lives of economically marginalized Kenyans and address long-standing economic exclusion. The following is a summary of the government's achievements in these five areas.

## AGRICULTURE

Recognizing that food constitutes 54% of household expenditures in Kenya, the Government prioritized reducing the cost of living through agricultural reforms. The focus shifted from subsidizing consumption to subsidizing production and enhancing agricultural productivity.

### STRATEGIES

- Reduction in the cost of farm inputs
- Increasing farmers' incomes
- Creating more agricultural sector jobs
- Improving agricultural productivity and value addition

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Fertilizer Subsidy Program

The Fertilizer Subsidy Program involved digital registration of all farmers and subsequently making low cost fertilizer available to them to enhance food production, thereby reducing food costs to the consumer and also creating job opportunities in the agricultural sector.

#### Improvement of Key Agricultural Value Chains

##### Tea

- **Removal of VAT:** The Government has removed VAT on tea purchased from local factories for value addition.
- **SME Support:** The Government has supported MSMEs by providing equipment for specialty tea production. These efforts have increased smallholder farmer earnings by 11.8%, from KSH 59.02 shillings in 2022 to KSH 66 shillings in 2024.

##### Edible Oils

The Government has distributed 556 metric tonnes of sunflower seeds to 34 counties, with further investment in seed multiplication and coconut cultivation. This has resulted in an 8.3% increase in the acreage under sunflower farming, from 60,000 acres in 2022 to 64,980 acres in 2024.



##### Leather

Initiatives undertaken by the Government to revitalize the leather industry include;

- Operationalizing the Kariokor Common Manufacturing Facility.
- Completing the Central Effluent Treatment Plants at Kenanie Industrial Leather Park, and providing training and tools to flayers.
- Livestock insurance coverage has expanded by 65.5% from 304,211 in 2022 to 503,469 in 2024.

These, among other initiatives, have led to a 30% increase in the utilization of processing capacity for skins, from 40% in 2022 to 70% in 2024.

##### Dairy

The Government has raised the guaranteed minimum price for milk from KSH37 in 2022 to KSH 50 per liter in 2024 (New KCC), representing a 35% increase. As a result, milk production has grown by 13%, from 4.6 billion liters in 2022 to 5.2 billion liters in 2024.

##### Rice

Paddy rice production has grown by 19%, rising from 192,299 metric tonnes in 2023 to 229,064 metric tonnes in 2024. This increase has also

## VITAL STATISTICS

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Farmers Registered Digitally

This provided vital information for provision of low-cost fertilizer, providing planning data and provision of other mission critical services to farmers.

**514%**

Increase in Number of Fertilizer Bags Disbursed to Farmers

Number of fertilizer bags distributed to farmers has increased by 7.2 million bags from 1.4 million in 2022 to 8.6 million by 2024, representing a 514% increase.

**58%**

Reduction in the Cost Per Bag of Fertilizer

From KSH 6,000 in 2022 to KSH 2,500 in 2024, representing a 58% cost reduction to farmers.

**38.9%**

Increase in Maize Production

24 million additional 50kg bags of maize from 61.74 million in 2022 to 85.7million 50kg bags in 2023 representing a 38.9% rise in maize production.

**33.7%**

Reduction in Maize Imports

Due to increased maize production, maize imports (50kg bags) decreased by 10.8 million bags from 32.04 million bags in 2022 to 21.24 million bags of maize in 2023 resulting in a 33.7% reduction in maize imports - saving the country foreign exchange.

**23.3%**

Drop in Cost of 2 Kg Maize Flour

The subsidy program has lowered flour shelf costs by an average of KSH 39.5, with the price of a 2kg packet of maize flour falling from an average of Ksh. 169.9 in 2022 to KSH 130.38 in 2024, representing a 23.3% reduction. The average wholesale price of maize per bag also dropped from KSH 4,729 to KSH 3,980, representing a 15.8% reduction.

resulted in a 19% boost in milled rice production, which climbed from 124,994 metric tonnes to 148,892 metric tonnes during the same period.

These targeted interventions in key agricultural value chains have notably increased productivity, reduced costs, and boosted farmers' earnings.

## MSME ECONOMY



The MSME sector employs about 85% of Kenya's workforce, hence the focus the Kenya Kwanza Government has placed on supporting and enhancing the sector's ability to contribute towards the economic transformation of Kenya through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). It aspires to transform the MSME economy to absorb the youth joining the workforce every year and grow the operational surplus for workers.

### STRATEGIES

To achieve this goal, the government committed to ending criminalization of work, provide access to finance, and enhance infrastructure and capacity building. The above was to be achieved by refurbishment and equipping of common user facilities to promote value chains and rollout of the Hustler Fund among other measures.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Refurbishment and Equipping of CIDCs That Provide Spaces for MSMEs

21 County Industrial Development Centers (CIDCs) set up and refurbished between 2022 and 2024.

These include;

- Leather Value Chains in Suneka, Isiolo South, Malindi, Runyenjes, and Banisa.
- Textile Value Chains in Mwea, Kitale, Olkalau, and Embakasi North.
- Construction and Building Value Chains Machakos Town, Kajiado Central, Ilasit, Iten and Aldai-Kabujo
- Dairy Value Chains in Kangema, Othaya and Londiani.
- Edible Oils Value Chains in Funyula, Marimati, Kianyaga and Chonyi.

#### Construction of County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPS)

In 2022, the Government commenced and is in the process of constructing 19 County Aggregation Industrial Parks countrywide.

#### Financial Inclusion

- **Launch of Hustler Fund:** In 2022, the Government launched the Hustler Fund to provide affordable credit to Kenyans, especially those at the lower end of the economic pyramid in Kenya.
- **Individual Loans:** 21.87 million individuals have benefitted from the fund which has disbursed KSH 54.9 billion in addition to helping individual borrowers to save KSH 3.1 billion.
- **Loans to MSMEs and Groups:** 673,340 groups have so far subscribed and benefited from the fund which has disbursed KSH 185.8 million.



## VITAL STATISTICS

**85%**

Of Kenya's workforce is in the MSME sector.



**21.86m**

Individuals have joined and benefitted from the Hustler Fund.



**673,340**

Groups that have so far subscribed and are benefiting from the fund.

**9.3m**

Amount MSMEs and groups have saved.





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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Article 43(b) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 accords every Kenyan the right to “accessible and adequate housing”. The Government committed to construction of 200,000 affordable housing units annually and in the process, creating quality jobs for the youth.

### STRATEGIES

- Increase the supply of new affordable houses to 200,000 per year especially for those at the lower end of the economic pyramid.
- Grow mortgages from 30,000 to 1,000,000 through mortgage refinancing.
- Provide high quality construction production to be achieved by strengthening Jua Kali industry’s capacity.
- Give developers tax and other incentives to build more affordable houses

### ACHIEVEMENTS

The government provided the following incentives for Affordable Housing Developers:

- Reduced Railway Development Levy from 2% in 2022 to 1.5% in 2024.
- A 15% drop in corporate tax from 30% in 2022 to 15% in 2024 for those developers who construct 100 affordable houses per year.
- A 1.5% drop in Import Declaration Fees (IDC) from 3.5% in 2022 to 2% in 2024.

### VITAL STATISTICS



**1,061%** Increase in the Number of Affordable Housing Units:

Affordable housing units launched and under construction increased from 8,872 in 2022 to 103,000 in 2024, an increase of 94,128 units representing a 1,061% increase in affordable housing. An additional 31,429 housing units are under negotiation.



**1,061%** Increase in Number of Jobs Created:

From 17,744 jobs in Affordable Housing Projects in 2022 to 206,000 jobs in 2024, an increase of 188,256 jobs representing a 1,061% increase in the number of jobs since 2022.



**40%** Increase in Mortgage Refinancing:

From 2,522 mortgages refinanced in 2022 to 3,527 in 2024, an increase of 1,005 mortgages representing a 40% increase.

**213** Jua Kali Artisans Receive Prior: Learning Assessment and Recognition:



**Ksh.4 Billion** for MSME and Jua Kali Sector:

The Government has set aside Ksh.4 Billion for Jua Kali and MSMEs Development.

## UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

The right to health is a fundamental human right guaranteed in the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Article 43 (1) (a) of the Constitution provides that ‘Every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care’.

In fulfilment of this constitutional mandate; the Kenya Kwanza Government aspires to provide 100% Universal Healthcare for essential health services, thereby guaranteeing quality and affordable healthcare to all Kenyans.

### STRATEGIES

- Revamping Health Financing through establishment and operationalization of the Social Health Insurance Scheme.
- Investing in Health Products and Technologies by Increased availability of essential supplies and health automation.
- Enhancing Community Health by Recruitment and kitting of Community Health Promoters (CHPs).
- Building Health Infrastructure by construction of new health facilities.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Establishment of three funds

- Social Health Insurance Fund
- Primary Health Care Fund
- Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund

These funds will increase accessibility and affordability of quality healthcare to all Kenyans.

Enactment of four laws to support the rollout of UHC, which include:

- Primary Healthcare Act 2023
- Social Health Insurance Act 2023
- Digital Health Act 2023
- Facility Improvement Financing Act 2023

#### Health Products and Technologies

- Increased Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) fill rate by 3%



from 59% in 2022 to 62% in 2024. This was achieved through the following interventions;

- KEMSA Recapitalization: KSH 500 million disbursed towards increasing drugs and health products.
  - Construction and Operationalization of regional distribution centers to increase access and availability of drugs and non-pharmaceuticals.
- Kisumu Regional Distribution Centre is now operational
  - Embakasi Supply Chain Distribution Centre ready for commissioning
  - Mombasa regional center renovating ongoing to increase capacity

#### Community Health

- 269% Increase in number of CHPs Receiving Stipend: Increased number of CHPs receiving the KSH 2,500 monthly stipend by 78,000 from 29,000 CHPs in 2022 to 107,000 CHPs in 2024, an increase of 269%.
- 2,629% Increase in Primary Care Networks (PCNs): An increase by 184 of PCNs from 7 in 2022 to 191 in 2024, an increase of 2,629%.

#### Health Infrastructure

- 1.7% Increase in Level 4 Hospitals: The number of Level 4 Hospitals has increased by 6 from 357 in 2022 to 363 in 2024, an increase of 1.7%.

- **Specialized Facilities:** 6 specialized facilities have been established.
- As part of enhancing **Human Resources for Health**, 14 new KEMTC campuses have been opened, increasing them from 71 in 2022 to 85 in 2024 (19% increase). The number of Graduates from KEMTCs has increased by 43% from 15,915 in 2022 to 22,695 in 2023.

### VITAL STATISTICS



**20%** Increase in Trained Community Health Promoters (CHPs): From 89,000 in 2022 to 107,000 in 2024, an increase of 18,000 trained CHPs.



**99.9%** Increase in Kits Provided to Community Health Promoters: Increased number of Kits provided to CHPs by 99,000 from 1,000 in 2022 to 100,000 in 2024, an increase of 99.9%.



**15%** Increase in Level 5 and 6 Hospitals: The number of Level 5 and 6 Hospitals has increased by 2 from 13 in 2022 to 15 in 2024, an increase of 15%. The new Level 5 and 6 Hospitals are Kerugoya (Level 5) and Margaret Kenyatta (Level 6).

## DIGITAL SUPERHIGHWAY AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

The Government set out to deploy the Digital Superhighway as a driver of business growth, job creation and an enabler to the other four BETA Pillars as well as enhancing revenue collection.



### Youth Training and Employment

- 598% Increase in Training on Digital Literacy: The number of youths receiving training on Digital Literacy to prepare them for online work has increased by 598% from 73,948 in 2022 to 516,505 in 2024, an increase of 598%.

### VITAL STATISTICS

**409%** Increase in Digital Jobs Created Under Ajira and Jitume Programs:

The number of youths being employed through the Ajira and Jitume Digital Jobs Programs, has increased by 122,711 from 30,000 in 2022 to 152,711 in 2024 an increase of 409%.



**5,859%** Increase in Digitalized Government Services:

The number of digitalized Government Services on the e-Citizen platform has increased by 20,505 from 350 in 2022 to 20,855 in 2024, an increase of 5,859%. It has now been enabled for people with Disability, starting with sight and hearing.



**652%** Increase in Revenue Collection:

The monthly revenue collected from digitalized government services has increased by 9.45 billion per month from KSH 1.45 billion per month in 2022 to KSH 10.9 billion in 2024, an increase of 652%.



### STRATEGIES

- Ensure universal broadband availability throughout the country by installation of optic fiber and installation of JiConnect Hotspots.
- Establish Africa Regional Hub & promote development of software for export through employment of the youth through Jitume and Ajira Programs.
- Enhance government service delivery through digitization by onboarding of government services in eCitizen platform.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Installation of Fiber Optic Cable

- 111% Increase in the Fiber Optic Cable: The government has installed and operationalized an additional 9,867 Kms of fiber optic cable countrywide increasing from 8,900 Kms in 2022 to 18,767 Kms in 2024, an increase of 111%.
- Establishment of 1,490 Wi-Fi Hot spots countrywide
- Establishment of 274 Digital Hubs
- 16,804 digital devices distributed through the 274 Digital Hubs.

# Government plans to create 5m jobs through MSMEs in next 3 years

BY BRIAN ONDENG (KNA)

The Government aims to create five million jobs through Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) over the next three years.

Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and MSME Development Wycliffe Oparanya disclosed that currently 15 million Kenyans are employed in the MSME sector, and the government plans to increase this number to 20 million in the next three years.

“The government employs about one million civil servants, and the large companies in the country can employ only two million people. Our best bet for employment creation is in the MSMEs, where 15 million Kenyans are currently employed.

The president instructed me to ensure that five million more Kenyans get employed through this sector in the next three years,” Oparanya stated.

The CS, speaking in Bondo while handing over a Sh32 million Uwezo Fund cheque for groups in Siaya County, said that government funds such as Uwezo, Women Enterprise, Youth, and Hustler Funds are aimed at creating job opportunities in the MSME sector, contributing to the overall goal of 20 million people employed in the sector.

Oparanya encouraged business groups which have benefited from the government funding to form cooperatives so that they can benefit from bigger loans for expansion from the Kenya Industrial Estates (KIE).

“A lot of questions have been asked about groups which have reached the Uwezo Fund ceiling of Sh500,000. I want to encourage them to form companies which can then borrow between one and twenty million shillings from KIE,” Oparanya explained.

The CS added that business entities which successfully pay KIE loans and need more funds for expansion qualify for higher loans of up to Sh500 million from the Kenya Development Cooperation (KDC) under the ministry of trade.

“I don’t want to see people idling saying they have no jobs yet there is a lot of government funds that can be used to spur economic development and create opportunities to earn a living.

“A beneficiary of the government funds creates employment opportunities when he hires people to help in the business and also domestic workers to take care of their homes when they are at work,” the CS said.

Oparanya on that note encouraged MPs who are yet to form Uwezo Fund committees to do so immediately for the benefit of their constituents saying about 15 constituencies have not yet formed the committees to do so for more development in their areas.

Cooperatives PS Ms Susan Meng’eni, who accompanied Mr Oparanya, on her part encouraged the timely repayment of the government funds by business groups to improve individual member credit scores.

Mang’eni said the government is currently digitizing registration of all business groups where it will be possible to monitor the performance and credit rating of each individual member.

“I know that as some group members repay back loans, there are others who pull them back. With the ongoing digitization of group registration, we will



Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and MSME Development Wycliffe Oparanya.

“A beneficiary of the government funds creates employment opportunities when he hires people to help in the business and also domestic workers to take care of their homes when they are at work,” – Oparanya

be able to weed out such members from groups,” she said.


The PS said the government will soon launch the Hustler Fund National Credit score where individual borrowers will be rated based on their borrowing and repayment habits.

She said that individuals with excellent credit scores will not only use the scores to access hustler fund business loans but will also not be required to provide collaterals and security to access loans from financial institutions in the

country.

“Individuals in Siaya County currently owe the Hustler Fund about Sh700 million. This is a personal loan to benefit people who do not have property or titles they can use to get loans from banks.

“The good credit ratings for the people who repay back the money is the security they will use to access loans from the banks, so repay back the money to improve your credit rating in the soon to be launched Hustler Fund National Credit Score,” Mang’eni added.



## TENDER RE-ADVERTISEMENT

World Vision Kenya (WVK) is a relief, Advocacy and Development organization committed to improving the well-being of children, families and communities in Kenya. WVK is implementing two WASH projects under “Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in ASAL (SWASAP) Programme” in Isiolo and Turkana Counties. These Projects are financed by the Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) with funds from the Royal Embassy of Denmark through DANIDA and Co-financed by County Governments of Isiolo and Turkana.


World Vision hereby invites tenders for the below works;

S/No	TENDER REFERENCE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT
1	WSTF/WVK/034/FY23-24	<b>Isiolo County</b> Tender for equipping of Bisan Biliqo Borehole and other associated storage and civil works as per tender document	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 at 10:00 am at Bissan Biliqo Chiefs Office.
2	WSTF/WVK/035/FY23-24	<b>Turkana County</b> Tender for Equipping of Kariuki Borehole, Construction of Rising Main & Pipeline Extension to Nabaangkeny Water Kiosk in Lokichoggio Ward, Turkana West Sub County	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m at Lokichoggio Kate Camp

All interested bidders to register with WVK by filling the form provided in this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/P0huF0NMNO> after which a **coupa system (E-Procurement system) link will be shared.**

Please find link below on how to apply using the Coupa System <https://vimeo.com/269733916/f4a4a197a2>. The tender documents are located in the following link: <https://wvi.box.com/s/a0qci1vpbvup78wcut9r9tpoe1gwr007> Submission deadline of the Tender documents is **27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 11.00am**. For enquiries and clarifications, kindly send an email to [procurementkenya@wvi.org](mailto:procurementkenya@wvi.org) referencing the Tender Number on the subject line.

*“World Vision Kenya reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and is not bound to give reasons for its decision”*





## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS NOTICE

Meru County Rural Water and Sanitation Services Company Ltd invites interested eligible bidders for registration of suppliers for various goods, works and services for Financial Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

A set of the registration documents can be obtained by downloading from MeRuWASCO website: [www.meruwasco.co.ke](http://www.meruwasco.co.ke) or Public Procurement Information Portal: [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) for free. Applications clearly marked the Tender Number and Tender Name on a sealed envelope should be addressed to:

**The Managing Director,  
Meru County Rural Water and Sanitation Services Co. Ltd  
P.O. Box 467 – 60200 MERU  
Tel 0757277116/0780248108**

Should be deposited in the tender box at the Head Office reception so as to be received on/before **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 11.00 am**. The bid documents will be opened thereafter at the main office situated Along Meru - Nanyuki Road Meru. Tenderers or their representatives are free to attend



# State plans new Railways Regulatory Authority to open sector to private players

BY EMMANUEL MASHA AND DANIEL MAE (KNA)

The Government plans to establish a Railways Regulatory Authority and strengthen the Railway Training Institute in preparation for the entry of private entities into the railways sector, should the proposed Railways Bill 2024 become law. The bill, which is currently undergoing public participation nationwide, proposes to end the monopoly currently held by Kenya Railways by allowing private sector players to participate in the railways sub-sector.

Mr. Jonathan Kilelo, the engineer in charge of railway safety at Kenya Railways, stated that the new authority will be responsible for regulating railways and trains by issuing operating licenses to qualified individuals and entities.

“This means that private companies will be allowed to purchase their own trains and obtain licenses from the Railway Regulatory Authority proposed in this bill. The authority will also be responsible for enforcing the standards required for running railway services in the country,” he said.

Eng Kilelo, who was speaking at the Nidhamia Hall in Malindi town during a public participation session on the Bill for stakeholders drawn from Kilifi, Lamu and Tana River Counties, said licensed companies would have open access to the existing railway infrastructure as well as be allowed to build their own railway lines.

“Within the working timetables, they will be given time when their

“We want our railway lines to be modernized like in other countries, which use electric and underground trains to transport people and goods,” - Mr. Randu

railways will be able to use the railway lines. Private companies will also be allowed to build their own railways from the existing railway stations to their business premises to allow their goods to reach their final destinations within their factories or mining centres,” he said.

However, the proposed changes would complement the existing public sector investment in the railway sub-sector, with private companies expected to pay for the use of existing lines.

On the other hand, Mr. Kilelo, who was flanked by Ms Brenda Mwangi, a lawyer from the Ministry of Roads and Transport, said the strengthening of the Railway Training Institute would enable the railway sub-sector to get skilled human resource to run the railway services for the new entrants into the sub-sector.

“The Bill also proposes the strengthening of the Railway Training Institute so that the skills that are required to support the sector can be developed to ensure that as the private sector entities come to operate

railway services, they can get workers who have the requisite skills,” he said.

The skills acquired at the institute include mechanical engineering works, infrastructure maintenance, signaling and telecommunication skills, freight management and logistics, train ticketing and customer care services as well as catering and hospitality services.

Meanwhile, members of the public who attended the session welcomed the new bill but proposed amendments that they said would improve the sector and make it more efficient.

For instance, they called for the removal of a requirement in the Bill that private individuals wishing to be engaged in railway services must have five years’ experience working within railways saying this would lock out potential investors who have never worked at the Kenya Railways, which has all along been a monopoly.

Mr. Tomicky Randu, a retired telecommunications engineer, proposed the introduction of electric and underground trains in the country, which he said would make the movement of people and goods faster than it is currently using the old and standard gauge railway networks.

Mr. Randu said underground trains (also known as subways), would help decongest Kenyan cities as well as prevent accidents involving motor vehicles and trains at railway crossings.

“We want our railway lines to be modernized like in other countries, which use electric and underground trains to transport people and goods,” Mr. Randu said.

# IOM flags off roadshow to support community engagement, policing in Wajir



R-L: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Representative Osman, Wajir East Deputy County Commissioner George Onyango, addressing participants during the flagging-off ceremony of a roadshow caravan in Wajir town.

BY HAMDHI BUTHUL (KNA)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the support of the Government of Canada, has reiterated its commitment to strengthening community engagement and policing in Wajir County.

Speaking during the flagging-off ceremony of a roadshow caravan, IOM Representative Soumana Ali highlighted the organization’s efforts to support the Kenyan government in fostering better relationships between communities and state authorities, particularly in border areas.

“We, at IOM, are supporting the Government of Kenya in community engagement and policing. These initiatives aim to enhance human security by ensuring the active participation of communities in border governance,” said Ali.

Ali noted that the goal is to change the perception of border communities, who are often viewed as a challenge, into being recognized as a crucial part of the solution to ineffective border governance. The Wajir East Deputy County Commissioner, George Onyango expressed gratitude to the local community, acknowledging the crucial role that elders, women, and youth have played in preserving peace.

“The peace we enjoy in Wajir is not just because of security forces but largely due to the community’s involvement,” Onyango said.

The commissioner highlighted Wajir’s proximity to Somalia and the ongoing challenges in the neighboring country, emphasizing that the town’s stability relies heavily on the proactive engagement of its residents.

“Residents are fully engaged in ensuring safety,” he remarked, calling on the community to continue supporting local security agencies.

He reminded the community that peace and development go hand in hand, urging residents to remain vigilant.

“Where there is peace, there is development,” he stated, encouraging the public to report any potential threats, such as unknown individuals or illegal activities, especially drug trafficking.

Onyango also voiced concern about the dangers posed to Wajir’s youth by drugs, underscoring the importance of safeguarding the next generation.

He warned that authorities would not tolerate those involved in the drug trade, stressing the collective responsibility to protect the town’s future.

The Deputy County Commissioner reassured the community of the commitment of security forces to maintaining peace, urging continued cooperation for a safer and more prosperous Wajir.

The roadshow caravan is part of broader efforts to strengthen collaboration, build trust, and promote safety and security across border regions. Through increased community participation, the initiative seeks to address challenges of border governance while fostering peace, stability, and prosperity for the affected populations.



A commuter train departs from the Nairobi Railway Station (FILE).

# New potato seed technology set to boost productivity in Nakuru

BY ANNE MWALE(KNA)

The Nakuru County Government is promoting a new farming technology for breeding multiple disease-free potato seeds to enhance productivity for the region's potato farmers



**A canola plantation in Rongai Sub-County in Nakuru. The devolved unit's administration has kicked off a campaign encouraging small holder farmers in the region to take up oil crop cultivation.**

According to Leonard Bor, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, only one percent of potato farmers in Kenya use official seeds. The majority use recycled seeds from their farms and the informal sector, leading to low productivity.

The devolved unit is collaborating with the Kenya Agricultural Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Bayer East Africa, OCP Africa, and Koppert to encourage both smallholder and large-scale farmers to adopt aeroponics technology for producing basic potato seeds.

"Shortages of certified potato seeds have stagnated production at seven tons per hectare, compared to a potential of 40 tons. Investing in the production of certi-

fied seeds offers significant opportunities and profits. Certified seeds are free from bacterial wilt, black leg, nematodes, and other diseases.

Although this technology is relatively new in Kenya, it is gaining popularity due to the low incidence of potato diseases," Mr. Bor said. Aeroponics is growing plants in air or mist without using soil, while hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil but using mineral nutrient solutions in a water solvent.

Initially adopted by KALRO from Peru, the technology is an improvement on the conventional way of breeding potato tubers from the soil. In Peru, it was introduced by the International Potato Centre.

The tubers are grown in liquid chemical solutions with extra nutrients that increase resistance to disease. The extra nutrients include potassium nitrates, calcium, and phosphate minerals.

The technology consists of a meshed box partitioned into two. The partitions have holes through which the tubers grow. The tubers in the lower box partition produce an extensive root network. The lower box has a timed mist spray that releases liquid nutrients every five minutes. The box is wrapped with black plastic to create darkness but is aerated to ensure the tubers efficiently absorb the oxygen and carbon dioxide they need to grow. The aeration results in more tuber production.



## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) GUIDELINES AND CO2 REDUCTION FRAMEWORK IN THE ICT 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

As the lead agency on ICT matters, the Authority is tasked with developing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) guidelines for use in the evaluation of EIA reports.

Further, the Authority spearheads efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the ICT sector in a bid to mitigate the impact of the sector on climate change.

In this regard, the Authority has developed a consultation paper on EIA guidelines and framework for CO2 reduction in the ICT sector, and the associated draft EIA guidelines and frameworks for CO2 in the ICT sector, which are available at the Authority's website at <https://www.ca.go.ke/open-consultations>

Members of the public and stakeholders are invited to review the said draft documents with a view of sending their representations and comments by **October 17<sup>th</sup> 2024** to:

**The Director General  
Communications Authority of Kenya  
CA Centre, Waiyaki Way, Westlands  
P.O BOX 14448  
Nairobi 00800  
Email: eia\_co2@ca.go.ke  
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## TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) is a State Corporation whose mandate is to plan, design, construct, own, operate and maintain high voltage national electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

KETRACO now invites tenders from interested/eligible firms to bid for the tender given below:

Tender Description	Tender Reference Number	Closing Date
Supply of one (1) 23MVA 132/33kV and one (1) 23MVA 132/11kV Power Transformers with on load tap changer (OLTC) switches.	KETRACO-PT-029-2024	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10:30 am EAT
Provision of Low Loader Transportation Services for a 23MVA Transformer from Awendo 132/33kV substation in Migori to Kitale 132/33kV substation in Kitale.	KETRACO-PT-030-2024	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10:30 am EAT

KETRACO tenders run on SAP ARIBA e-procurement platform and therefore the tender document detailing the requirements may be viewed by clicking on the link provided in KETRACO website ([www.ketraco.co.ke](http://www.ketraco.co.ke)) beginning **18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

All enquiries on this tender should be channelled through [gkibet@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:gkibet@ketraco.co.ke); [echepkoech@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:echepkoech@ketraco.co.ke); [lswareh@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:lswareh@ketraco.co.ke); cc [hkiser@ketraco.co.ke](mailto:hkiser@ketraco.co.ke) or through message board in SAP Ariba.

Complete tender documents shall be electronically submitted through SAP ARIBA platform on or before the dates as indicated in the table above for specific tenders.

Tenders will be opened electronically promptly thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend in KETRACO Procurement Office at Kawi Complex, Block B, Second Floor.

**AG. SENIOR MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN  
FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR**



## TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Broadcasting Corporation invites interested and eligible tenderers to participate in the following tender:-

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION
03/KBC/2024-25	PROVISION OF PARTNERSHIP IN GAMING (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)
04/KBC/2024-25	PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR KBC FIXED ASSETS.

A complete set of tender documents may be downloaded by interested candidates from the Corporation website; [www.kbc.co.ke](http://www.kbc.co.ke), [tenders.go.ke](http://tenders.go.ke) or obtain hard copy from **Procurement Manager's Office at Broadcasting House Harry Thuku Road**. Interested candidates will be required to register by paying non refundable fees of **Ksh 1,000** in cash or bankers Cheque payable to Kenya Broadcasting Corporation cashier situated on Harry Thuku Road before the deadline of returning the completed document. (**Kshs.1000/= not applicable to youth, women and PWD**), Bidders downloading the tender document from the website are not required to pay but immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to KBC Procurement Office or [procurement@kbc.co.ke](mailto:procurement@kbc.co.ke).

Completed tender documents must be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with respective tender numbers and addressed to:-

**Managing Director,  
Kenya Broadcasting Corporation,  
P.O. Box 30456-00100,  
NAIROBI**

OR

Be deposited in the tender box at the Main Gate Broadcasting House on or before **24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10.00am**. Submitted bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the KBC Matanganzo office in the presence of bidders or representatives who wish to attend.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**







**KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY**  
Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegemeel

## Tender Notice

Kenya Revenue Authority invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tender:

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
<b>KRA/HQS/NCB-004/2024-2025:</b> Provision of Insurance Brokerage Services for KRA Staff and Assets for a Period of Two (2) Years	<b>OPEN</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 11.00 AM <b>VIRTUAL</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024 11.00 AM <b>TIMES TOWER</b>

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from the Kenya Revenue Authority website [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke) and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke)

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**KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY**  
Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegemeel

## Public Notice

### Renewal of Licenses for Bonded Warehouses, Manufacture Under Bond (MUB) and Transit Godowns

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind all operators of the above mentioned facilities that their licenses will expire on **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.**

The licensing conditions are spelt out under **Section 62-69; 160-166** of the **East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004** as read together with **Regulations 74-81; 153-168** of the **East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010.**

The following conditions are mandatory when submitting the application for renewal:

- Copy of valid license for the year 2024.
- Copy of valid relevant Security bonds.
- Current CR12 of the company.
- Copy of Title or valid lease agreement whose duration is longer than the term of the license.
- Copy of current Tax compliance certificate for the Company.
- Copy of current Tax compliance certificate for each of the Company's directors.
- Audited annual accounts for the Company for the previous financial year (2023).
- C18 duly completed and signed and stamped by the Operator and Customs Officer.

**Note:**

1. Application form C18 can be downloaded from KRA website, [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke)
2. Renewal will only be issued upon satisfaction that the applicant does not have any outstanding transaction or issues with any KRA department.
3. Application for **Renewals** will be submitted through Customs ICMS system on or before **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024.**

Production of the above documents **does not automatically guarantee renewal of a license**, as the applicant will still undergo **further vetting** by KRA.

For clarification please call our Contact Centre on Tel: 020 4 999 999; 0711 099 999 or Email: [CBCLicensing@kra.go.ke](mailto:CBCLicensing@kra.go.ke)

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## Public Notice

### Application for Licence for Vehicles Conveying Transit Goods (C28) and Vehicles Conveying Other Goods Under Customs Control (C40)

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind all Transporters conveying Transit Goods and other goods under Customs control that their licenses will expire on **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.**

Provisions relating to the licensing of vehicles conveying Transit Goods and other goods under Customs control are contained in **Regulations 104 & 210 of the East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010 & Section 244 of the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004.**

Transporters are therefore required to submit their applications for renewal of their licences for year 2025.

The following Conditions are mandatory when submitting the application for renewal of license:

- Copy of motor vehicle log book.
- Copy of valid insurance certificate.
- Copy of COMESA Yellow card (for foreign vehicle)/ Insurance cover.
- Duly filled application form signed and stamped by Customs Officer

Applications may be submitted through Customs Regional offices in Mombasa, Kisumu, Nakuru or Eldoret, and Times Tower, 1st Floor.

1. The successful Applicant will be required to pay the license fee in Kenya shillings equivalent to **US\$ 200** per license.
2. Applications **MUST** be received on or before **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024.**

For any further clarification please call our Contact Centre on Tel: 020 4 999 999; 0711 099 999; 0709013067 or Email: [CBCLicensing@kra.go.ke](mailto:CBCLicensing@kra.go.ke).

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## Public Notice

### Stakeholder Validation Workshop on the Draft KRA Diversity & Inclusion Policy

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) invites the general public and any other interested parties to participate in a Stakeholder Validation Workshop for the draft Diversity & Inclusion Policy following the recently concluded public participation and submission of proposals on the Policy.

The workshop will be held as follows:

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Venue:** Virtual

**Platform:** Webex

**Link:** <https://www.kra.go.ke/engagements>

**Morning Session:**

**Time:** 9:00AM – 11:00AM

**Afternoon Session:**

**Time:** 2:00PM – 4:00PM

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# Nakuru to build two state-of-the-art hospitals in Kuresoi and Rongai

BY ESTHER MWANGI (KNA)

The County Government of Nakuru has commissioned the construction of two Level IV sub-county hospitals in Kuresoi North and Rongai at a cost of Sh498 million.

Ms. Roselyn Mungai, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Services, stated that these new facilities are part of Nakuru County's Sh2-billion upgrade program for healthcare facilities across the eleven sub-counties.

She added that the state-of-the-art inpatient complexes are expected to be operational within the next 24 months.

According to the CECM, the Rongai Sub-County Level IV hospital, which will be built on a site previously designated for a trauma center before devolution, is projected to cost Sh249.8 million. The remaining Sh248.2 million will be allocated for the construction of the Kuresoi North Sub-County Level IV Hospital.

Both standalone complexes in Kuresoi North and Rongai will feature modern maternity and neonatal wings, pharmacies, x-ray machines, and advanced laboratories. They will also house outpatient units, accident and emergency units, imaging centers, and theaters, Ms. Mungai added. She said the healthcare facilities will offer the highest standard of medical training and top quality of specialized healthcare services.

"The Kuresoi North

two-storey hospital will include an outpatient block, a 100-bed inpatient department, two theatres, a maternity wing, laboratories, and specialized services," Ms Mungai explained. She stated that the new facilities will be designed to offer healthcare services to more than 500,000 residents from the sub-counties of Rongai, Njoro, Molo, Kuresoi North and Kuresoi South and adjoining areas, in addition to accessing services including those related to trauma/

accident and emergency, obstetrics, gynecology, ophthalmology, pharmacy, radiology and radiotherapy and minor surgery.

Emphasizing the county's commitment to providing quality and affordable medical services to all residents, Ms Mungai said the two hospital facilities will supplement the Sh650-million outpatient facility at the Nakuru Level V Hospital and the Sh40-million center of excellence for mental health care at the

Gilgil Sub-County Hospital and Sh60-million Level IV health facility at Karuswa in Bahati Sub-County.

Other health care facilities nearing completion, according to the CECM include the Sh60-million outpatient complex at Olunguruone Health Center and the modern Sh330-million outpatient complex at the Naivasha Sub-County Referral Hospital which is expected to be operational within the next three months.

# Kericho to deploy drones to deliver medical supplies to remote areas



Medical officers at Sigowet sub-county hospital grounds hold drug supplies during the test flight of a drone used to deliver medical supplies to the medical facility.

BY SARAH NJAGI (KNA)

The Kericho County Government has partnered with Zipline to deliver essential drugs and non-pharmaceutical products to remote hospitals in the region using automated drones.

The medical supplies to be delivered include medicine, medical supplies, vaccines, snake venom, and blood. Zipline's warehouse and cold storage facility are located in Chemilil, a town in Kisumu County.

Addressing residents before a test flight at the distribution point in Sigowet Sub-county Hospital, Kericho Governor Dr. Eric Mutai stated that the county government is committed to saving patients' lives. He added that the strong partnership with Zipline will improve logistical arrangements, enabling health facilities to quickly receive replenishments of medical products.

"We want to bring medicines closer to the people because this is what devolution envisioned. We are committed to this partnership. As the world evolves, telemedicine is the way to go."

"The age where we used to arrange on how to take a patient to a hospital sometimes in the middle of the night and sometimes the roads are impassable is slowly ending. These drones we have will speak to the challenges and the needs of our people which will be addressed effectively. As a county we are very grateful to have embraced this technology," Dr. Mutai said.

Kericho Health CEC Brenda Bii said this was the first undertaking the county had embarked with Zipline to bridge the gap of accessibility of emergency medical supplies at Sigowet Sub-county Hospital in a timely manner while in the same breath revealing that plans were underway to equip the over 200 health facilities in the county with the drone technology.

"The county has 210 health facilities and currently Zipline, together with the Kenya Airports Authority, has mapped all of them and the approval is at 35 per cent, but we look for further approvals in the next coming months," the Health CEC said.

Zipline Sales and Customer Services Manager

Sineka Samwel Siabnaa commended Kericho County health department for embracing the technology, adding that the company was committed to deliver the essential health commodities to patients in need in real time.

"Zipline partnership with Kericho County it not just a testament of the vision of the governor but it is also a testament of the acceptance of Zipline by this particular community and we hope to show a reflection of our commitment, excellence and effectiveness.

"Zipline should be able to fly from our distribution center and get here in record of 23 minutes. That is around 120 kilometers should be reached within 45 minutes and this is record time. We will do our best to make sure our services are at par and meet the expectations of Kericho County," Siabnaa said.

Addressing the press, Zipline Country General Manager Luke Barasa said a single drone driven autonomously has a capacity to deliver a maximum of three kilograms and can carry up to 300 deliveries per day without any flight interference.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY

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## Public Notice

### Applications for Renewal of Customs Agents Licences 2025

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to inform Customs Agents that their licenses will expire on **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024** with the exception of the 3 year Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) licences.

Provisions relating to the licensing of Customs agents are contained in **Section 145 of the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004 and Regulations 149-152 of the East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010.**

The application for renewal is for all licensed Customs agents.

Applications for Renewal should be submitted through the Integrated Customs Management System (iCMS) platform, <https://icms.kra.go.ke>, on or before **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024**. The applications shall be accompanied by:

1. Duly filled form C20 (available on the KRA Website, [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke))
2. Current (2024) Certificate of Registration (CR12/CR13) for the Company/partnership
3. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate for the company
4. Certificate of Bond & Debt clearance
5. Copy of previous C21 (Licence)
6. Valid KIFWA Clearance Certificate

In addition, we wish to invite interested New Applicants for Customs Agents Licences 2025, to submit their applications by **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024** via email address [cbcvetting@kra.go.ke](mailto:cbcvetting@kra.go.ke) The application shall be accompanied by:

1. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate for the Company
2. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate for all the Directors
3. Certificate of registration from Registrar of Companies (CR12)
4. Pin Certificate for the Company
5. Pin Certificate for all the Directors
6. National ID/Passport for all the Directors
7. Recent passport size photographs of directors duly certified by Notary public or a Commissioner of Oaths
8. Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association clearly indicating the Clearing and Forwarding Agent firm is a registered business
9. Police Clearance Certificate for all the Directors
10. Letter from bankers showing the Company maintains an account with them
11. Letter from bankers showing the Directors maintains an account with them
12. Audited accounts for the last 3 years (where applicable)
13. Duly filled Bio Data form available in KRA website [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke).
14. Duly filled form C20 available on the KRA website [www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke)
15. Payment of 50USD application fee
16. Have an established office, the physical location of which shall be indicated in the license application form for Customs verification purposes and Valid Tenancy agreement/Lease or Title deed if you own the premises

For further clarification and facilitation, please call the Licensing office on Tel: 0709 016616/7

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# Government to audit abandoned quarries for economic revitalization

BY **WAGEMA MWANGI**  
(PCO)

The Government has announced plans to audit abandoned quarries and mining open pits across the country. This mapping exercise aims to assess the status of these quarries and explore options for converting them into facilities that support diverse economic activities.

The audit, led by the State Department for Mining, is expected to cover all 47 counties where mining

operations—particularly quarrying and open-cast methods—are used to extract minerals for building materials such as construction blocks, sand, murrum, and heavy metals for industrial purposes.

Principal Secretary for the State Department for Mining Elijah Mwangi stated that the mapping process will enhance efforts to identify and document the status, condition, and locations of idle quarries that have not been rehabilitated after



mineral depletion or cessation of mining activities.

Upon completion of the audit, the team conducting the mapping exercise will


produce a comprehensive technical report with recommendations on how to best utilize the quarries and other open pits identified

in the report. Key proposals for alternative uses of these quarries include converting them into facilities for stormwater harvesting and rainwater storage. Other proposed uses are transforming the quarries into fishponds to promote aquaculture and redesigning the pits to serve as eco-friendly dumpsites managed by the county government.

A quarry that fails to meet the threshold required for conversion for alternative use will be filled and reha-

bilitated. “The presence of abandoned quarries across Kenya has been a great concern. We are confident that this exercise will give us the parameters for establishing how best to utilize the quarries for economic benefit of communities and counties,” said the PS.

Over the years, there have been mounting concerns over dangers posed by abandoned quarries, mining tunnels and open pits left by miners after depletion of minerals.



**MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION**

**KENYA WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAM (K-WASH)**


**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**



**CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

<b>Country:</b>	Kenya
<b>Name of Project:</b>	Kenya Water Sanitation and Hygiene Program (K-WASH)
<b>Project No.:</b>	P179012
<b>Credit No.:</b>	IDA 7459 -KE
<b>Assignment Title:</b>	CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENT (IVA)
<b>Reference:</b>	Contract No.: KE-SDWS-425132-CS-QCBS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Water Sanitation and Hygiene Program (K-WASH), and intends to apply part of the proceeds on payments under the contract for **CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENT (IVA)**.
- The services (“Consulting Services”) include verification on an annual basis of the pre-agreed outputs under K-WASH as laid out in the Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLI) matrix. The results should be delivered in an approved and proper documented format.
- The duration of the consulting services will be for an initial period of Three (3No) calendar years, and may be extended once for additional period of Three (3No) calendar years, upon satisfactory performance of the consultant.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at Ministry’s website [www.water.go.ke](http://www.water.go.ke) and PPIP portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.
- The State Department for Water and Sanitation (“the Client”) in the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to express 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. The short-listing criteria are:
  - Core business and years in business.** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in or related fields for at least ten (10No) years.
  - Relevant Experience.** The firm shall demonstrate as having executed and completed at least two (2No) assignment of similar nature and scope in similar operating environments in the last 10 years. Details of similar assignments – Name and address of the client, scope, value and period should be provided in the Expression of Interest.
  - Technical and Managerial capability of the firm.** The firm shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capacity including relevant equipment, tools, software etc. and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile(s). **Key experts’ bio data (CV) will not be evaluated at this stage.**
- 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 in July 2016, revised 5th Edition September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of Interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture agreement shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Section (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400Hrs) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person or by mail or by e-mail by **1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 1000 hours East African Time (EAT)**. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the Tender Box on Ground Floor, Maji House, Ngong Road, Nairobi, the packages should be clearly marked **“CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENT contract No.: (KE-SDWS-425132-CS-QCBS)”** addressed to:
 

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**THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY**

**Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)**

**ICTA-Program Implementation Unit**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**


**(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)**

<b>Country:</b>	<b>KENYA</b>
<b>Name of Project:</b>	<b>KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP)</b>
<b>Project No.:</b>	<b>P170941</b>
<b>Credit No.:</b>	<b>7289-KE and 7290-KE</b>
<b>Assignment Title:</b>	<b>DESIGN &amp; SUPERVISION OF THE SET-UP AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF AN ICT SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR GOVERNMENT (GOVSOC)</b>
<b>Contract No.:</b>	<b>KE-ICTA-410949-CS-QCBS</b>

- 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 (“the Services”) include Design & Supervision of the Set-Up and Operationalization of an ICT Security Operations Centre for Government. The assignment is expected to take sixteen (16) 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](http://www.icta.go.ke) and [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke) or can be obtained at the address given below.
- The Information and Communications Technology Authority through the Program Implementation Unit (PIU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“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. The shortlisting criteria are:
  - Core business and years in business:** The consulting firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of Cybersecurity or related fields for a minimum period of ten (5) years.
  - Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least two (2) assignments of similar nature and complexity and in a similar operating environment in the last five (5) years. Details of similar assignments, with the name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided and submitted.
  - Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm:** The firm shall demonstrate having the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment (attach company profile).

**Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**
- 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.
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during the following office hours 0900 and 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours) East African Time (EAT) and public holidays.
- Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at 1000hours EAT**. - using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tel Posta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: [procurement@ict.go.ke](mailto:procurement@ict.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 **Design and Supervision of the Set-Up and Operationalization of an ICT Security Operations Centre for Government (GovSoc); Contract No. KE-ICTA-410949-CS-QCBS**

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Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



## NCPWD appeals to 6,000 persons with albinism to sign up for support

BY DENSON MUTUTO (KNA)

The National Council for Persons with Disability (NCPWD) is appealing to over 6,000 persons with albinism (PWAs) who are not registered with the council to do so and benefit from various empowerment programs initiated by the government and other development partners aimed at improving their livelihoods.

Currently, the council is assisting 3,853 registered persons with albinism, out of a total of 9,742 reported in the latest national census data.

A senior disability service officer with NCPWD, Mr. Alex Munyere, speaking at two separate forums at Mutomo and Ikutha Level Four Hospitals in Kitui South Constituency, Kitui County, expressed concern that about 6,000 persons

with albinism are not registered with the NCPWD. This prompted the appeal to include them in the program.

The council is working with the Ministry of Health to locate and register these 6,000 unregistered individuals so they can also benefit from the various types of government aid currently available to the registered members.

Mr Munyere expressed concerns that the NCPWD has not been able to trace the said unregistered PWA's despite repeated appeals to have them join the organisation for assistance.

"The NCPWD is working jointly with the Ministry of Health's Community Health Promoters (CHPs) based at

### 6,000

About 6,000 persons with albinism are not registered with the NCPWD

villages, the lowest grassroot level across the country, in efforts to help the council to trace the unregistered six thousand persons with albinism," Mr Munyere said.

Mr Munyere who was accompanied by a team of officials from NCPWD, and eye care medics offered free eye care services, sunglasses and sun lotions to the few persons with albinism who turned up for the grassroot mapping outreach drive.

"The National Council for Persons with Disabilities has been implementing this program in order to protect persons with albinism from the effects of harmful sun rays, which leads to deadly disease, skin cancer," he said.

Since the placement of the welfare of people with albinism at the Council in 2011, the Council has been providing sunscreen, sunglasses, sun lotions, lip



A senior disability service officer working with NCPWD Mr Alex Munyere while handling some Sun cream lotion to a needy person with albinism today at Mutomo level iv hospital in Mutomo sub county county in Kitui south constituency, Kitui county

balms and other services for all persons with albinism to mitigate the effects of the harmful sun rays that cause skin cancer.

Through the program, the government distributes the said necessities to selected government hospitals, which then dispense them to the clients, the

PWAs. One bottle of Nivea sunscreen lotion is provided to each registered person. Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) and the NCPWD have been working jointly in distribution of the sunscreen to more than 192 public health facilities across the country as at nearest point of distribution to al-

leviate the plight of persons living with albinism.

Additionally, the provision of protective clothing is also one of the expert's recommendations on matters of prevention of skin cancer and as such the council has also procured long-sleeved t-shirts and wide brim hats for beneficiaries.

## Government calls for community education to fight Gender-Based Violence in the country

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI (KNA)

The State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action is calling on communities to embrace education on gender equality and to challenge harmful norms and practices in order to prevent gender-based violence in the country.

To achieve this, State Principal Secretary Ms. Anne Wang'ombe emphasized that women and girls need to be empowered to claim their rights in society.

During a visit to the Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centre (GBVRC) at Makueni County Referral Hospital in Wote town, Ms. Wang'ombe urged leaders, the community, parents, and non-governmental organizations to become champions for change. She stressed the importance of attaining gender equality in homes, schools, and workplaces to end this issue.

Ms. Wang'ombe also called for concerted efforts from all government agencies and development partners to address the increasing cases of GBV, which are negatively impacting women and girls in society.

"Prevention starts with awareness, and I urge all leaders, community members, parents and workers in government



Gender PS Anne Wang'ombe (LEFT) when she was being taken round the recovery Centre at the Makueni County Referral Hospital.

to become champions for gender equality in our homes, schools and workplaces," Wang'ombe said.

"Communities must also be educated about gender equality and the harmful norms practiced in the society. This will enhance and empower women and girls to claim their rightful place in the community," she said.

Noting that Makueni is hotspot of GBV cases in the country, the PS lauded

the County Government of Makueni for establishing a gender policy that will foster inclusivity and equality.

"I appreciate Makueni County for the proactive approach in establishing gender policy that brings balance in leadership, decision-making and resource allocation. This ensures that both men and women are empowered to contribute to societal development," she said.

Ms Wang'ombe said GBV remains a deep-rooted issue that threatens the social fabric of Kenya saying collective efforts to address the vice through the establishment of a recovery centre was paramount.

The PS noted that for maximum benefits to be realised at the recovery centre, it was imperative to have resources, staff and infrastructure needed to serve survivors effec-

tively and sustainably.

Additionally, Wang'ombe said the recovery centre must be owned by the community to thrive and foster a sense of collective responsibility to avoid the facility becoming a government project.

"The continuous operation of this centre will depend on secure and reliable funding. I urge the national and county governments, development

partners to ensure the facility remains financially stable, allowing provision of free and affordable services to survivors who seek help," she noted.

"The government must ensure that the necessary capacity-building programs are in place, equip our professionals with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle complexities of GBV cases," Wang'ombe added.

Speaking at the same event, Makueni Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili said the county government was committed to ending GBV in collaboration with development partners in the county.

Speaking at the function, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Nairobi Women Hospital Sam Nzioka said there was need for a multi-sectoral approach to end the vice that was affecting Makueni County.

It should be observed that Nairobi Women are the sponsors of the construction of the recovery centre in Makueni.

Present at the event included Makueni County Commissioner Henry Wafula, Gender Executive Committee Member Eng. Peter Mumo among other government officials in the county.

# Kenya secures Sh690m grant for Mount Elgon ecosystem conservation



Principal Secretary State Department for Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho addressing the press after inspecting dykes constructed by the government to control floods along River Sabwani in Trans Nzoia Sub County.

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

The Government has secured a Sh690-million grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to oversee the integrated landscape management for the conservation and restoration of the Mount Elgon ecosystem.

The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), and the county governments of Trans Nzoia and Bungoma as major partners.

Kenya Forest Service Chief Conservator Alex Lemarkoko, in a speech read on his behalf by his deputy Ms. Charity Munyasya during a consultative meeting with the Trans Nzoia County Government and a reconnaissance of the project, stated that the conservation and restoration of the Mt. Elgon ecosystem is a priority area that calls for a collective effort.

“The County Governments of Trans Nzoia and Bungoma are key partners in the implementation of the project and are also members of the project steering committee, which is chaired by the Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry,” he said.

Lemarkoko termed the grant as a boost to the conservation and restoration efforts of Mt. Elgon ecosystem adding that the project will be implemented with major focus on development of an in-

clusive and responsible coffee value chain and sustainable staple food production systems.

Saying Kenya ranks among the leading producers of several commodities in Africa and even globally, Lemarkoko explained that unsustainable and inefficient production of most of the commodities has for a long time immensely contributed to the degradation of the country’s major ecosystems, providing a major reason why the country joined the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program of GEF.

Terming Mt. Elgon Forest Ecosystem as a key water tower and biodiversity hotspot vital to the climate action and livelihoods of forest-adjacent commu-

**“The County Governments of Trans Nzoia and Bungoma are key partners in the implementation of the project and are also members of the project steering committee, which is chaired by the Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry,” - Alex**

nities, Lemarkoko added the cross-border natural forest which is a habitat for flora and fauna should be zealously protected for posterity.

“As the project will be focusing on forest protection, conservation, restoration and management of 7,000 hectares of degraded forest land, adjacent communities will benefit by participation in implementation and decision making and will access contracts to raise seedlings and restoration of degraded areas,” he said.

Present during the meeting was Trans Nzoia County Commissioner Gideon Oyagi who welcomed the collaborative arrangement saying it will immensely help achieve the 15 billion national tree planting initiative by 2032.

“For the five years the project will be in place, the county’s annual tree planting initiative of 11 million trees will be achieved and by extension the national target of 15 billion trees by 2032,” he said.

Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya welcomed the partnership, stressing on the need to fully involve the county units in the implementation of the project failure to which tangible results may not be achieved.

“As a county, we are readily available to coin partnerships which can help our people. If well implemented, this project will go a long way in helping our region and the country at large,” he added.

However, let us consider fully involving the local communities in the implantation process,” Ntembeya said.

## Kenya to showcase advancement in technology, innovation at the International conference

BY RACHAEL KILONZO (PCO)

The Government is keen on leveraging her advancement in technology, highlighting its projects in the Digital Economy which have provided an enabling environment for Science, Technology and Innovation during the 41st International Association of Science Parks(IASP) in Nairobi.

The Conference, according to the ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui (Pictured), being hosted by the Konza Technopolis will bring together experts from Science and Technology Parks (STPs), Other Areas of Innovation (OAI), technology-based incubators, academia, the public sector, business community and development partners from over 50 countries.

This makes Kenya, second African country to host the conference scheduled for September 24-25, 2024 after South Africa hosted it in 2006.

Eng. Tanui said as a country Kenya is looking forward to hosting delegates and members of IASP and expects to use the conference to showcase her advancement in technology highlighting the Government’s projects in the Digital Economy and technology which provide an enabling environment for Science, Technology and Innovation to thrive in Kenya.

“For Africa, we look forward to sharing our collective progress in science, technology and innovation. We are living in unprecedented times, where the 4th Industrial Revolution is already here with us as witnessed by the disruptive generative Artificial Intelligence (gen A.I), Internet of Things (IoTs), Big Data, Block Chains, Artificial Machine Learning (AML), Areas of Innovations (AOIs) among other emerging technologies,” added Eng. Tanui.

The PS noted that the diverse and rich pool of delegates from policy makers to academicians, tech innovators to entrepreneurs, governments to industry players, scientists to researchers will offer a perfect platform to interrogate how we intend to harness these new technological developments for the betterment of humanity.

He said that the theme of Demographics, Entrepreneurship and Technology, defining the frontiers of economies will have a rich menu of topical and timely thematic areas which will shed light on key areas that will shape progress into a digital world.

The PS said discussions on thematic areas such as youth entrepreneurship Ecosystem, Sustainable Innovation for Aging population, Digital Transformation and Education, Distributed Global Manufacturing and Shared Value Creation, Innovation and Emerging Markets, could not have come at a better time.

Other thematic areas to be covered, Tanui noted, will be, Future of Works and Talents De-



velopment, Ethical Considerations in Innovations, Inclusive Innovation for Underserved Population, Circular Economy and Sustainability, Disparity and Demographics, Food Technology and Climate Change, STPs & AOIs as Drivers of Future Economies, The FinTech Sector and Emerging Funding Models, the Role of Communication and Evidence-based Decision Making and Emerging Tech and A.I

“As IASP Africa, we are acutely aware of our bulging youthful demographic population, the challenges of inadequate infrastructure and skill gaps which might hinder rapid progress. With the advent of the 4th Industrial Revolution, we have a potential platform to transform our economies into the digital space and provide endless opportunities for our vibrant youthful population. By exploiting and riding on our synergies, we will be able to surmount these challenges” the PS noted.

He further said, “we look forward to exploring all areas of collaboration which will put us on a pedestal that will leapfrog us through the traditional development stages and usher us into the new era within the shortest time possible.”

In 2021, Kenya submitted its entry through a Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KōTDA) to host the 41st IASP World Conference.

During the 39th IASP World Conference held in Seville, Spain in September 2022 Kenya was voted as the preferred candidate, garnering 84 votes at the general assembly of members.

IASP is an independent, non-profit, NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UNESCO).

It is a world-wide membership-based network of Science Parks and areas of Innovation whose mission is “to be the global network for science parks and areas of innovation, and to drive growth, internationalization and effectiveness for its members”. The IASP has over 400 members drawn from science parks and areas of innovation globally.

# World Vision's 'get a goat' initiative helps fight FGM in Kuria community

BY GEOFFREY MAKOKHA  
AND GEORGE AGIMBA (KNA)

A non-governmental organization (NGO) has developed a unique approach to combating the age-old practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) in Migori County.

FGM, which is prevalent among the Kuria people, has long deprived community members of their socio-economic rights.

Recent interventions by World Vision to address this issue have proven successful.

World Vision introduced a program called 'Get a Goat - Stop FGM,' which has encouraged many locals to turn to goat rearing and abandon FGM.

"The program has effectively exposed the younger generation to alternatives and moved them away from the harmful practice of FGM," said Mr. Zadrack Yator, a cluster manager at World Vision. He added that the program has also provided a valuable income-generating opportunity for the youth.

The goat farming programme, he said, aims at shifting the attention of the Kuria people away from harmful practices like FGM, early marriages and teenage pregnancies.

Yator stressed that goat rearing is a perfect endeavor to address the challenges of poverty and FGM within the Kuria community.

"We decided to promote dairy farming through donating goats to our beneficiaries by encouraging them to focus on milk and meat production so as to improve their economic stability and curb pressure to engage in harmful traditional practices like FGM," Yator noted.

It is a 'big dream' programme that is promoting dairy goat farming in Kuria, he pointed out as he painted a bright future for those who have embraced the programme.

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Migori County and the national government, the Anti FGM Board and many other institutions winking against FGM have become enormously important in laying a worthy roadmap to putting an end to FGM vice within the Kuria region, he said.

These bodies' interventions such as the usage of art, drama and music to pass the anti-FGM messages that promote education rights to the girl child through safe educational learning centres, and the usage of role models in Kuria society have drastically reduced the vice.

Other efforts like the girl-child talks by the First Ladies Association, the introduction of education sponsorship, civic education, empowering the community people with alternative livelihoods and facilitating the Kuria elders to appease their spirits have also contributed to the reduction of FGM.

However, to continue fighting the vice, a lot of livelihood activities need to be promulgated to ensure the community engages in positive and productive activities, Yator said.

In the spirit of eliminating this vice, World Vision, for example, has been engaging with the Kuria community in sustainable developmental projects to divert attention of the community from practicing FGM. World Vision has so far donated 504 goats across the county.

The big dream programme is also promoting dairy goat farming in Kuria and will directly support children's welfare and the livelihoods of the community by exposing the positivity of productive enterprises within the Kuria region.

"Our aim through this initiative is to improve child nutrition and boost household economic income. We are



**A beneficiary of the World Vision initiative dubbed Big Dream Programme. The organisation provided 504 dairy goats to 504 families in Kuria to enhance their livelihoods by eradicating poverty and FGM.**

trying to contribute to the economic income nose-dive that for a long time has been attributed to the rise and increase of FGM practice within the Kuria Community," Yator explained.

Migori County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Chacha Mosenda, said that the county has been at the forefront of embracing stakeholders in the fight against FGM in Kuria.

Mosenda who emanates

from the Kuria community says that viable economic ventures are the only surest root in capping FGM.

The official disclosed that circumcisers taking part in FGM have been doing this heinous act for economic benefits.

But by introducing viable economic enterprises like goat rearing by World Vision, the menace can have stopped forever, he said.

"As a county, we have been engaging the com-

munity by also providing free seeds to boost the agricultural sector and empower our communities through productive initiatives," said Mosenda.

The county official acknowledges that the community's focus on FGM elimination stems from the negative practice of marrying off girls at their tender ages after they have undergone the procedure, to gain wealth for their parents.

# Youth Fund unveils new loan products to boost youth entrepreneurship

BY MATHEW CHEPKEWEL  
(MYGOV)

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund has launched new loan products to address the diverse needs of young entrepreneurs and encourage their participation in key government priority sectors. The initiative also aims to provide more tailored financial support to the country's youth to promote innovation and drive economic growth across various trades.

The Fund is now offering a range of distinct loan products, each designed to cater to specific entrepreneurial needs and align with government priorities. According to the Fund's CEO, Mr. Josiah Moriasi, the new loan products reflect the Fund's commitment to supporting a wide variety of youth-led enterprises and helping youth tap into opportunities within the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Moriasi noted that one of the standout additions to

the Fund's portfolio is the Go Green loan, which targets youth with ventures in the green economy. "This product will support youth in areas such as renewable energy, waste management, organic farming, afforestation, and carbon credits, among others," Moriasi explained.

He added that this loan product aligns perfectly with the government's efforts to address climate change challenges and global trends toward sustainable development. The loan, he said, positions Kenyan youth at the forefront of the green economy revolution.

Other new loan products unveiled by the Fund include the V-talanta loan for the creative industry and VIBE for those with ventures in the blue economy. "Recognizing the importance of international opportunities, the Fund has also launched a migration loan." Moriasi elaborated, "Besides entrepreneurship, the Fund also

facilitates young people to access jobs abroad".

"As a player in the labor migration ecosystem, we have introduced a migration loan where youth can access up to Sh300,000 to cover travel and documentation costs" the CEO said.

This, he said, will enable young Kenyans to pursue international career opportunities that might otherwise

be out of reach due to financial constraints.

These new products join the Fund's existing loan products, which include group loans, business start-up and expansion loans, asset finance and specialized loans for sectors such as agriculture and trade finance.

Together, the CEO said, they form a comprehensive

financial ecosystem that will nurture and support young entrepreneurs at every stage of their entrepreneurial journey.

Moriasi said, for those interested in applying for these loans, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund has established a straightforward application process.

Prospective applicants should begin by visiting

their respective county headquarters and enquire about the Youth Fund Office from where they can obtain a loan application form, which they should fill out completely and attach all required documents. Once completed, the form should be returned to the same office. Upon submission, a Youth Fund Officer will guide applicants through all subsequent steps including vetting, training and explaining the repayment procedures.

After approval, the loan funds will be deposited directly into the bank account of the applying group or individual business.

It is important to note that the Fund's support does not end with the disbursement of funds.

Youth Fund officers' conduct regular monitoring of the funded businesses as well as provide continuous capacity building and mentorship to ensure the success of these young entrepreneurs.



**Chris Thairu and Susan Gitari of Chess Cars Logistics Ltd receive a dummy key from George Thiga, the Youth Fund's Credit Officer in charge of Nairobi County.**

# Siyoi-Muruny dam almost complete, to enhance water availability

BY ANTONY MELI - (KNA)

The State Department for Irrigation expects the Sh8 billion Siyoi-Muruny Dam in West Pokot County, which has a storage capacity of 8.9 billion liters of water, to supply about 39 million liters of water per day to a population of 350,000 in the Kapenguria and Makutano areas of West Pokot County.

During a tour of the dam, State Department for Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho noted that the Sh8 billion dam in the semi-arid West Pokot County is 72 percent complete. Kimotho added that the government has allocated 900 million shillings to the project for this financial year, with another 900 million shillings allocated through the supplementary budget, making



the project expected to be fully completed by March 2025.

The County Government of West Pokot, through Chief Executive Committee Member (CECM) for the Water Department Mr. William Petot, said the county has identified 3,500 acres in the Chepareria area that need to be put under ir-

rigation. He requested the State Department for Irrigation to support this initiative, which aims to enhance food security in the ASAL area.

Speaking, the National Water Storage and Harvesting Authority Chairman Mr. Symon Kimaru said the dam will be a game changer in the region.

# Thika top hospital to offer chemotherapy services

BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)

Thika Level Five Hospital has acquired a chemotherapy biosafety cabinet, an essential piece of equipment for the safe preparation of cancer treatment medications.

The biosafety cabinet is now available in the diag-

nostic wing of the cancer center. It will safeguard both healthcare workers and the environment from hazardous chemotherapy drugs, as its advanced containment system effectively minimizes the risk of exposure to toxic substances.

Speaking at the facility, Dr. Patrick Nyaga, the hospital superinten-

dent, revealed that the new equipment would significantly enhance the quality of cancer care at the Level Five Hospital. He emphasized that this advancement would also reduce the need for patients to travel long distances for chemotherapy services, thereby making cancer treatment more accessible.

# Land reforms on course as Tharaka Nithi residents get 19,000 title deeds



Lands CS Alice Wahome (2nd Left) with PS Nixon Korir at Kathangachini Market in Tharaka Nithi County joins the residents to celebrate their title deeds

BY CATHERINE MUINDI (PCO)

In a landmark move underscoring the government's commitment to land reforms, Lands Cabinet Secretary Ms Alice Wahome issued 19,000 title deeds to residents of Kathangachini, Tharaka Nithi County underlining part of the government's ambitious target to deliver over 300,000 titles by the end of the year, as it ramps up efforts to resolve historical land injustices.

Accompanied by Lands Principal Secretary Nixon Korir, Wahome emphasized the transformative impact of secure land ownership on communities, particularly in marginalized and rural areas like Tharaka North. An initiative, she said, is in line with Presidential directives aimed at empowering Kenyans through land tenure security, a crucial step toward national economic growth.

"By issuing these title deeds, we are not just transferring documents, we are giving people the opportunity to unlock the full potential of their land, to invest, develop, and secure their future," said Wahome.

This, Wahome said, is a

critical milestone for the Tharaka people and for the nation at large, as we continue on the path toward addressing historical land challenges.

The title deeds were issued amidst cheers from the local community, who have long sought formal recognition of their ancestral lands. The issuance will enable the residents to engage in activities that were previously hindered by the lack of formal ownership, such as accessing credit facilities and increasing agricultural productivity.

In a notable appeal, CS Wahome urged landowners to hold onto their property rather than selling it, stressing the importance of developing the land for future generations. She further called on families to embrace gender inclusivity in land inheritance, encouraging parents to consider their daughters when distributing ancestral land.

PS Nixon Korir reiterated the government's focus on ensuring equitable land ownership across the country. "This is a step forward in resolving long-standing land issues. We are committed to seeing that every Kenyan has the right to own land and benefit from it," he said, adding that the administra-

tion is working tirelessly to address these challenges nationwide.

Local leaders, including Tharaka MP Murugara George Gitonga, praised the government's efforts, noting that the issuance of title deeds would boost local investment and development. The formalization of land ownership is expected to bring stability and prosperity to the region, enabling residents to fully utilize their land for economic activities.

This initiative follows similar efforts in other counties, with the Lands Ministry recently issuing 37,000 titles in Meru and title deeds in Narok County. The government has prioritized land reforms as part of its broader strategy to empower marginalized communities, promote economic stability, and address historical injustices that have affected land ownership across Kenya.

The Ministry of Lands, in collaboration with county governments and other stakeholders, remains committed to ensuring that all Kenyans benefit from these reforms.

This rapid issuance of title deeds is not only a key pillar of the administration's land reform agenda but also a testament to the government's dedication to fulfilling its promises to Kenyans.

# ODPC teams up with regulators to enhance data protection in Kenya

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) has underlined its commitment to enhance compliance with data protection laws and to promote responsible data use in Kenya through collaboration with stakeholders.

Data Commissioner Ms Immaculate Kassait noted during a meeting with regulators, membership bodies and associations that teamwork is vital to address data protection issues like breaches and identity theft.

Through such partnerships, Kassait said the outfits will play an instrumental role in ensuring that the entities adhere to the law and that data handlers understand their legal obligations and take the necessary steps to meet them.

"No single entity can tackle the challenges of data protection alone. Whether we represent the government, the private sector, or civil society, we each have a role in this ecosystem," Kassait stated.

"That is why partnerships like the ones we celebrate today are essential. By ensuring compliance with data protection laws, we are upholding the dignity and privacy of every Kenyan," the



Data Commissioner Ms Immaculate Kassait.

Data Commissioner added.

She raised concern that data breaches, identity theft, unauthorized sharing of personal data, and intrusive surveillance are becoming more prevalent in the digital era.

"This is why the protection of personal data is not only a regulatory requirement but a moral imperative. By ensuring robust data protection, we safeguard not just individual privacy, but also foster trust in our systems and institutions," she said.

She urged the outfits to educate individuals, businesses and entities they accredit or register on the importance of data privacy and empower them to adopt secure and ethical data practices.

"Data protection is a cross-cutting issue that af-

fects every sector of the economy. It requires a coordinated, collaborative approach, with each of us playing our part in ensuring that data is handled responsibly and securely. This compliance must begin with a push for registration," Kassait said.

Deputy Data Commissioner Rose Mosero encouraged businesses to register with the ODPC since it is a legal requirement and will ensure there is transparency and accountability in handling personal data.

Mosero added that the registration will allow the ODPC to identify and track entities processing personal data, assess their compliance with the law, and intervene when necessary to protect individuals' data rights.

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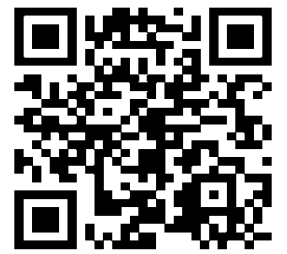


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ECONOMY

## State gives SMEs a helping hand

Hundreds of small businesses benefit from financial, training, business development and incubation services offered by various State agencies in the sector

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MSMES SUPPORT  
**200,000**

To create a more formalised, competitive MSMEs sector, the Government has registered over 200,000 small businesses as it seeks to harmonise the regulatory environment for the businesses across the country. Entrepreneurs, therefore, need to register their startups to benefit from the various activities.



Jackline Mugo of Out of Kenya Specialty Tea at her enterprise. Ms Mugo has registered her business with MSEA, enabling her access market and training.

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"We thank KYEB led by CEO Lilian Kimeto for having worked on this Strategic Plan that we launch today."

KNATCOM Acting Secretary-General/CEO, Dr James Njogu, said KYEB had done excellent work during the editing and design of the Commission's third Strategic Plan, which was launched on September 12, 2024.

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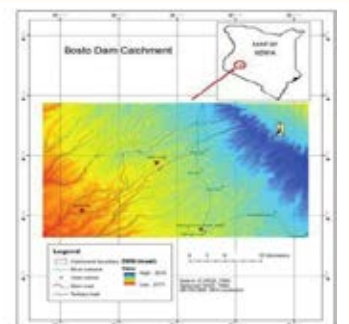
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**Bungoma**

The region has a population of about 1.6 million.



Sh20 billion dam that will change Bomet County

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# From manufacturing to trade and agribusiness, startups benefit from Government support

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The support from the Government has enabled the business to grow, having started with a few employees to currently employing 35 workers, 90 per cent who are youth. Out of 35, a good number are women and persons living with disabilities.

"The team plays a key role in production of our products through MIG welding, mechanical operations, packaging and delivery," said Kariuki. He observed that the company began

by producing curtain rings and has expanded to offer a wide variety of products.

"Seven Twenty Holdings sources raw materials, including furniture pipes and flat bars from local suppliers in Nairobi and Kiambu counties," he recounted.

Kariuki's startup is among the many micro and small enterprises (MSEs) that were contracted to supply fittings to the various Affordable Housing Projects by the Government. "We supplied hundreds of curtain rods to the project in Mukuru kwa Jenga," said Kariuki.

The company recently diversified into making paints under the brand name Set Paints. "Our paint collections include Covermat Paint, Silk Vinyl, Wall Master, Weather Guard and Pillar, which are already available in Nairobi, Kiambu, Nakuru and Kisumu," said Kariuki, adding the startup plans to open a new branch in Kisumu.

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### MSMES' BENEFITS TO THE ECONOMY

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) are a vital component of the economy.

The sector promotes collaboration, resource-sharing and skill development among small enterprises, fostering economic growth and resilience at the grassroots.

It comprises mainly small businesses and entrepreneurs, who focus on various industries, including agriculture, trade and services.

The businesses play a crucial role in job creation, income generation and poverty alleviation.

Government initiatives and supportive policies in the sector aim to enhance the sustainability and impact of the businesses.

These include regulatory improvements, financial support mechanisms and training initiatives.



Workers make curtain rods at Ken Kariuki's start up in Mwhiko, Nairobi.  
Below: Mr Kariuki at his business premises.

The Government has implemented various programmes and initiatives to support small and micro businesses, with the sector being one of its priorities under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

In November 2022, the Government launched the Financial Inclusion Fund, popularly known as the Hustler Fund, through which it has disbursed Sh52.9 billion to 23.2 million Kenyans, a majority of them running small businesses.

President William Ruto on September 12, 2024, noted that over two million Kenyans borrow money from the Fund daily.

"We rolled out the Hustler Fund and have already invested Sh12 billion in it, and we have 2 million Kenyans borrowing every day. All this is delivered on a technology platform," he said.

The Fund is a deliberate and strategic

financial inclusion measure, which has provided affordable credit and mobilised savings for up to 2.2 million individuals and small businesses.

Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF), which offers loans and grants to young entrepreneurs, providing them with the financial resources needed to start and grow their businesses.

Women Entrepreneurship Fund (WEF) provides loans and grants to women entrepreneurs, aiming to empower them and promote gender equality in the business sector.

The Government also provides business development and incubation services through institutions like the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) and Kenya Industrial Estates (KIE), which provide technical assistance, training and market research to MSMEs.

On the other hand, MSEA supports the growth and development of small businesses, which are vital contributors to the country's economy.

According to the Authority, it assists entrepreneurs in registering their businesses; provides training, mentoring, and consultancy services; facilitates access to finance for SMEs through partnerships with financial institutions; advocates for their interests of SMEs at both local and national levels and provides platforms for SMEs to connect with each other and potential partners.

Through these organisations and initiatives, the Government has demonstrated its commitment to supporting SMEs and fostering a vibrant business environment.

Susan Mangeni, the Principal Secretary, State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, noted that MSMEs are a cornerstone of Kenya's economy for they play a crucial role in creating jobs, generating wealth, driving innovation and contributing to revenue generation, which are vital in unlocking the potential of young people. "To address the immediate needs of young entrepreneurs, the State Department is laying the foundation for sustainable economic growth through diversification of raw resources and explaining the different value chains," she said.

PS Mangeni observed that the Government through its various agencies, including MSEA, is committed to support small enterprises.

According to the PS, MSEA is currently running two programmes namely NYOTA and KJET, which offer extensive support to MSMEs in need of machinery, financing and other business development resources for purposes of accelerating the country's industrialisation and job creation dreams as a country.

"This aligns with the BETA agenda, which focuses on all inclusive development," she said.

To create a more formalised, competitive MSMEs sector, the Government has registered over 200,000 small businesses as it seeks to harmonise the regulatory environment for the businesses across the country. Entrepreneurs, therefore, need to register their startups to benefit from the various activities. ■

## TELLING THE STORY

# Kenya Yearbook recognised for quality editorial and design work

Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM) has acknowledged the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) for its proficiency in designing and editing of various publications.

KNATCOM Acting Secretary-General/CEO, Dr James Njogu, said KYEB had done excellent work during the editing and design of the Commission's third Strategic Plan 2024-2029, which was launched on September 12, 2024.

"We thank KYEB led by CEO

Lilian Kimeto for having worked on this Strategic Plan that we launch today," Dr Njogu said. The Cabinet Secretary for Education Julius Ogamba said the Strategic Plan comes at a critical time in KNATCOM history as it celebrates 60 years of existence.

"This Plan is more than a roadmap, it represents as shared vision as Kenya aligns its aspirations with UNESCO mandate," he said.

Prof Mohamed Rajab, the chairperson of KNATCOM Board, said the agency is proud to launch the Strategic Plan, which represents commitment to

continuous improvement.

"This plan aligns with Vision 2030 and MTP IV and BETA. It resonates with regional frameworks including AU Agenda 2063 and East African Community's Vision 2050. It identifies key thematic issues including strengthening science and technology, inclusive social development and fostering intercultural dialogue, creativity and diversity," he said

Besides KNATCOM, KYEB has produced Strategic Plans for WASREB, ICT, Trade and Public Service Ministries and KIMC. ■



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto (front row, seventh right), Director of UNESCO for Eastern Africa Alexandros Makarigakis (tenth right) and Ag Sec-Gen/CEO KNATCOM, Dr James Njogu (fourth left), among other dignitaries during the launch of KNATCOM's Strategic Plan 2024-2029 in Nairobi, last week.

## Huduma Kenya takes part in Maisha Namba rules public Participation forums

**H**uduma Kenya engaged in a public participation forum on the Maisha Namba Ecosystem as the Government educates citizens on new rules that it seeks to introduce.

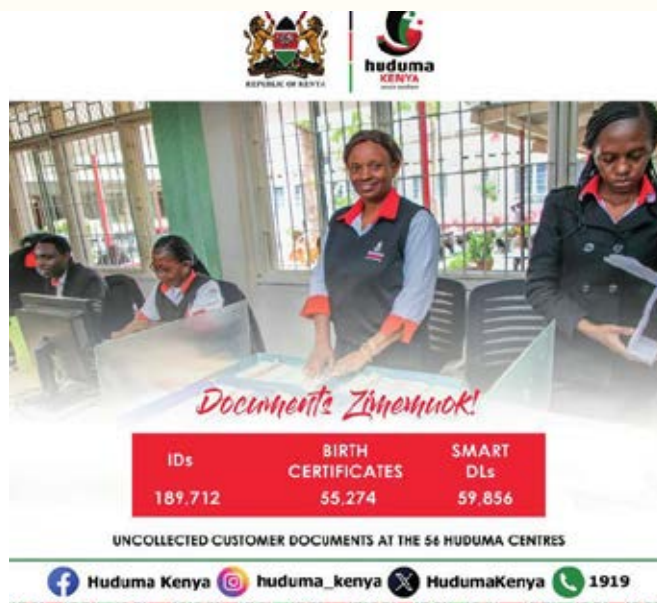
The forums are essential for developing the Registration of Persons, Births, and Deaths Registration Amendment Rules, which will streamline the legal framework for the rollout of Maisha Namba.

Centre Managers from various regions, including Eastleigh, Kajiado West, Samburu, Nyandarua, and Kirinyaga, participated in the discussions,

contributing valuable insights and feedback. Huduma Kenya, a key stakeholder in the provision of identity cards through Huduma Centres, has been actively involved in the forums.

The public participation forums are designed to ensure that the new regulations are comprehensive and inclusive, addressing the needs and concerns of all citizens.

The involvement of Huduma Kenya underscores the importance of a collaborative approach in the successful implementation of the Maisha Namba Ecosystem. ■



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CLEAN WATER

# Sh20 billion dam that will change Bomet County

The project aligns with the Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) through supporting agricultural production

**T**he Government is set to implement the Sh20 billion Bosto Dam project in Bomet County following discussions between Kenya and China during President William Ruto's recent visit to the Asian nation.

The project is among those which President Ruto discussed with his Chinese counterpart Xinjing, with the others being construction of rural roads and extension of the Standard Gauge Railway from Naivasha to Malaba.

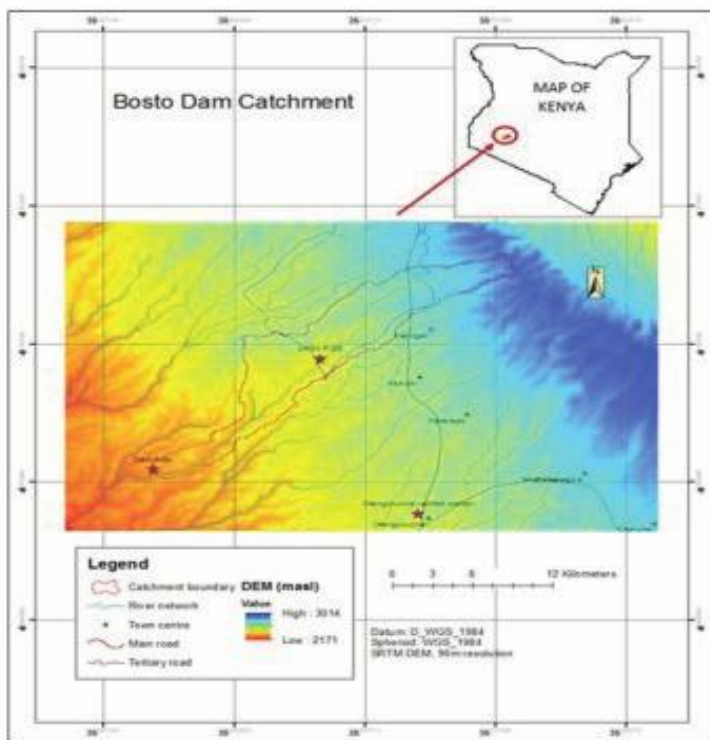
"We have secured Sh15 billion from the Chinese government for the Bosto water project," President Ruto.

The National Water Authority (NWA) is the implementing agency of the project that will be completed in three years. NWA identified the need for water in Bomet and the neighboring Kericho County after carrying out feasibility studies.

Located along Kipsonoi River in the Southwest of Mau Forest Reserve, the dam will provide water to over 75 per cent of Bomet County and various areas in Kericho.

It will have a reservoir capacity of 18.8 million cubic meters (18.8 billion litres) and serve a population of 709,000 with an estimated coverage area of 1,052km<sup>2</sup>.

Further, the project will provide water for power generation and irrigate approximately



17,500 acres.

Only about 41 per cent of the population in Bomet has access to clean water as compared to national coverage of 73 per cent. NWA notes that most of the water supply systems in the county are small, old and unsustainable hence the need to increase this coverage.

According to NWA, "The primary objective of the project is to provide sufficient water supply to meet the medium and long-term demand for water in Bomet. It is targeted to serve Bomet town and Sotik, Koinin, Bomet Central, Chepalungu and Bomet East constituencies and parts of Bureti sub-county in Kericho County."

In the feasibility study, the Authority identified Bomet East and Chepalungu sub-counties as the driest parts of Bomet County with potential for irrigation with water from Bosto dam. The County Government of Bomet has designated the area as a food basket and grain promotion zone, according to Bomet County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) of 2023-2027.

Targeted crops for irrigation include sorghum, sweet potatoes, beans, maize, vegetables, mangoes, watermelons and bananas. Other potential crops that can perform well in the areas include onions, avocados and fodder for dairy farming. Provision of water for irrigation will increase production by significant margins and improve livelihoods through social-economic development.

The project aligns with the Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) through supporting agricultural production and enhancing access to water by the common mwanainchi.

Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation notes that the Government will build 100 mega dams in the long-term, 34 of them that have already been earmarked for development. The funding of the projects is being done through public private partnership (PPP). ■

STRATEGIC PLAN

## CS Ndung'u launches roadmap to hasten digital transformation

**T**he Government has committed to creating an enabling environment to fast track digital transformation and enable the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector to thrive.

Dr Margaret Ndung'u, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, said this would enable the country to remain at the forefront of ICT innovation and the use of digital technology.

"Our goal is to ensure every Kenyan accesses digital technology for personal and professional growth. We have made major strides in expanding the fibre network and we are in discus-

sions with the private sector to do more," Dr Ndung'u said during the launch of the ICT Authority Strategic Plan (2024-2027). The plan will drive innovation in the country's ICT sector, narrow the digital divide, promote inclusion and enhance safety in the digital space, according to Dr Ndung'u added.

She said that the Government would empower women through digital technologies to ensure they are not left behind in the nation's digital journey.

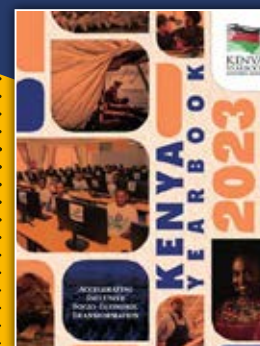
Mr Stanley Kamanguya, the chief executive officer of Kenya's ICT Authority, said the institution will expand the country's internet coverage countrywide, by laying 100,000 kilometres (62,000



ICT Cabinet Secretary, Dr Margaret Ndung'u (3rd right), PSS Broadcasting Edward Kisiang'ani (2nd left) and ICT Eng. John Tanui (2nd right), ICT Authority (ICTA) Board Chairman Sylvanus Maritim (right) and CEO Stanley Kamanguya during the launch of ICTA's Strategic Plan in Nairobi last week.

miles) of fibre optic cable, install 25,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots and establish 1,450 digital village smart hubs.

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board is among institution that was recognised as a key partner of the ICT Authority, which also launched the start of preparation for the 2025 Connected Summit. ■



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PICTURESPEAK: UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET AGRIBUSINESS TRADE FAIR

The University of Eldoret held its Agribusiness Trade Fair from September 12 to 14, 2024 in Uasin Gishu County. The show attracted hundreds of participants who sampled various agricultural technologies, including new seed varieties, and best practices in dairy farming.



## Strengthened coordination, supervision to enhance completion of state projects

BY **FATMA SAID** (KNA)

The Government has strengthened the coordination, implementation and supervision of national programmes and projects to accelerate their completion.

At the county level, field project inspections will be conducted under the leadership of National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) in collaboration with the National Government Coordination Secretariat (NGCS).

Through a whole-of-government approach (WOGA) and improved communication between Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, the aim is to improve public service delivery and the successful implementation of the national development agenda, anchored on the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The NGCS has launched its Coast region field verification visits to assess the progress of various government-sponsored projects and ensure that the projects are being implemented effectively and in line with the government's development



**Eastern Regional Commissioner Paul Rotich leads the National Government Coordination Secretariat on an inspection of NHC Affordable housing in Embu.**

agenda.

Led by the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary (PCS) Joseph Buseiga, the Secretariat was accompanied by the Coast Regional Commissioner (RC) Rhoda Onyancha and both the county and regional development committees during a tour of Mombasa projects.

The team toured the Port of Mombasa to assess the progress of Container Terminal II which was set to increase capacity from 1.65M TEUs to 2.1M by 2022 and is complete and fully operational.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Development

at Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Mathews Amuti said that the Kipevu Oil Terminal II, an offshore island facility relocated next to Kenya Navy, has four berths completed and three berths fitted with equipment for handling large petroleum tanker vessels of up to 120,000,000 million litres. The project was commissioned in 2022.

"The Cruise Ship Terminal has also been modernized to the current facilities at berths 1 and 2 to accommodate the envisaged growth in the tourism sector. The terminal is in use," Amuti said.

Speaking at the Mombasa Port, the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Joseph Busiega, expressed how important the ground evaluations are, noting that they seek to address challenges or delays, promote accountability, transparency, and the efficient use of public resources in national development.

They later visited the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to assess LPG firm Taifa Gas, which is still in the establishment stages and will be complete by September next year.

The Secretariat followed up on the full compensation to the project-affected persons and the land is now available for investment opportunities. Together with the SEZ, also evaluated was Dongo Kundu Southern Bypass.

Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) Coast Regional Director Jared Makori said the project's purpose is to give a bypass for traffic from the Port, the SGR, and the South Coast without entering Mombasa Island. The road goes to the Port and has exits that go through Port Reitz towards the airport and Mombasa.

## State Department identifies 32 investors for new Kenya Leather Industrial Park

BY **MUTISO MBITHI** (MYGOV)

The State Department for Livestock Development has identified 32 investors to establish leather manufacturing at the Kenya Leather Industrial Park, which is 85% complete. Once operational, it will enhance the development of the leather value chain in the country.

According to the Department, the Leather Industrial Park is a multi-industry facility, aiming to host nine tanneries, twenty leather goods manufacturers in Phase One of the project, leather chemicals and accessories manufacturers, one chemical supplier, and one leather industry fabricator.

These investors are expected to set up operations

once the park becomes operational.

The 32 investors have expressed interest in the park through letters of intent and will begin developing their industries after the Department advertises and publishes the Investor Occupation Criteria.

The Department has also trained 1,166 flayers in 163 slaughterhouses, providing them with 1,195 flaying tools, including knives and steel files, to improve the quality of hides and skins for export.

In a statement distributed to the media, the Department announced that animal vaccine production by the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAP) increased from 30.1 million doses in 2022 to 35.2 million doses in 2023, marking a 17% rise.



**Livestock PS Jonathan Mueke (2nd right in white coat) participates in a vaccination campaign (File photo)**

The Department says that it has also upscaled surveillance on the contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome CoronaVirus (MERS-COV), Foot and Mouth Disease and Rift Valley Fever (RVF), processed 46,147 animal samples in its veterinary and

inspected 17 hatcheries and breeding farms and 5DOC distribution points.

The statement further says that the Department has engaged and deployed 1,128 veterinary interns while 1,176 students have graduated from livestock training institutions and improved infrastructure in training institutions.

### BRIEFS

#### Kenya now launches drive to end open defecation by 2025

The Government has intensified efforts to completely eradicate open defecation in the country by the end of 2025.

According to statistics, five million Kenyans still practice open defecation, with 85 percent residing in fifteen counties. However, strategies are underway to declare these areas open defecation-free (ODF) by the end of 2025. The Kenya Sanitation Alliance (KSA), launched in 2021 with the goal of eliminating open defecation in Kenya by 2025 through a combination of policy interventions, community engagement, and infrastructure development, is spearheading these efforts.

The fifteen counties identified as having the highest rates of open defecation are Baringo, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale, Mandera, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir, and West Pokot.

Senior health officials from these fifteen high-burden counties, led by their County Health Executives

(CECs), as well as officials from the Ministry of Water and Sanitation and development partners such as UNICEF, USAID, and AMREF, gathered at a hotel in Malindi under the auspices of the KSA to discuss strategies for eradicating the practice.

Mr. Daniel Kurao from Amref Health Africa in Kenya said many partners had come together under the Kenya Sanitation Alliance to eradicate the sanitation burden in the 15 counties where 85 percent of the ten per cent of Kenyans practicing open defecation come from.

"We come together because we see a burden that in Kenya, ten per cent of those doing open defecation, is a big number, about five million out of which 85 per cent are in these 15 counties," he said, noting the ODF is the major cause of diarrhoeal diseases.

"This is the major problem that we see in very young children appearing through diarrhoea" he said.

By Emmanuel Masha (KNA)

#### NCIC unveils 'Amani Clubs' to foster peace among youth

As the country prepares to celebrate the International Day of Peace 2024, the Government, through the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), has unveiled social clubs to promote peaceful and inclusive societies.

The initiative, named "Amani Clubs," will be established in learning institutions to cultivate a culture of peace from an early age, allowing children to learn and embrace peace from childhood.

During a courtesy call to the Uasin Gishu County Commissioner's Office, where she met with county peace stakeholders, NCIC Commissioner Dorcas Kedogo emphasized that the commission aims to ensure sustainable peace by teaching and mentoring the younger generation about peace. This effort is intended to instill a culture of peace as they grow up, understanding the benefits of a peaceful society.

"We pray that we always have peace as we continue to develop effective plans to ensure our county enjoys sustainable peace. We have realized that ne-

glecting our young generation, Gen Z, by not teaching them about peace, could have adverse effects. We don't want that," she said.

She alluded that they have revived Amani clubs in schools across Uasin Gishu County and others, noting that they were there but seemed to stop functioning, and that is why they met with the heads of the education sector so that the young generation may feel a sense of inclusivity through peaceful engagements, which will play a key role in making them embrace peace even in future life after school.

On his part, the NCIC Regional Coordinator for the North Rift region Mr. Ijaika Victor Bulemi indicated that the commission is keen on fostering peace and cohesion in the republic, noting that they have a regional office in West Pokot County which will also cover Uasin Gishu Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and Turkana. He further called for strong cooperation between state and non-state actors in the space of peace and conflict resolution.

By Ekuwam Silvester (KNA)