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CBC: Ministry to complete 7,500 extra classrooms by December

Education CS Julius Ogamba says significant progress has been made in the construction of the necessary classrooms in readiness for the Grade Nine students

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government will disburse Sh7.5 billion to schools for the construction of an additional 7,500 classrooms, which are expected to be completed by December 2024.

Education Cabinet Secretary Mr. Julius Ogamba stated that significant progress has been made in the construction of the necessary classrooms for Grade

3.4b

Amount of money government is set to release to the NGCDF for the construction of 6000 classrooms

Nine. Currently, the ministry is constructing 3,500 classrooms nationwide.

"We are also working on releasing Sh3.4 billion to the NGCDF for the construction of another 6,000 classrooms," Mr.

Ogamba said.

Speaking at Lenana School Primary, Ogamba mentioned that the necessary Grade 9 textbooks will be distributed to schools across the country starting this September.

"This morning, I visited several primary and junior schools in Kajiado, Machakos, and Nairobi Counties. I sampled a few

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Education CS Julius Ogamba

Mbadi aims at revenue target



Finance and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi during his home coming party in Suba South, Homa Bay county. PHOTO: DAVIS LANGAT. STORY ON PAGE 6

The Week In numbers

Sh7.5b

Amount of money the state will disburse to schools for the construction 7,500 classrooms countrywide

Sh300m

Loan granted to a Murang'a based Sacco KDC to facilitate support for MSMEs

Sh72

Price per kilo cotton farmers from Yatta, in Machakos county will be paid up from Sh50 per kilo

25,000

Number of youths trained under the Public Service Internship programme (PSIP)

Public Service trainee program prepares for 7th Cohort after mentoring 25,200 graduates

BY TOM MUEMA (PCO)

The popularity of the Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP) continues to grow as the Public Service Commission prepares to onboard the seventh cohort. Applications for the 2024/2025 cohort closed on 2nd September 2024. Since its inception in 2019, the programme has benefitted 25,200 graduates from cohorts I to VI.

In a statement, the Commission noted that the programme has been highly successful, not only in training graduates but also in bridging the gap between education and work-life experience.

"In 2019, the Commission established the PSIP to equip graduates with the necessary skills, work ethics, and hands-on experience to prepare them for the job market. The internship provides graduates with a clear connection between education and the world of work," the statement reads.

The PSC also noted that several

graduates have secured jobs in both the private and public sectors, while others have ventured into business, thanks to the skills acquired through the programme.

"Despite limited employment opportunities in the public service, the Commission has competitively recruited 1,964 interns alongside other job applicants to fill advertised posts in ministries and state departments," the PSC added.

While appreciating the enthusiasm, skills, competencies and new work ethics and culture exhibited by the young people who have served under PSIP, the Commission highlighted the constitutional requirement for recruitment to ensure all Kenyans compete fairly to access employment opportunities in the public service.

"The Commission conducts its recruitment processes based on criteria outlined in the job advertisement as well as constitutional requirements



Paul Famba, CEO, Public Service Commission.

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that include; skills and competencies, representation of diverse communities, gender balance, geographical spread, PWD considerations and other applicable affirmative considerations,” read part of the Commission’s statement circulated to the public.

Since its inception, the interest from fresh graduates in the PSIP has been soaring but the Commission only recruits 10% of the total applicants due to budget limitations.

The advertisement for the inaugural cohort attracted 18,000 applications, 46,000 for the third cohort and over 50,000 for the sixth cohort of whom 8,650 successful applicants are now serving in the Ministries and State Departments.

PSIP recruitment ensures representa-

tion from all Wards in the 290 constituencies depicting the face of Kenya.

The recruitment of the Seventh Cohort of the PSIP programme will grow the total number of beneficiaries to over 27,000.

The new Cohort will be deployed early next year as the Sixth Cohort exits. The interns work under PSC-trained mentors and coaches to ensure professional skills transfer throughout the one-year programme.

The Commission has expressed concern over the high unemployment rate of young people in the country and promised to continue engaging actors, including the private sector towards eliminating structural barriers to increased economic and job opportunities for young people.

Education Ministry to complete 7,500 additional classrooms by Dec, says CS

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schools to witness and confirm the resumption of school operations for the third term. I also had the opportunity to monitor the progress of the Grade 9 classroom construction,” the CS said.

He thanked the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) for calling off the teachers’ strike, noting that the decision was timely and enabled the re-opening of schools.

“I commend them for understanding the nation’s mood and acting with selfless patriotism. Seamless operations in our schools are particularly important this term as our children prepare for the various national assessments and examinations due in a few months,” the CS said.

Ogamba emphasized that the ministry recognizes the critical and indispensable role that teachers play in the education ecosystem, insisting that they cannot afford to take them for granted.

“This is why as a Government, we will do all we can to better their terms



and conditions of service. We will also continue to equip them and to build their capacity, so that they are better prepared to discharge their mandate as we roll out the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC),” the CS said.

Ogamba explained that already, resources have been provided for the implementation of the 2021-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the government has also provided resources for the retooling of teachers, to make them CBC-ready. “The other issues that had been raised

by the unions, such as concerns around access to the medical cover, career progression guidelines and promotions of teachers, are also being addressed administratively by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC).

“The Government has given due priority to teachers, despite the various competing needs and the very difficult economic circumstances that we are operating in as a country,” he said. Ogamba called upon the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET)

to review their stance and to call off their strike saying the government has demonstrated goodwill and readiness to address all the issues raised and therefore see no reason for confrontation.

“Last week, the government disbursed Sh21.8 billion in capitation for primary, junior and secondary schools. This money is now with the schools. We now expect that schools will resume operations smoothly and that learning will proceed without any disruptions,” the CS said.



EWASO NGIRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ENNDA



TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO. ENNDA/CONTR/015/2023-2024


Date of Publication: 3rd September 2024

Ewaso Ng’iro North Development Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of East African Community & Regional invites qualified and interested firms to submit their bids for these tenders. Detailed bid documents may be viewed and downloaded from the Authority’s website www.ennda.go.ke or from the Government Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) www.tenders.go.ke at no cost. Bidders who download the tender documents **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to ewasonorth14@gmail.com/ md@ennda.go.ke/abdikadir@ennda.go.ke for records so as to be used for any further tender clarification and addenda.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents from Supply Chain Management Office ENNDA Headquarter, Hospital Road Isiolo during normal working days between 8:00am -5:00pm.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name, tender Number and LOT number should be deposited in the tender box situated at the Ewaso Ng’iro North Development Authority Headquarter on or before **24th September, 2024 at 10:00am** and addressed to:

**THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
EWASO NGIRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
P.O BOX 203 - 60300
ISIOLO, KENYA
Website, www.ennda.go.ke**



KENYA RAILWAYS

TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Railways (KR) invites application from interested and eligible Firms for the below tenders:-

NO	TENDER NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COST	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE/TIME
1.	KR/SCM/022/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Diesel Fuel for 6 No. Meter Gauge Railways (MGR) Depots and MV Uhuru (Consignment Stocking)	1,000	OPEN	16 th September, 2024 10.00 a.m.
2.	KR/SCM/023/2024-2025	Provision of Security Guarding Services for Kenrail Towers	1,000	OPEN	16 th September, 2024 2.00 p.m.
3.	KR/SCM/024/2024-2025	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System, Screening Equipment and Security Lighting for Kisumu and Nakuru Passenger Stations	1,000	OPEN	17 th September, 2024 10.00 a.m.
4.	KR/SCM/025/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Rail Fittings and Fasteners for Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)	1,000	OPEN	17 th September, 2024 2.00 p.m.
5.	KR/SCM/026/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Onboard Signalling Consumables and Spare Parts for Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)	1,000	OPEN	18 th September, 2024 10.00 a.m.
FRAMEWORK CONTRACT					
1.	KR/SCM/FRC/001/2024-2025	Printing and Delivery of Printed Security Materials (Commuter Train Tickets, Parking Tickets and Reconciliation Books) _Framework Contract	1,000	OPEN	18 th September, 2024 2.00 p.m.

Candidates are encouraged to peruse the Tender Document from KR Website: www.krc.co.ke, and PPIP Website: www.tenders.go.ke or from the office of the General Manager- SCM, Kenya Railways Headquarters Block B, Ground floor, Nairobi prior to purchase.

Interested bidders may obtain the Tender Documents from the office of the General Manager – SCM, Kenya Railways Headquarters, Block B, Ground Floor upon payment of non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000.00 or download the document from KR and PPIP website at **NO CHARGE**. Bidders who download the Tender Document must register their interest immediately by sending an email to procure@krc.co.ke stating their names, email, postal & telephone address and tender details.

Completed Tender Documents (accompanied by a Tender Security in the amount and form specified in the tender document) in plain sealed envelopes must be clearly marked with the “**Tender No.** and the **Description of the Tender**”; and shall be addressed to:-

The Managing Director
Kenya Railways
P.O. Box 30121-00100
NAIROBI.

and be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the Reception Area, Ground Floor, Kenya Railways Headquarters, Block C on or before the closing date and time. Tenders will be opened in the present of the tenderers’ representatives who choose to attend at the Kenya Railways Headquarters.

MANAGING DIRECTOR


State boosts TVET sector with 2,000 new trainers

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

The Ministry of Education has posted 2,000 newly employed trainers to Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) institutions. These trainers will help address the trainer-student ratio and ensure quality training that meets market demands.

The newly deployed trainers have been assigned to 242 institutions across the country, bringing the total number of trainers to 9,351. This is in response to a student population of 420,559, which is expected to exceed 700,000 in the coming years.

According to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Julius Ogamba, the government plans to hire an additional 6,000 trainers to address the existing deficit and promote high-quality training that fosters innovation and creativity among learners.

Mr. Ogamba also mentioned that the ministry is collaborating with the



Ministry of Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba [2nd right] with the PS in charge of TVETs Dr. Esther Muoria [2nd left] hands over letters of deployment of trainers to Nyeri Technical Institute Principal David Mwangi who are part of 2,000 trainers the government has dispatched to 242 TVET institutions to boost quality training in a ceremony held in Naivasha.

National Treasury to begin disbursing 3.3 billion shillings in the form of capitation and scholarship grants and loans for trainees, ensuring seamless and continuous learning across all TVET institutions nationwide.

Speaking in Naivasha during the ongoing 54th Annual International Con-

ference of Technical Universities and Polytechnics, the CS new trainers will boost and drive the implementation of the Competency Based Education and Dual Training.

“The addition of 2,000 trainers will help ensure TVETs institutions produce graduates that possess high employable

cutting edge skills that meet local and global quality standards”, said Ogamba.

Consequently, the CS said the ministry is developing the Continuous Professional Development policy that will facilitate the continuous retooling of trainers to enable them keep pace and adapt to the

evolving technology landscape.

With the rising number of student population in TVETs institutions, Ogamba said the government is reviewing the curriculum to align with the market skills demand and is set to introduce new training that will address skills gaps such as marine and firefighting courses.

Speaking during the event the Principal Secretary in charge of TVETs Dr. Esther Muoria said there is a need to leverage technology and adopt innovative training methodologies that will address existing skills gaps and competencies and unlock job opportunities.

The PS said TVETs institutions are now focusing on training with the end in mind by partnering with industry players that offer hands-on experience and by integrating cutting edge technologies and equipment in training.

In addition, she added that trainers have been tasked with responsibility to nurture critical thinking and problem solving skills in order to prepare trainees for the dynamic and competitive global job market.

“TVETs training if well aligned will unlock opportunities that will

address the local and continent challenges of rising youth unemployment, demand for skilled workforce and pressing needs for economic diversification”, said the PS.

Dr. Muoria said that Kenya is among 23 African countries implementing the Africa Continental Qualifications Framework that aims to harmonize education, develop common standards and quality frameworks.

In addition, the PS said the framework also seeks to facilitate mobility and transparency of skills and qualifications in support of African Union Agenda 2063 noting that innovativeness in TVETs institutions will harness the continent’s youth potential.

The PS called for sustainable financing models that involve both public and private sectors in order to drive investments in TVET institutions for them to provide cutting edge and competitive training to learners.

With the country celebrating 100 years of TVET in the country, the PS said the government has rolled out implementation of the Prior Learning policy that seeks to assess and certify non-formal skilled personnel.

TENDER NOTICE

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

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP	TENDER SECURITY AMOUNT (KSHS)	CLOSING DATE
GDC/GRM/OT/005/2024:2025	Tender for Connection of Additional Wells to the Menengai 105Mwe Steam Gathering System (EPC)	Open to All	2,000,000.00	03.10.2024 at 11.00am
GDC/GRA/OT/007/2024:2025	Tender for Supply & Delivery of Scientific Equipment for Geothermal Resource Assessment.	Open to All	2% of the Tender Sum.	25.09.2024 at 11.00am

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

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

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

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

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

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

Late tenders will not be accepted.

MANAGER, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Kawi House, South C Bellevue Popo Lane, Off Red Cross Road P.O BOX 100746-00100, Nairobi

T: +254(0)719 036 000
E: info@gdc.co.ke

www.gdc.co.ke

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

TENDER NOTICE

The **Kenya Civil Aviation Authority** invites sealed bids from interested and eligible firms for the following International Open Tender.

NO	TENDER NUMBER	TITLE OF TENDER	ELIGIBILITY	PRE-BID MEETING
1.	KCAA/002/2024-2025	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of an Integrated ASSR Oversight Management System	Open	12/9/2024 at 1000 Hours

For more information on the tender, bidders may view and download the bidding document from KCAA website: www.kcaa.or.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal, www.tenders.go.ke and immediately forward their particulars for records and for the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums to procurement@kcaa.or.ke

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation House, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, or be addressed to:

**The Director General,
Kenya Civil Aviation Authority,
P.O Box 30163-00100, Nairobi**

So as to be received on or before **26th September 2024** at 1100 hours.

The tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at KCAA Auditorium.

**Manager Procurement
FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Government to disburse Sh1.4 billion in compensation for Dongo Kundu SEZ project

BY SHARON ATIENO (KNA)
The government will disburse Sh1.4 billion in compensation to 1,648 Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) under the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Mombasa and Kwale counties. The Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry states that the compensation process is part of the government's commitment to ensuring the smooth implementation of the Dongo Kundu SEZ project.



Investments, Trade, and Industry Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya confirmed that the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has successfully verified and streamlined the list of PAPs. He added that 400 acres of land have

been allocated for the resettlement of the affected persons to ensure their livelihoods are safeguarded.

"The compensation will begin this week. We have agreed to work together with relevant stakehold-

ers to unlock all bottlenecks and ensure that this project comes to fruition," Mvurya stated.

He reiterated that 97 investors have so far expressed interest in setting up operations within the 3,000-acre SEZ, with 60



Trade, Investments and Industry Cabinet Secretary (CS) Salim Mvurya speaking during a consultative meeting on the status of Dongo Kundu and LAPSSET Special Economic Zones held at National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Building, Nairobi.

percent being local investors in sectors such as energy, pharmaceuticals,

and glass manufacturing, which are among the industries expected to establish premises in the zone.

Mvurya called for coordinated efforts and policy harmonization to address any challenges and ensure the expedited realization of these critical economic projects.

The CS met with the leadership of Kenya Ports Authority led by Chairperson Benjamin Tayari, the Lamu Port South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) corridor Chair Ali Mbogo and Special Economic Zones Authority Chair Fredrick Mutete in Nairobi.


He announced that in a parallel effort to boost Kenya's economic growth, the government will also

gazette the Lamu Port South-Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor Development Authority SEZ.


Additionally, he said that already, investors in the desalination, fish processing, and pharmaceutical sectors have expressed interest as the government aims to accelerate efforts to heighten investment and business activities in the region.

"The LAPSSET Special Economic Zone is a new frontier for robust investment, which will contribute significantly to the sustainability and increased activity at the Lamu Port," Mvurya said.

CS Mvurya reiterated the government's stand against dormant investors who are hoarding licenses within SEZs. He warned that the Special Economic Zones Authority will be reviewing the list of investors, with a possibility of revoking licenses.



KENYA ORDNANCE FACTORIES CORPORATION



TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation (KOFC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the tenders listed below:

Tender No:	Item Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date
KOFC/OT/BAKERY/001/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Bakers Flour	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/BAKERY/002/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Bakery Materials	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/FARM/001/24-25	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Testing, Training & Commissioning of Automatic Hopper Scale Tubex for Grain Silo	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/FARM/002/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Agricultural Tractor	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/FARM/003/24-25	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Calibration, Stamping, Testing, Training & Commissioning of Weigh Bridge.	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/TECH/001/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Chemicals	24 September 2024
KOFC/OT/GEN/001/24-25	Supply and Delivery of Assorted Packaging Materials	24 September 2024

Qualified bidders may download **the tender** documents free of charge from our website www.kofc.co.ke. The downloaded documents should be duly completed as per the instructions given and dropped into the **Tender Box at Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation (Main Gate) located at Eldoret - Kitale Road on or before dates against each tender at 10:00 am E.A Time.**

Completed serialized/paginated Bidding Documents; **One Original and a Copy** in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked on top with the Tender Number and Description accompanied by a Bid Security of an amount as indicated in the respective tender documents from a financial institution approved and licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya and should be addressed to:

Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation
P.O Box 6634-30100
Eldoret
Kenya
Tel: +254 722 209 639/ 0794517532


Tenders will be opened immediately in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Pre-tender Site visit shall be conducted on **17 September 2024 at 11.00 a.m E.A Time** for Tender Numbers **KOFC/OT/FARM/001/24-25 and KOFC/OT/FARM/003/24-25.**

Bidders are advised to regularly visit KOFC Website to obtain any additional information /Addendum on the tender.


Late tenders shall not be accepted.

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Brigadier
Ag Managing Director





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MOI TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL

TENDER NOTICE

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

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Eligibility	Closing Date
1	MTRH/RFP/1/2024-2025	Request for Proposal to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment audit for SDA Church at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital	Open Tender	02.10.2024
2	MTRH/T/4/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Hardware Materials (Framework Contract)	Open Tender	02.10.2024
3	MTRH/T/08/2024-2025	Tender for Provision of Service for Fire Fighting Equipment	Open Tender	02.10.2024
4	MTRH/T/10/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Laryngoscopes	Open Tender	02.10.2024
5	MTRH/T/11/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Assorted Kitchen Items	Open Tender	02.10.2024
6	MTRH/T/12/2024-2025	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Hospital Fabric	Open Tender	02.10.2024
7	MTRH/T/13/2024-2025	Provision of Group Life Insurance Cover. (Framework Contract)	Open Tender	02.10.2024

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

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

So as to be received on or before **2nd October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** Opening of the bidding documents will be conducted publicly immediately thereafter at a venue to be advised by Tender Opening Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MOI TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL



New bill seeks to open railway infrastructure to private operators

BY WANGARI MWANGI (KNA)

The Ministry of Roads and Transport has introduced a bill seeking to open the country's railway infrastructure to private operators.

If the Railways Bill, 2024, which is currently undergoing public participation, becomes law, private entities in the railway sector will not only be allowed to participate in the expansion of the railway network but will also be able to operate on the country's railway infrastructure.

According to the Transport Ministry, the proposed reforms aim to "open access" to the government-monopolized railway infrastructure for other private operators.

The Ministry also hopes to enhance efficiency in the provision of services in the railway sector, which last saw reforms in 2005. "This bill seeks to introduce a



Chaka Train Station in Nyeri county. The Ministry of Roads and Transport is seeking views from members of the public on the Railways Bill 2024 which is seeking to open-up the railway infrastructure to private operators.

new way of operating the railways in the country. One of the benefits that the bill will bring to the sector is that it is going to open the system in such a way that anyone who for instance may want to construct a railway line can make an application and do it," said Ms Brenda Mwangi, a legal officer from the Ministry during a public partici-

pation session in Nyeri Town.

Currently, all functions pertaining to the management, operation and the regulation of the railways are undertaken by the Kenya Railways.

The bill, however, proposes the separation of the operation aspects from the regulation functions of the sector. mas in the railway sector.

INVITATION TO TENDER

Tourism Fund is a body corporate established under the Tourism Act, 2011, charged with the mandate of mobilizing resources to finance sustainable development of the tourism and hospitality industry in Kenya.

The Fund invites sealed bids from interested and eligible bidders for the following tender;

NO	Tender Description	Tender Number	Closing: Date & Time
1.	Provision of General Insurance of Assets, Group Personal Accident and WIBA For TF Staff	TF/01/2024-2025	11 th September, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

The tender document can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the following websites: www.tourismfund.co.ke or www.tenders.go.ke.

AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOURISM FUND

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Our Vision
"A citizen-centric public service"

Our Mission
"To reform and transform the public service for efficient and effective service delivery"

NOTICE

INVITATION TO A VIRTUAL WEBINAR-VALIDATION FORUM

VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION) REGULATIONS, 2024

Public Service Commission has, pursuant to the provisions of Section 48 and 92 of the Public Service Commission Act, 2017 developed Draft, Public Service Commission (Affirmative Action) Regulations 2024.

The Regulations are aimed at:-

- a) mainstreaming in the public service a culture which supports and values diversity and affirmation of special interest groups;
- b) supporting the attraction into, retention and advancement of persons from special interest groups in the public service;
- c) speeding up the achievement of representation of special interest groups in the public service as required by the Constitution;
- d) eliminating unfair discrimination against persons from special interest groups; and
- e) promote equal opportunity and fair treatment in employment in the public service.

Views were sought from all stakeholders through written memoranda as was notified to you vide our letter dated **26th March, 2024** and the Star Newspaper advertisement dated **26th March, 2024** and **9th April, 2024**. The Commission received the written memoranda which were considered for inclusion in the draft regulations.

Therefore, the Commission invites all stakeholders for a one-day virtual validation forum scheduled for **10th September, 2024**. Consequently, all institutions and individual participants are required to send to the Commission: -

- i. Name of participants and their designations,
- ii. Name of Institution (where applicable),
- iii. Email address, and
- iv. Cellphone number.

A dedicated email address has been assigned for this exercise. Kindly send an advance copy of the participant details to webinar@publicservice.go.ke on or before **6th September, 2024**.

The Draft, Public Service Commission (Affirmative Action) Regulations 2024 can be accessed from the Commission's website <https://www.publicservice.go.ke>, under Publications-Legislation.

The Secretary/CEO
Public Service Commission
Commission House, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 30095 - 00100

Tender Notice

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

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-003/2024-2025: Provision of Upgrade and Renewal of Checkpoint Solution Appliances, Licenses and Support Services for a Period of Three (3) Years	OPEN	12 th September 2024, 11.00 a.m. VENUE: VIRTUAL	18 th September 2024 11.00 a.m. TIMES TOWER
KRA/HQS/NCB-005/2024-2025: Renewal of SUSE Enterprise Linux Subscription for SAP Applications for a Period of One (1) Year	OPEN	13 th September, 2024, at 11.00 a.m. VENUE: VIRTUAL	19 th September, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. TIMES TOWER

Kenya Revenue Authority on behalf of the Kenya Revenue Authority Staff Pension Scheme invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/RFP-006/2024-2025: Provision of Pension Scheme Administration Services for Kenya Revenue Authority Staff Pension Scheme	OPEN	12 th September, 2024, at 11.00 a.m. VENUE: VIRTUAL	26 th September, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. TIMES TOWER
KRA/HQS/NCB-007/2024-2025: Proposed Construction works for Fire Escape Staircase and Renovation Works at Ushuru Pension Towers	OPEN	Physical Site visit: 12 th September, 2024 (11.00a.m. – 2.00 p.m.) (VENUE: USHURU PENSION TOWERS) Pre-bid meeting: 18 th September, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. VENUE: VIRTUAL	2 nd October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. TIMES TOWER

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

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New finance boss Mbadi promises economic turnaround within a year

BY DAVIS LANGAT (KNA)
 The newly appointed Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economic Planning, John Mbadi, has pledged to work around the clock to turn around Kenya's economy. Mbadi expressed his gratitude to the President for the appointment to this key role and promised to ensure his efforts yield results within a year. He also praised former Prime Minister Raila Odinga for working closely with President William Ruto to unite the country. Mbadi made these remarks during his homecoming party and prayer service in Suba South, Homa Bay County, a ceremony attended by President William Ruto. He urged Kenyans to support and pray for Raila Odinga in his bid to become the next Chairman of the African Union Commission. Mbadi emphasized that it is time to move be-

yond politics of ethnicity and division. "We are one nation called Kenya. We should do away with politics of ethnicity and division and focus on development," Mbadi said. ODM Deputy Party leader Simba Arati said ODM welcomes President Ruto to worked with the party ahead of 2027 General election. Arati argued that Ruto is a pioneer member of ODM hence there is no problem if he works with ODM again. ODM National Chairperson Gladys Wanga said her party welcomed Ruto in Nyanza and that the party was happy with Ruto's co-operation with Odinga. "As ODM party, we highly welcome President Ruto in

Nyanza and I also welcome him in my capacity as the Governor of Homa Bay," Wanga said. The National Assembly Minority Leader Junet Mohammed said they are committed to being in the government after 2027 election adding that there was no community destined to be in opposition forever in Kenya. "There is nobody who was born to be in opposition in Kenya. I am holding my post as the Minority Leader for the next three years. Let those who want to be in opposition start preparing to be in opposition because we will be in the government as ODM," Mohammed said. The leaders thanked President Ruto for appointing Mbadi as Cabinet Secretary with Suba South Member of Parliament Caroli Omondi expressing confidence that Mbadi, who is his constituent, would deliver in his docket.

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PS praises role of sports as an enabler of regional integration

BY IAN CHEPKUTO (PCO)
 The Principal Secretary for the State Department for East African Community (EAC), Dr. Abdi Dubat, has praised the role of sporting activities in strengthening the resolve of East African Community member states to advance the regional integration agenda. He also highlighted pertinent regional issues, including the challenges and opportunities available in the region. Dubat noted that regional sporting events help promote economic activities such as sports tourism, trade, and e-commerce, thereby stimulating local economies. He made these remarks during the reception of the 7th Great Africa Cycling Safari (GACS), Kenyan stage. The event was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, ASALs, and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul, and was held at the Ministry of EAC, ASAL, and Regional Development Headquar-




East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development Cabinet Secretary, Beatrice Askul Moe, flanked by PS, Abdi Dubat, flags-off the 7th Great Africa Safari (GACS 2024) outside Cooperative Bank House in Nairobi.

ters in Nairobi. The cycling Safari event that is themed: "Furthering Campaigns to Promote Food Security, Peace and Climate Mitigation," involves six participating countries of Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania, and Uganda. Somali and South Sudan did not send representatives. The GACS, a 55-day, 6,000-kilometre annual cycling activity, started in Bujumbura, Burundi, on August 1, 2024, with 40 cyclists, and arrived in Kenya on August 17, 2024, through the Namanga border point in Kajiado County. The cyclists are expected to cross over to Uganda on August 27, 2024, via the Suam border point in Trans Nzoia County, after covering 1002 kilometers in 12 days. PS Dubat described the event as a platform for sports development such as in talent identification, skills enhancement.



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3	Leather Industrial Development Officer	1	KLDC 6	Technical Services	KLDC/003/2024
4	Supply Chain Management Officer	1	KLDC 6	Supply Chain Management	KLDC/004/2024
5	Planning & Strategy Officer	1	KLDC 6	Planning & Strategy	KLDC/005/2024

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- c) Deliver the original marriage certificates to the Registrar of Marriages, Nairobi within Fourteen (14) days of the celebration of the marriage.

For further enquires and/or clarifications kindly reach the Registrar of Marriages office through the contact below:

**Registrar of Marriages,
 Ground Floor, Sheria House,
 Tel: 020-2227461 / 0732 529995 / 0700 072929
 E-mail: communications@ag.go.ke
marriages@ag.go.ke**

3rd September, 2024



Cotton farmers in Machakos smile as prices rise to Sh72 per kilogram

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Cotton farmers from Yatta in Machakos County have received a boost after a local textile industry increased prices to Sh72 per kilo, up from Sh50.

This change ends years of frustration caused by brokers and middlemen.

Farmers from the semi-arid region welcomed the increase, noting that it provides better returns compared to when they used to farm maize and beans.

Led by David Kitiku from the Kiwanzani area in Ndalani, the farmers expressed optimism about the government's commitment to cotton farming and the support they are receiving from the apparel company. They believe this will encourage more farmers to grow cotton.

Kitiku, who received Sh50,000 from selling 700 kilograms of cotton from his one-acre farm, said he will be able to pay school fees for his children and invest in other projects.

"I have never earned such an amount of money from farming maize and beans due to the frustrations of poor rainfall.

I now plan to expand my cotton acreage to achieve higher yields next year," Kitiku said.

He was speaking when Thika Cloths Mills, which has been supporting farmers with seeds, pesticides and other farm inputs, was buying their produce in the area.

The CEO, Tejal Dothia, said the support to farmers is in line with the government's renewed focus on cotton farming.

Tejal, while addressing the farmers, reassured them of the company's continued support,



Thika Cloths Mills CEO Tejal Dothia interacts with Ndalani cotton farmers when buying their produce

saying their collaboration with the government will ensure timely delivery of seeds and other inputs.

"Last season alone, the company gave out Sh50 million worth of seeds to cotton-growing counties. The government has procured even more seeds this year, so we anticipate a smoother planting season," Tejal said.

The region's cotton growers cooperative representative Francis Kilango called for more support in the form of pesticides and other farm inputs to farmers from both the national and county governments.

Kilango, who doubles up as the Chairman, Uvouni Cotton Farmers Cooperative Society, called for more partnerships to push the cotton

“Last season alone, the company gave out Sh50 million worth of seeds to cotton-growing counties

prices to over Sh100 per kilo.

"The revival of cotton farming and the support that we are getting is welcome. This has made several farmers especially from semi-arid areas to at least earn," he said.

On the provision of farm inputs, he called for streamlined policies to ensure all farmers get seeds early to improve yields.

"For instance, Makeni County, another semi-arid region that depends on cotton farming did not plant cotton due to the unavailability of seeds," he said.

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MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SHIPPING AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

TENDER NOTICE

The state department for shipping and maritime affairs invites tenders for the following: -

S/No.	Description	Tender no	Closing date & time
1.	Provision of Cleaning Services	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/001/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
2.	Provision for Security Guard Services	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/002/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
3.	Provision for Air Ticket Services	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/003/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
4.	Provision for Repair and Maintenance of Photocopy Machines and Printers	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/004/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
5.	Provision of Motor Vehicle Fuel, Oils and Lubricants	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/005/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
6.	Provision for Car Hire Services	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/006/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am
7.	Provision for Repair and Service of G.K Motor Vehicle	MOMB&MA/SDSMA/007/2024-26	19/09/2024 At 10:00am

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0900 to 1500 hours at the procurement office located at NSSF Annex Building 8th floor.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased or obtained by interested tenderers upon payment of a non-refundable fees of Kshs.1000 (Kenya Shillings One Thousand only) per set/per tender in cash at the cash office or bankers Cheque payable to the Principal Secretary State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs or they may be obtained electronically/downloaded free of charge from the Public Procurement Information Portal www.tenders.go.ke and/or from our website. www.shippingmaritime.go.ke
- One original and a copy of the tenders in plain sealed envelopes should be clearly marked with the tender number and should be addressed to:
The Principal Secretary
State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs
P O Box 30799 - 00100 NAIROBI

And be deposited at the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs tender box located at NSSF Annex Building 8th floor and should be received on or before **19th September, 2024 at 10:00am local time** and **MUST** be accompanied by a bid guarantee as indicated in the table above from a reputable bank or insurance company.

Bulky bid documents that cannot fit in the tender box should be dropped at the Head of Supply Chain Management Office at the NSSF Annex Building 8th floor.

- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00am on **19th September, 2024** at the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs main boardroom on 8th floor.

HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

INVITATION TO TENDER

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TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING	TENDER CLOSING DATE
KP1/9A.3/OT/02/24-25	Supply of Personal Protective Clothing (Special Groups)	Wednesday 04.09.2024	Tuesday 17.09.2024 at 10.30 a.m. (Stima Plaza, Auditorium)	Monday 30.09.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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JKUAT don bags national award for innovation in African indigenous vegetables in research fete

BY PATRICK AMUNAVI (PCO)

Kenyan scholar and foremost researcher on African Indigenous Vegetables (AIVs) based at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Prof. Mary Abukutsa-Onyango, has received the National Outstanding Research Award (NORA) “for her pioneering research in agricultural sciences, particularly in the promotion and sustainability of indigenous vegetables and plants.”

Prof. Abukutsa was recognized in the “Biological Sciences, Technology, and Innovation” category during the inaugural Kenya National Research Festival (2024) on Friday, August 23, 2024, under the theme: “Research Partnerships and Collaborations for Socio-Economic Transformation.”

According to Kenya National Research Fund CEO Prof. Dickson Andala, the festival was organized “to underscore the importance of research in addressing Kenya’s development challenges and

shaping its future vision for sustainable socio-economic growth and development.”

Prof. Abukutsa expressed her gratitude to God for winning the award: “God has indeed been faithful in sustaining me in my journey as a researcher. To be recognized as a national outstanding researcher is fulfilling. I hope this award will inspire and motivate my colleagues in the research enterprise to advance science by seeking sustainable solutions to the challenges of our time.”

A member of the Kenya National Academy of Science, Prof. Abukutsa has consistently advocated for AIVs through promotion and advocacy aimed at increasing the production and consumption of these vegetables. She notes that “commercialization remains a major obstacle to farmers’ efforts to maximize value from their input.”

However, Prof. Abukutsa points out that “when farmers access the right information, they learn various ways to add



Prof. Mary Abukutsa-Onyango (second right) receives her award from the Kenya National Research Fund CEO, Prof. Dickson Andala as Prof. Ratemo Michieka (left) looks on.

value to their products through processes like solar drying, thus making significant progress toward poverty reduction and wealth creation as outlined in the country’s development plans such as Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).”

The researcher commends the trajectory initiated by the National Research Fund last year “to provide previously funded NRF researchers and innovators in Food and Nutrition Security and

Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) with the tools needed to commercialize their research results and connect with potential customers and investors, thereby realizing their intended impact.”

In addition to championing the availability of quality certified seeds for Kenyan farmers and linking

Kenyan farmers should join groups that provide produce in bulk to increase bargaining power

them to markets, Prof. Abukutsa advises that “Kenyan farmers should join groups that provide produce in bulk, thus increasing their bargaining power and securing better prices for their products.”


Currently, Prof. Abukutsa is leading a JKUAT-led consortium, funded by the Government through the National Research Fund, to upscale the production and commercialization of two vegetable varieties—Jute Mallow (Mrenda) and African Nightshade (Managu)—in Kiambu and

Kakamega counties using climate-smart technologies for food and nutrition security.

The other consortium partners are: Inter Region Economic Network, Local Development Research Institute, and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

With a billion people malnourished globally, Prof. Abukutsa calls for “a shift in people’s mindset towards AIVs, improvement in policies, and prudent control measures to reduce high post-harvest losses as essential steps to increasing the availability of vegetable alternatives that ensure access to adequate high-nutritional supplements crucial for addressing double malnutrition.”

Prof. Abukutsa holds a PhD in Horticultural Sciences from the University of London, an MSc in Agronomy, and a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Nairobi. She has published over 100 works, including books, book chapters, and scholarly articles in refereed journals.




MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

FURTHER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND PROJECTS’ FUNDING CRITERIA

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and established under the Water Act, 2016, Section 113, with the mandate to provide conditional and unconditional grants to the Counties and to assist in financing the development of and management of water and sanitation services in the marginalised and underserved areas.

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COUNTY	VENUE	DATE	TIME
MANDERA	Granada Hotel	24 th September, 2024	9.00am- 12.00pm
GARISSA	Lantern Resort	1 st October, 2024	9.00am- 12.00pm

Members of the public, water sector institutions, Community-Based Organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Faith-Based Organisations, Special Interest Groups and County Government Officials from neighbouring counties in the Northern Frontier are welcome to attend any or both of the above forums.


Written memoranda may be hand-delivered to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Sector Trust Fund,
1st Floor, CIC Plaza 1, Mara Road, Upper Hill,
PO Box 49699-00100, Nairobi.**

Or sent through email: FundingCriteria@waterfund.go.ke

So as to be received on or before **4th October, 2024.**

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HOW TO APPLY

Qualified and interested candidates are invited to read detailed job profile on our website www.kism.or.ke and apply online indicating the job title and the reference number, addressing their application letter to:

**The Chief Executive Officer
Kenya Institute of Supplies Management,
KISM Tower 12th Floor, Ngong Road
P. O Box 30400-00100, Nairobi**

Candidates must attach **PDF** copies of their CV with full details of educational background, professional qualifications, work experience and copies of all relevant documents/testimonials. Candidates who are subsequently invited to attend formal interviews must produce originals of all the scanned documents during the interview.

Applications **MUST** be submitted online via <http://careers.kism.or.ke/> so as to reach the Institute on or before **MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, 24 September 2024.**

KISM is an equal opportunity employer. People living with disability, women and youth are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

SRC roots for single body to handle public servants salary negotiations

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI (KNA)

Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) has recommended that the country puts in place a single body or a multisectoral body to handle collective bargaining agreements for public servants.

SRC Chairperson Ms Lyn Mengich said the single body approach model that has worked in Ghana and South Africa can be tailored to suit the needs of Kenya in a way that it will address performance, harmonization, sustainability, as well as avoid multiplicity in the institutions calling for negotiations.

Ms Mengich said the collective bargaining negotiations ought to be addressed beyond an in-



Salaries and Remuneration Commission Chairperson Lyn Cherop Mengich addresses a media breakfast meeting on the Commission's SRC End-of-Term Report (2018/2019-2023/ 2024) in Nairobi.

stitutional level while looking on the issues raised and how it impacts the salary payment in another sector, and its sustainability.

"The single body pro-

cess should be taken step by step until we get the place where we desire," she stated.

The chairperson said the cost of living not only affects public servants but

all citizen in the country, hence the need to balance the interest of the employees, members of the public who are taxpayers and if the country can manage to the pay rise.

"When we talk about high productivity, then we talk about higher remuneration," She added.

The SRC chairperson was speaking at a Media Breakfast on the Presentation of the Commission's End of Term Report where it outlined its milestone achievement, challenges faced and the future outlook on the role of the next commission in the management of public wage bill at an event held in Nairobi. Mengich, who was in the company of the SRC Commissioners who are concluding their six-year tenure on Sep-

tember 11th this year and Staff members, said the Commission commenced the process of harmonizing and streamlining the salaries and allowances of public servants, a process that will be continued by the incoming team.

She said the incoming Commissioners will be looking at streamlining the allowances where inequitable pay happens in order to achieve harmonization, noting that disparities in the allowances creates a lot of inequity, noting allowances in some institutions go higher than 200 percent of basic salary. "We identified 247 different allowances paid to public officers which account for 48 percent of the total wage bill," she announced.

Mengich added that SRC developed the allowances policy guideline for public service 2021 to provide a structured approach for streamlining management and administration

of allowances to improve transparency, accountability, equity and fairness.

On the public wage bill, Mengich mentioned that it has been on an upward trend with the amount rising from Sh. 785 billion in Financial Year (FY) 2017/2018 to 1.035 trillion in FY 2021/2022, and it is projected to grow further to Sh. 1.17 trillion in FY 2023/2024.

She attributed the upward trend to upward reviews of remuneration and benefits in response to cost of living adjustments and the need to attract and retain requisite skills in public service.

The chairperson however, noted that the ratio of total public wage bill to total ordinary revenue came down from 51.54 percent in FY 2017/2018 to 47.06 percent in FY 2021/2022, which she stated is projected to decline to 39.22 percent in FY 2023/2024 against a maximum of 35 percent.

SPORTS, ARTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR TALANTA PLAZA BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

The Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund (SASDF) is established under the Public Finance Management (Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund) Regulations, 2018 with the mandate of providing financial support for the development and promotion of sports and arts, and the promotion of social development including universal health care.

- The Fund invites sealed applications from interested eligible invites sealed tenders for the **PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR TALANTA PLAZA BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT.**

No	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE	TENDER SECURITY	ELIGIBILITY
1	SASDEF/T/001/2024-2025	PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR TALANTA BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT	18/9/2024	KES 200,000	OPEN TENDER

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive tendering method using a standardized tender document and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers. Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one item.
- Pre-Tender Site visit is **MANDATORY** slated for **10th September, 2024** from 10.00am to 4.00pm EAT.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours (0800 to 1700 hours) at the address given below. Tender documents may be viewed and/or downloaded from the website <https://tenders.go.ke/> and <https://sasdef.go.ke/>
- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained electronically and will be free of charge.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website <https://tenders.go.ke/> and <https://sasdef.go.ke/>. Tenderers who download the tender document **must** forward their particulars immediately to sasdefprocurement@gmail.com to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of Ksh 200,000 valid for 30 days after the tender validity period in form of a bank guarantee from a reputable bank or guarantee from an insurance company approved by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) payable to the Sports Arts and Social Development Fund.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents and submit one original and one copy in plain sealed envelope clearly marked on top with the Tender Number and Tender Name/Description, should be addressed to the:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SPORTS, ARTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
P.O. BOX 4644-00200 NAIROBI.**
- Completed Bidding Documents must be deposited in the Tender Box provided at TALANTA PLAZA Headquarters, 9th Floor, along Kenya Road to be received on or before **18th September, 2024 at 11.00 am (East African Time).**
- There will be a MANDATORY site visit on
- Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
THE SPORTS, ARTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

COAST WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) FOR PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICES FOR STAFF MEDICAL COVER - TENDER NO. CWWDA/T/S/01/ 2024-2025 & REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2026

- The Coast Water Works Development Agency invites sealed tenders for **Provision of Insurance Services for Staff Medical Cover** for a period of one calendar year and registration of the following Service Providers for financial years 2024-2026
 - Provision of Legal Services,
 - Consulting Services for Geological Survey and
 - Consultancy Services for Designs and Feasibility Studies
- Tendering for Provision of Insurance Services for Staff Medical Cover will be conducted under open competitive tendering method using a standardized tender document and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender and Prequalification Documents during office hours from **0900 to 1500 hours** at the address given below. Tender documents may also be viewed and/or downloaded from the website: www.cwwda.go.ke
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased or obtained by interested tenders upon payment of a non-refundable fees of **KES 1000** in cash or Banker's Cheque and payable to the address given below while prequalification will be free of charge. Tender documents obtained electronically will be free of charge.
- Tender and Prequalification documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.cwwda.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to procurement@cwwda.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- The Tender for Provision of Insurance Services for Staff Medical Cover must be accompanied by a **"tender Security" Kshs.300.000.00** from a reputable financial Institution or PPRA approved Insurance Company.
- The Tenderer for Provision of Insurance Services for Staff Medical Cover shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders and Prequalification documents must be delivered to the address below on or before **18th September 2024 at 1100hours East African Time** and be deposited in the Tender Box is situated next to Procurement office. Electronic Tenders will or will not be permitted.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time as indicated above. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.**
- The addresses referred to above is:

The Chief Executive Officer,
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P.O. Box 90417 - 80100,
Mikindani Street, Mombasa.
E-mail: info@cwwda.go.ke and procurement@cwwda.go.ke

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
COAST WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Kwale schools affected by dam to get new facilities as reconstruction start

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The reconstruction of schools affected by the Mwache Dam project has begun in Kwale County, with the government committing to involve the local community in decision-making.

The pledge includes upgrading the affected institutions—Fulugan Primary School, Nunguni Primary School, and Mwache Bridge ECDE—with modern facilities to make them conducive to learning.

According to Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa, the public will be involved in the process by participating in key decisions regarding the types of structures and facilities to be included in the construction of these three institutions.

Eng. Mugaa addressed the community during a public forum in Kasemeni and urged them to form committees to represent them in decision-making during the official discussions about the projects.

This initiative follows residents' concerns about



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Water Eng. Eric Mugaa (L) is taken through the structural design of the Mwache lower check dam when he toured the project in Kinango Sub-County, Kwale.



Construction of the Mwache lower check dam in progress in Kinango Sub-County, Kwale.

why the reconstruction of the schools was not meeting their requirements.

"The government has given Kasemeni ward res-

idents the opportunity to participate in determining the construction plans for Fulugan Primary School, which is being built after

relocating people to make way for the Mwache Multipurpose Dam.

"This approach ensures the public feels included and involved in this new development," he said.

He added that the committees formed should later hold public forums to update the community on the progress of the school construction projects.

The CS noted that the compensation exercise for project-affected persons (PAPs) for the Mwache Dam project has started, following the release of Sh500 million by the National Treasury.

He urged residents to cooperate with the contractor and provide a conducive working environment to ensure the government gets value for money.

"Delays in the project result in wasted funds, which are taxpayer dollars. Please avoid interfering with the construction work and direct any complaints to my office; I promise to address them," he affirmed.

Construction stalled in July due to compensation

and livelihood restoration demands by the local community in Kinango Constituency, Kwale County.

Bendaro Ndegwa, a resident of Kasemeni ward, stated that they have yet to receive the livelihood restoration funds promised by the government following their relocation.

The CS assured the locals that soon everyone will be sorted as the National Treasury committed to disburse funds for the compensation exercise with some already paid.

"Already Sh500 million was released to compensate the first batch, except for a few who do not have proper documents with the local leaders promising to help and resolve the issue. The Treasury also committed that another Sh500 million will be released to award those for Mwavumbo area and Bofu areas, at the lower check-dam," he said.

Mugaa said the project is unique as there will be a component of livelihood whereby the government will restore the livelihood of the project affected persons to where they were before they were relocated.

He noted that the Government has asked the contractor to also give 70

per cent of jobs to the locals to ensure they fully benefit from the dam project.

The CS also urged the people to deliver their end of the bargain once given job opportunities and not only focus on entitlement that they deserve the work.

"I have vouched for you to be considered when seeking employment at the construction site, please do not let us down," he added.

Women and young people were also challenged to go for the opportunities offered insisting that the government offers equal chance to all its citizens.

Kinango Member of Parliament Gonzi Rai said residents of Kinango had stopped work, demanding compensation but added that once he took the issue to the National Assembly, the Commission, Ministry, and the Treasury agreed to sort out the challenge in due time.

A total of Sh4.4 billion is required for land acquisition affecting at least 4,000 project-affected persons (PAPs).

Mwache Dam is located across the Mwache River at Fulugani Village in Kwale County, about 22 kilometers west of Mombasa.



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THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS REGULATION, 2024

The National Treasury and Economic Planning has prepared draft Government Investment Regulations, 2024 for consideration by stakeholders. The Regulations are accessible on the National Treasury website (www.treasury.go.ke).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya and all other relevant legal requirements, the National Treasury invites members of the public to submit written comments and/or memoranda on the draft Government Investment Regulations 2024 in the format provided on the website, and send them to: giregulations@treasury.go.ke or, by hand delivery or by post to the following address on or before close of business on

30th September 2024:

Principal Secretary
National Treasury
P.O Box 30007 – 00100 NAIROBI

Further, members of the public are invited to attend in-person public consultations on the Regulations at any of the venues indicated below that is convenient or as per the schedule below:

REGION	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Nyeri, Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, Meru, Embu, Tharaka-Nithi, Isiolo, Marsabit and Samburu	Embu: Kenya School Government (KSG)	23 rd September 2024	9am – 1pm
Nakuru, Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, West Pokot, Turkana and Trans-Nzoia	Eldoret: Town Hall	23 rd September 2024	9am – 1pm
Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, Tana River, Taita Taveta	Mombasa: Kenya School Government (KSG)	23 rd September 2024	9am – 1pm
Kisumu, Kisii, Migori, Homa Bay, Nyamira, Siaya, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kakamega, Busia, Bomet, Kericho and Narok	Kisumu: Tom Mboya Labour College	25 th September 2024	9am – 1pm
Garissa, Wajir and Mandera	Garissa: Guest House	25 th September 2024	9am – 1pm
Nairobi, Kiambu, Kajiado, Wajir, Mandera	Nairobi: Kenya School Government (KSG)	30 th September 2024	9am – 1pm

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CABINET SECRETARY





The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF) Wycliffe Wangamati, addressing civil servants drawn from Kakamega, Busia and Vihiga counties.

Government moves to update laws to manage and operationalize public service retirement plans

BY GEORGE KAIGA (KNA)


The Government is developing a regulatory framework to manage and operationalize the newly established Public Service Superannuation Scheme (PSSS). It is seeking feedback from public servants and the public on the PSSS Scheme (Amendment) Bill and Draft Regulations, 2024 to fully implement the Scheme.

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jonah Ayabei, stated that the government is eager to update existing laws to create a regulatory framework that will ensure better savings plans for public servants' retirement. The CEO made these remarks in Kakamega during a public participation forum organized for public servants from Kakamega,

Vihiga, and Busia counties, discussing the Public Service Superannuation Scheme Amendment Bill, 2024, and the PSS Regulations, 2024. Ayabei explained that as part of the reforms in the public service pensions sector, the government established the Public Service Superannuation Scheme, where both the government and employees contribute to fund the


retirement benefits of employees. Members of the Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF), including those from the National Police Service (NPS), the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), and the Public Service Commission, contribute 7.5 percent of their basic salaries to the Fund, while the employer matches this contribution with 15 percent of

the salary. The chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF) Wycliffe Wangamati said the non-contributory pension scheme wholly financed by the government since independence through the exchequer has piled a lot of financial burden to the government, with a significant number of retirees facing challenges accessing it.



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
- Submit relevant Educational Certificates based on incubation category i.e. Standard/Accelerator
- Shall be required to submit a KRA PIN Certificate and a Certificate from an approved Credit Reference Bureau. On admission, ALL candidates shall be required to meet all integrity requirements.
- Shall be required to submit a concise one (1) page business proposal on admission, demonstrating.
 - The Innovative and Novel Business Idea
 - Access to business premises, office space and land for production location where applicable.
 - Adaptability of the selected value chain to the project location.
 - Availability of market for the selected product/service within the targeted value chains.
 - Prevailing Risks & Mitigation Strategies
 - Availability of licenses and permits where applicable.
- 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 **31st October 2024**.

CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED 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>





THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE PRIVATISATION AUTHORITY

The National Treasury & Economic Planning is in the process of recruiting members of the Board of the Privatisation Authority. Pursuant to Section 10(1)(f) of the Privatisation Act, 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury & Economic Planning invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the positions of members of the Board of Privatisation Authority.

THE PRIVATISATION AUTHORITY

The Privatisation Authority is established under section 8 of the Privatisation Act, 2023. Section 9 of the Act provides that the Authority shall:

- Advise the government on all aspects of privatisation of public entities;
- Facilitate the implementation of government policies on privatisation;
- Implement the privatisation programme;
- Implement specific privatisation proposals in accordance with the privatisation programme;
- Collaborate with other organisations, within or outside Kenya, as it may consider appropriate in furtherance of the objects of this Act;
- Prepare long-term divestiture sequence plan;
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of privatisation programs in Kenya;
- Take such measures as are necessary to ensure that the provisions of this Act are complied with; and
- Perform any other functions under this Act or any other legislation as may be conferred, from time to time, on the Authority.

Position of Member of the Board of the Privatisation Authority

Section 10 (1)(f) of the Privatisation Act provides that the Board shall comprise four (4) other persons, not being public officers, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a competitive process, each possessing a degree in either economics, accounting, finance or any other relevant degree from a recognized institution and having ten years of work experience of which five shall be at senior management level in a relevant field.

Interested candidates for the position of a member of the Board of the Privatisation Authority must be a person of high integrity and should satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya. Applicants must attach the following documents:

- Detailed curriculum vitae, with at least three (3) referees and their contacts, including telephone contacts;
- A copy of the National Identity Card;
- Clearance from Kenya Revenue Authority (Tax Compliance Certificate);
- Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Authority;
- Clearance from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Current Certificate of Good Conduct);
- Clearance from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB); and
- Clearance from a registered Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

Applicants should **NOT** be serving public servants.

Applications in plain sealed envelopes, stating the referenced position on top, should be posted to:


**Principal Secretary
The National Treasury
Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 30007 - 00100
NAIROBI**

OR delivered on **2nd floor, Room No. 218, Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue.**

A soft copy of the application should be emailed to privatisation@treasury.go.ke

Applications should be received not later than **5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024**.

**HON. CPA JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY**





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

NATIONAL VALUE CHAIN SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NVSP)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR FINANCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFER CREDIT FACILITIES TO FARMERS TO ACCESS INPUTS UNDER THE E-SUBSIDY PROGRAMME

TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/EOI/NVSP/01/2024-2025

1. Background

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and other government agencies are implementing the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) 2022-2027 which has identified five key areas of focus, Agriculture is one of the key areas with three pillars namely; food security, reduction of food imports and increased agricultural exports. In all these three pillars several crop value chains have been identified for enhancement of their production and productivity.

The government has also identified agricultural value chains as key in employment and wealth creation. Therefore, increasing agricultural productivity is key in ensuring food security, surplus products for export and abundant raw materials for cottage industries in the country.

Agricultural productivity is however hampered by several constraints among them low use of quality farm inputs especially fertilizer and certified seeds due to their high prices occasioned by international market forces. The current government policy in effort to lower the cost of living is to subsidize production rather than consumption. Consequently, the government is committed to avail to farmers affordable and quality fertilizers and other inputs as an intervention to impact on agricultural productivity. To ensure availability of affordable inputs especially fertilizers to all farmers, the government is implementing a robust input subsidy programme whose broad objective is to increase crop productivity to enhance food and nutrition security, lower the cost of food, and increase income from sale of surplus production and enhancement of livelihoods. This will also ensure increased production for exports and lower quantities of imported agricultural products.

To improve accountability and transparency, the Input Subsidy Programme is managed electronically where only digitally registered farmers can access the subsidized inputs. The Programme is funded by the Government of Kenya (GoK) and is being rolled out in 47 counties

Farmers have been accessing inputs through NCPB stores and contracted agro dealers country wide and meeting part of the cost while the Government tops up the subsidy component. Some farmers have been finding a challenge in financing their part of the cost of these inputs, thereby negatively affecting the inputs uptake.

To enhance affordability and increase uptake of the subsidized inputs it is important to facilitate a credit arrangement for the farmers. The State Department is therefore seeking for financial service providers to offer credit to farmer to finance their part of the cost of subsidized inputs under the e-subsidy programme.

2. Objective(s) of assignment

The objective will be to:

- To contract Financial Service Providers that can provide credit facilities to farmers to access inputs under the e-subsidy programme
- To enhance agricultural productivity among farmers through increased access, affordability and availability of quality agricultural inputs.
- To enhance Market access for farmers' output
- To Capacity build farmers on financial management and Agromonic practices

3. Scope of Assignment.

- The program will operate within the 47 Counties
- Farmers to redeem their vouchers from the NCPB depots or from contracted Agro dealers using the e-voucher platform
- Provide credit facilities to farmers to access inputs at negotiated interest rates
- Establish MoUs with County Governments for purposes of supporting farmers in credit management and market access
- Follow up with the beneficiary farmers to facilitate repayments within the grace period of the credit facility
- Perform training activities to farmers on credit and financial management
- Facilitate farmers to access output markets
- Maintain records on farmer repayments and performance as required
- Provide regular reports as may be required
- Any other task related to provision of credit facility as may be given from time to time by the Client

Shortlisting Criteria are:

- Core Business and years in Business**
The firm's core business will be; capacity to provide credit facility to farmers within the 47 counties.

b) Relevant Experience

The firm shall demonstrate the ability and capacity to undertake the assignment (include works in the past, county coverage, client list and successful past partnerships for the past five years)

c) Technical and Managerial capability of the firm

The firm should demonstrate as having requisite technical capacity i.e. provide staff profile and organization structure, relevant equipment, tools etc and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

Other Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Mandatory Requirements

- Valid Tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
- Copy of Business Registration/Certificate of incorporation
- Valid trading license/Business permit
- CR12 for limited companies, detailing the list of Directors and shareholding & copies of Identification Cards (ID) for the listed Directors.
- Valid PIN Certificate with VAT obligation.
- Must have complete legal recommendation from the central bank of Kenya
- 3 years certified audited accounts, 2021,2022 and 2023.
- Submission of one original tender document and one copy document

This EOI is also available in the Government of Kenya Tender Portal www.tenders.go.ke and in the Ministry's website www.kilimo.go.ke.

EOI Submission:

Eligible firms are to submit their clearly labelled "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR FINANCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO OFFER CREDIT FACILITIES TO FARMERS TO ACCESS INPUTS UNDER THE E-SUBSIDY PROGRAMME, TENDER NO. MOALD/SDA/EOI/NVSP/01/2024-2025"

by hard copy to be deposited in the Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road so as to be received not later than **11:00 a.m. East African Time on Wednesday 18th September, 2024.**

The Envelop should be clearly addressed to:

**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,
P.O.BOX 30028-00100
NAIROBI**

- Bulky bid documents that cannot fit in the tender box should be dropped at the Head Supply Chain Management Services Office at Kilimo House, 4th Floor Room 4-2B.

EOI Opening:

- The EOI documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at: Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom UPPER FLOOR on **Wednesday 18th September, 2024** immediately after closing.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The State Department for Agriculture reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.
- Address where to send enquiries is: The Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Address: **P. O. Box 30028-00100 Nairobi, Kenya** Email address: tenders@kilimo.go.ke

To reach the Procuring Entity not later than **(11th September, 2024).**

- The Procuring Entity publish its response at the website: www.kilimo.go.ke

**Head, Supply Chain Management Services
State Department for Agriculture**



State strengthens cyber security tactics to counter online threats



State Department for Internal Security and National Administration Principal Secretary (PS), Dr. Raymond Omollo (R) confers with Huawei-Kenya Deputy CEO for Public Affairs, Mr. Steven Zhang.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government is training its staff on cybersecurity governance to safeguard the country's digital landscape in line with the Computer and Cybercrime Law.

Dr. Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Internal Security and National Administration, stated that the National Computer and Cybercrime Coordination Committee (NC4), under the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, is coordinating the training in partnership with Huawei.

"The Committee is a multi-agency body established by the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, responsible for coordinating all cybersecurity matters, including the timely detection, prevention, response, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrimes," explained Dr. Omollo.

Dr. Omollo added that more than 200 officers have benefited from the training. He noted that the training on information and cloud technologies was timely, as it provided the trainees with the knowledge and skills necessary to advance the government's digitalization and e-services agenda.

Speaking at the conclusion of a Cloud Computing Security Training for government officers, held in collaboration with Huawei Kenya, Dr. Omollo remarked, "The adoption of cloud technology is no longer an option but a necessity for governments, businesses, and organizations globally."

He added: "However, with these advancements come heightened risks to data security, privacy, and integrity. Cyber-attacks are becoming more sophisticated, and the need for robust cloud security measures have never been more critical."

The PS said the government was keen to mitigate against cyber risks that come with technological advancement, including attacks that posed danger to critical infrastructure and sensitive data.

Dr Omollo said any lapse in cyber security could cause disruptions in delivery of essential online services to wananchi and called for concerted efforts among state agencies in ensuring cyber stability.

The digital economy is a key pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, he said, noting that the government had automated more than 19,000 services on the e-Citizen platform.

Dr Omollo said NC4 was well equipped to deal with any cyber risks that could undermine the country's drive for enhanced efficiency and service delivery.

He explained that all Government departments and agencies were expected to implement strong cybersecurity measures to protect data, secure communication networks, and defend sensitive information against cyber threats.

Kenya aims to slash rice imports by 50 pc in five years with modern farming tech



Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja and Hwang Yong Kim, Director General Rural Development Administration (RDA) during the 6th Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (KAFACI) General Assembly in Nairobi.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

Kenya plans to reduce rice imports by 50 percent over the next five years by focusing on high-yielding varieties and modern farming technology.

Speaking at the opening of the Sixth Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (KAFACI) General Assembly, Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja stated that each year, the government spends increasing amounts on rice imports to feed the population, as local production remains low.

“Every year, nearly 800,000 metric tons of rice are imported into the country, while our production stands at between 150,000 and 200,000 metric tons. This ongoing disparity strains the government, as substantial resources must be committed annually to bridge the gap,” Dr. Karanja said.

Dr. Karanja explained that the government is accelerating a food diversity approach to help Kenyans adopt a wider range of food varieties. He added that demand for rice is rising due to population growth and rapid urbanization.

To boost local production, Dr. Karanja revealed that the government is investing in research and capacity-building for scientists to increase production levels.

“We have rice as one of our prime value chains and Korea has a lot of

technologies in terms of rice and therefore development of rice varieties that our farmers can adopt is key,” he said.

Speaking during the same event, the Director-General for Rural Development Administration (RDA) Hwang Yong Kim said over the years, KAFACI has developed 26 high-yield and high-quality rice varieties adaptable to various African environments.

KAFACI, he added, has pursued a diverse approach to boost agricultural productivity in Africa, including developing a comprehensive database cataloguing the characteristics of various indigenous cattle breeds and publishing an extensive research and analysis report on the status of agricultural mechanisation across the continent.

“In the next five years, we will focus on research related to sustainability and resilience of African agriculture and we believe that the development of agricultural science and technology will surely help to promote African economy as well and as a way to accomplish this, focus is mainly on the research in the agricultural scientific area,” he said.

Dr. Kim explained that since its inception with 16 African member countries in 2010,

In the next five years, we will focus on research related to sustainability and resilience of African agriculture

KAFACI had expanded to 23 member countries by 2022, and last week welcomed 14 more countries into the partnership, signifying the evolution into a strong agricultural research and development partnership encompassing more than two-thirds of the African continent.

He noted that they would approve collaborative research and development projects for the next five years and share the necessary knowledge and information for their implementation.

“We have also arranged a meaningful moment to share the seeds of new rice varieties with the newly joined member countries, continuing the achievements of the past,” he added.

Dr. Kim termed Kenya as a country that has been leading in climate change response efforts in Africa, and therefore holding the General Assembly in the country was symbolic.

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) Director General Dr. Eliud Kireger said the focus of collaboration with KAFACI was on agricultural mechanisation, especially in rice.

“Our government will benefit from the Sh6.4 billion (USD50million) programme which is being rolled out in the 37 countries in Africa for the next five years.

Out of the total extended resources, Kenya will benefit with Sh30 million for distribution of the new rice varieties,” Dr. Kireger said.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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- Developing capacity for safe and efficient power system operation.
- Developing and nurturing partnerships and collaboration in the energy sector to promote company business.
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- Ensuring compliance of the Company policies, regulations, standards and procedures to enhance operational efficiency.
- Coaching, mentoring and developing the team to ensure optimal performance and effective succession planning.

Appointment Specification

- Master's Degree in Engineering, Economics, Business Administration, or related field from a recognized Institution.
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- Fifteen (15) years relevant work experience in power systems management and operations; five (5) years of which must have been at the level of Senior Management in an Energy Utility Company.
- Registered Professional Engineer with the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK).
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Only candidates offered employment shall present the following clearance certificates;

- Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations
- Valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
- Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
- Current Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC);
- Current Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

Kenya Power is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Kenya Power does not charge any fee at any stage of the recruitment process (**application, shortlisting, interviewing, and/or offer**)

Kwale County seeks release of Sh2.9b mineral royalties since 2016

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Kwale County Government is demanding its share of the Sh. 2.9 billion in mineral royalties held by the National Treasury since 2016.

Kwale, Kilifi, and Ka-jjado—out of 32 mineral-rich counties—are supposed to receive the lion's share of the mining proceeds held by the national government.

The mining royalty was established to promote the socio-economic development of communities impacted by mining operations, specifically targeting socio-economic development.

A royalty is a fee imposed by governments on the amount of minerals produced at a mine or the revenue or profit generated from minerals sold.

According to the State Department of Mining, a legal lacuna had been blocking the counties from accessing their royalty share. This issue has been resolved with the enactment of the County



Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani

Governments Additional Allocations Act of 2022.

Governor Fatuma Achani said the mineral funds which were approved a while back should be released to the devolved governments without further delay.

Achani maintained that for Kwale to benefit from its vast mineral endowment, the much-anticipated royalty pay-out should be fast-tracked to help improve social-eco-

nomomic welfare of the people.

She urged the national government to keep its promise regarding mineral royalties saying her county is eagerly waiting for the money to fund development projects and facilitate residents' economic empowerment in the mining sector.

"We want the royalty funds to be used for purposes such as providing redress for the harmful effects of mining on the affected communities and supporting alternative livelihood projects," she said.

According to the Mining Act of 2016, sharing of mineral royalties is given at a ratio of 70 per cent to the national government, 20 per cent to the county government and 10 per cent to the local community to ensure equitable distribution of benefits from the mining sector.

Kwale County hosts Australian mining firm, the Base Titanium, which has been mining rutile, ilmenite and zircon all precious minerals since 2013 rising to become the most

successful large-scale miner in Kenya's history.

The county is Kenya's largest mineral sands mine and a flagship project under the Vision 2030 Development Blueprint.

The renewed push for the national government to release the mineral royalties comes at a time the mining company nears an end to its operations in Kwale.

Base Titanium announced that it will cease mining activities in Kwale by the end of 2024 citing the depletion of minerals in their operational areas in Msambweni Sub-County.

Achani stated that despite enacting the Mining Act of 2016 to sanitize the sector, not much has been achieved concerning revenue and improved standard of living for the people.

The Governor contended that the inordinate delay in releasing the royalty cash means that the rich mineral endowment has failed to translate the mineral wealth into overall economic development for the devolved units.



Base Titanium mining in Msambweni Kwale

"Minerals play a great role in terms of raising revenues for the country and we are eagerly awaiting to receive our share of the proceeds to help accelerate development at the grassroots," she said.

The coastal county boss said her administration is determined to collaborate with the national government to develop the mineral sector to greater heights and attract new investors.

Base Titanium External Affairs General Manager Simon Wall stated that the mining firm will cease operations in December 2024 having failed to find


new mineral resources to extend its mining operations.

Mr. Wall said as part of the process of winding down its mining operations, Base Titanium has commissioned feasibility studies to establish the best way to utilize the land after operations formally cease.

He said Base Titanium has kicked off in earnest systematic post-mining closure phases and land reclamation plans of cessation of mining operations in December.

The top mining official said several options currently being considered include large-scale agriculture, sustainable conservation and industrial training.

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Number of mineral rich counties in the country



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY MANAGEMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

TENDER NOTICE

The State Department for Public Service invites sealed tenders from eligible insurance underwriters to provide a Medical Insurance Scheme for Civil Servants as indicated below:-

Tender No.	Description	Eligibility	Bid Security	Closing Date and Time
MPSP&DM /OT/001/2024-2025	Provision of a Medical Insurance Scheme for Civil Servants	Insurance Underwriters	50,000,000	26 th September, 2024 11.00 am

Tender document detailing the requirements of the above tender may be downloaded from the State Department for Public Service [www.psyg.go.ke / tenders.go.ke](http://www.psyg.go.ke/tenders.go.ke) free of charge.

For any clarifications or communications kindly contact: **Head, Supply Chain Management, Telposta Towers, 2nd Floor, P.O Box 30050- 00100, Telephone: +254 020 2252299, Nairobi, Kenya.** Email: info@psyg.go.ke

Completed tender document in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with tender name and number should be addressed to:-


**Principal Secretary
State Department for Public Service
P O Box 30050 - 00100 - NAIROBI**



and deposited in the Tender Box situated at **Telposta Towers, 2nd floor on or before Thursday, 26th September, 2024 at 11.00 am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address above.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Departments website [www.psyg.go.ke / tenders.go.ke](http://www.psyg.go.ke/tenders.go.ke) for any tender addenda and clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

**Principal Secretary
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**



Kenya National Highways Authority
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TENDER NOTICE

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF MUGEKA – MURANGA (B112) ROAD

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 with the responsibility for Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors for the Periodic Maintenance of Mugeka – Muranga (B112) Road to be funded through the **Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF)**.

There shall be a **mandatory pre-bid site visit and meeting** as specified in the detailed tender notice uploaded onto the KeNHA website or Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) website www.tenders.go.ke

A complete set of the tender document may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or PIIP portal: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are encouraged to download the tender document to minimise physical visits to the KeNHA Offices.

The tender Closing/Opening date will be on **18th September, 2024 at 11.00 am** at **KeNHA Headquarters, Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor Boardroom.**

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
For: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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[Website: www.kenha.co.ke](https://www.kenha.co.ke) [@KeNHAKenya](https://www.facebook.com/kenha) Kenya National Highways Authority

PSASB launches FiRe Award 2024 to boost accountability, transparency in public sector

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is calling on all state organs and public sector entities to participate in the FiRe Award 2024, which it has launched to enhance accountability and transparency in the use of public resources.

According to PSASB Acting CEO Ms. Georgina Muchai, the FiRe Award 2024 is designed to promote integrated financial reporting across the private and public sectors in the country. Ms. Muchai said this year's FiRe Award theme is "Championing Effective Sustainability Reporting through Technology and Innovation to Enhance Transparency," which underscores the growing importance of business sustainability disclosures as a reporting mandate for private companies and public sector entities. Speaking during the launch of the 23rd edition of the FiRe Award, Ms. Muchai encouraged public sector entities to increase their uptake of



Public Sector Accounting Standards Board Acting CEO Ms Georgina Muchai



ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) reporting, noting that ESG is a growing concern for government regulators, investors, and standards bodies. The CEO stated that ESG reporting provides public sector entities with a significant opportunity to prepare for new regulations around sustainability reporting and to commit to transparency and accountability.

"This means gathering information to inform entities' strategies, manage risks, and achieve stronger, more sustainable performance over the long term," Ms. Muchai noted. During the launch of the FiRe Award 2024, Ms.

Muchai urged public sector entities to participate in this year's Award to enable the Board to monitor the adherence to the standards as a way of enhancing compliance with the appropriate financial reporting framework and other disclosures on governance, social and environmental reporting in the public sector.

"To participate in FiRe Award 2024, we are calling on public sector entities to submit a hard copy and a soft copy version of their Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and complete the participant's entry form which can be accessed on our website - www.psasb.go.ke. The submission deadline for the public sector entries is Friday, 11th October 2024," Ms Muchai said.

She said that winners of the FiRe Award 2024, from both the public and private sector, will be announced during the Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony to be held on the 6th of December 2024.

KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a state corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act 2007, with the responsibility of management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of Rural Roads.

The Authority hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the following projects:

- (i) Rehabilitation of Moiz Junction – Malaika Gardens Resort – Airport Road,
- (ii) Construction of Membley Bridge along JN. A2 Membley – Northern Bypass – JNC C559 BTL Road.

Interested Bidders are advised to download the Long Advertisement and Tender Documents from the Authority's website www.kerra.go.ke and PPIP Portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge as from **4th September, 2024**.

Pre-Tender Site Visit shall be Open but **MANDATORY**. Bidders are required to make their own arrangements to visit the project sites in liaison with the respective Regional Directors, and have their site visit Certificate signed by the respective Regional Directors.

Completed tender documents should be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and deposited in the Tender Box located on 3rd Floor, Barabara Plaza Block B, or be addressed and posted to the below address to reach us on or before **11th September, 2024 at 11.00am**.

Opening of the tenders will take place immediately thereafter on **11th September, 2024** at the Ground Floor, Board Room, Barabara Plaza, Block B in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.


Bids not received at the submission venue by the closing date and time will not be accepted for opening and will be rejected and returned unopened.


Bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Chain Department at the address below during working hours from 09:00 to 16:00 Hours local time Monday to Friday.

**The Director General,
Kenya Rural Roads Authority,
Barabara Plaza Block B, Mazao Road, Opposite KCAA building, JKIA,
P. O. Box 48151 - 00100, NAIROBI.**


**Email Addresses: dg@kerra.go.ke, procurement@kerra.go.ke
Tel: +254(20)780600/01-05, Mobile: +254 711851103**

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





KENYA TSETSE AND TRYPANOSOMIASIS ERADICATION COUNCIL



TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC) was established via legal Notice No. 77 of 27th July 2012 under the State Corporations Act Cap 446. It is mandated to be the Government agency on strategies, resource mobilization, linkages and coordination of tsetse and Trypanosomiasis eradication matters in Kenya.

The KENTTEC invites sealed tender documents from interested eligible firms to tender for the following categories of Goods and Services as and when needed during the period ending 30th June 2025.

CATEGORY A: SUPPLY OF GOODS				
S.NO	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	DESCRIPTION OF TENDER	ELIGIBILITY	BID SECURITY
1.	KENTTEC/1/2024-2025	Supply of Deltamethrin 5% EC	Reserved for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability	AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
2.	KENTTEC/2/2024-2025	Supply of Alphacypermethrin 10% EC	Open	Bid security of Kshs.100, 000 from a reputable bank or an acceptable Insurance Company (Non AGPO Firms). AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
3.	KENTTEC/3/2024-2025	Supply of Flumethrin 1% EC	Reserved for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability	AGPO Firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
4.	KENTTEC/4/2024-2025	Supply of Phenols/Tsetse odours	Reserved for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability	AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
5.	KENTTEC/5/2024-2025	Supply of Deltamethrin-Insecticides Impregnated Targets/Screens	Open	Bid security of Kshs. 500,000 from a reputable bank or an acceptable Insurance Company (Non AGPO Firms). AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
6.	KENTTEC/6/2024-2025	Supply of Livestock Protective Fences (LPF)-(Deltamethrin Treated Zero Grazing net)	Open	Bid security of Kshs. 100,000 from a reputable bank or an acceptable Insurance Company (Non AGPO Firms). AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
7.	KENTTEC/7/2024-2025	Supply of Laboratory reagents and field chemicals for analysis of Animal African Trypanosomiasis (AAT) and Human African Trypanosomiasis (HAT)samples	Reserved for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability	AGPO Firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
8.	KENTTEC/8/2024-2025	Procurement Of Office Equipment And Computer Accessories.	Reserved for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability	AGPO Firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
CATEGORY B: PROVISION OF SERVICES				
9.	KENTTEC/9/2024-2025	Provision of staff insurance services	Open	Bid security of Kshs. 100,000 from a reputable bank or an acceptable Insurance Company (Non AGPO Firms). AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, Dully filled, stamped and signed.
CATEGORY C: CONSULTANCY SERVICES				
10.	KENTTEC/11/2042-2025	Consultancy on Installation and Maintenance of Deltamethrin-Insecticide Impregnated Targets/Screen in Tsetse Infested areas	Open	Bid security of Kshs. 100,000 from a reputable bank or an acceptable Insurance Company (Non AGPO Firms). AGPO firms to provide a Tender Security Declaration Form, dully filled, stamped and signed.


Detailed Tender documents may be obtained from KENTTEC Procurement Office, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of KShs. 1,000.00 per set for each category payable to the Chief Executive Officer Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC), in cash, Bankers/Cheque or Money Order at the Council's cash office.

The documents can also be downloaded from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) website www.tenders.go.ke OR KENTTEC Website www.kenttec.go.ke at no cost.

We encourage Youth, Women & Persons with Disability to submit tender documents for consideration in line with the government commitments under the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO). Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with reference numbers indicated in the table above should be addressed to: -

**The Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council,
P.O. Box 66290-00800,
Westlands.
OR**

Deposited in the Tender Box at the Supply Chain Management Office, KENTTEC, situated at Crescent Business Centre Building 3rd Floor-Parklands opposite MP-Shah Hospital next to Shell Petrol Station along Parklands Road on or before **Monday, 23rd September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. (East African time)**. The opening of the tenders will be done immediately in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at the Council's Board Room.



Inside CS Joho's grand vision of transforming mining sector into Kenya's economic pillar

BY WAGEMA MWANGI(KNA)

Kenya's mineral resources have emerged as a promising frontier for the country's economic enhancement, particularly as the National Treasury targets generating additional revenues.

The Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Ali Joho, asserts that if well managed, mineral resources can address the budget deficit, clear the national debt, and reduce the tax burden on taxpayers. However, achieving these goals requires navigating formidable challenges that have hampered Kenya's mining sector for decades.

The CS is proposing a series of radical steps aimed at streamlining both internal and external factors and optimizing the potential of mineral investments for increased revenue generation.

"Mining is a cornerstone of Kenya's economic growth. If well managed, this resource can resolve our debt and generate revenues to drive national development," Joho notes. Currently, the mining sector contributes a modest one percent to the national gross domestic product (GDP). However, projections indicate that this contribution could rise to ten percent.



CS Joho (r) with a mining engineer (l) inside a gold-mining shaft of Karebe Gold Mines in Nandi County.

Recent mining performance indicators show a sector emerging from operational stagnation. Mineral export data for the 2022/2023 year reported a 5.9 percent growth, valued at USD 471 million. Revenue from royalties also surged from Sh1.6 billion in 2019 to Sh3.7 billion by June 2023. To capitalize on this growth, the CS has adopted a multi-pronged approach, focusing on boosting revenue collection, reviewing mining laws, incentivizing new investors, promoting artisanal miners, and combating illegal mining.

Illegal mining remains a significant threat, depriving the government of billions in revenue. It also causes environmental degradation and is associated with abandoned quarries that pose hazards to lives and property.

To date, over 3,000 illicit operations have been

halted in an ongoing campaign to eradicate this illegal activity. However, the problem persists due to inadequate enforcement capacity and a lack of coordinated response by state agencies.

Equating illegal mining to economic sabotage, the CS emphasizes that the unremitted extraction of Kenya's minerals will be punished. "Minerals are depletable. Not paying royalties is akin to depriving future generations. This must stop," Joho stresses. To eradicate illegal mining, the CS calls for the involvement of security agencies in counties. He states that illegal mining should not occur when law enforcement is vigilant. County security agencies must ensure that criminal activities, particularly illegal mining, are eradicated and that perpetrators are dealt with. "Illegal mining is a

crime. Security agencies on the ground should treat it as such," Joho says.

The CS has also put investors who owe the government hundreds of millions in unpaid royalties on notice. In a recent meeting in Kisumu County, Joho insisted that arrears must be cleared and that investors will be offered a fair payment plan to settle their debts. He also hinted that the government is targeting investors who have closed operations after depleting their minerals. "Some investors made substantial profits and left the sector without paying a penny. They too must settle their debts to Kenyans," he states. These interventions signal a new era for the mining sector. However, the prevalence of conflicts, community dissatisfaction, disputes over land consent, and hostility between investors and landowners threaten mineral investments in Kenya.

In Taita-Taveta, the future of a Sh10-billion iron-ore project is uncertain after disgruntled community members challenged the legality of the project in court. In Nandi County, a protracted dispute between a gold investor and a section of the community continues, while another conflict is ongoing between a copper investor and the local community in Kitui.

PS urges investors to boost Kenya's infrastructure development



Construction of the ultra-modern LPG firm Lake Gas in Vipingo in its final stages.

BY FATMA SAID(KNA) AND JOYCE MUTETE (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department of Petroleum, Mohammed Liban, has urged investors to engage in various infrastructure initiatives, including roads and ports, which are crucial for driving the development and sustainability of Kenya's infrastructure.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the Lake Gas Facility in Vipingo, Liban noted that the government is actively encouraging more investors to participate in these projects. He emphasized that investors, both local and international, are integral stakeholders whose investments have the potential to be self-sustaining and generate returns over time.

"In light of our current

economic challenges, where 70 percent of our national revenue is allocated to debt servicing and 20 percent to civil servant salaries, only 10 percent is available for other government expenditures," Liban said.

Given these constraints, the PS emphasized that partnering with the private sector is an ideal solution, as private investors can finance infrastructure projects without drawing from the exchequer, allowing these projects to eventually become self-financing.

Liban also assured that the government is committed to a progressive and comprehensive transition from fossil fuels to liquefied gas. He emphasized that the initiative prioritizes environmental safety, ensuring a secure and reliable supply of gas, and advancing sustainable energy practices.



NEW KENYA PLANTERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

New Kenya Planters' Co-operative Union (New KPCU) is an established State Corporation under the Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs and is mandated to mill, warehouse and market farmer's coffee and administration of the Coffee Cherry Revolving Fund.

The Company invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified firms for the following Tenders.

NO.	Tender NO	Tender Description	Eligibility
1.	NKPCU/ICT/IS/001/2024-2025	Provision of internet and internet services	Open

Interested and eligible tenderers may obtain further information, inspect and download the tender documents by visiting www.newkpcuplc.go.ke and tenders.go.ke

Dully Completed bids, enclosed in plain sealed envelope, and clearly marked with respective tender numbers and Tender names addressed to

The Managing Director
New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union
P.O. Box 59638-00200
NAIROBI

Bids Should be deposited in the Tender Box situated in NKPCU Head Office, 5th Floor Wakulima house, Nairobi on or before the specified date in the tender document, Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend.

NB: Late Bids will NOT be accepted



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

State Department for Environment and Climate Change

RECRUITMENT OF A PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE PROJECT

Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste (SMC&W) is addressed in eleven of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) hence critical in addressing the agenda 30 as well as Kenya's Vision 2030. To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the project, the State Department for Environment & Climate Change is seeking to recruit a Project Coordinator for SMC&W Project.

Interested and eligible applicants are advised to visit the Ministry's website www.environment.go.ke for specific job requirements and guidelines for application. The closing date for applications is at the close of business on the **16th September, 2024.**

The Bio-Data form must be accompanied with an application letter, detailed Curriculum Vitae, Certified Copies of Academic certificates, a copy of National Identity Card/Passport, and Testimonials in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: "Application for a Project Coordinator for the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste" and addressed to:

Principal Secretary,
State Department for Environment and Climate Change,
Ragati Rd, NHIF BUILDING
P.O BOX 30126-00100
NAIROBI.

www.environment.go.ke



West Pokot County finally gets high-speed internet after six-year wait

BY RICHARD MUHAMBE AND ANTONY MELLY(KNA)

Residents of West Pokot County can finally breathe a sigh of relief with the implementation of high-speed internet services, which have been pending for the past six years.

This technology, which has transformed the world into a global village, has had a significant impact on many previously marginalized societies. West Pokot, once considered an isolated area, will now benefit from fiber optic cable technology, connecting most government offices and public institutions to the national network and the broader global community.

During an inspection tour of the project's status, Information and Communication Technology Authority (ICTA) Chief Executive Officer Stanley Kamanguya confirmed the project's completion and highlighted its potential to increase access to online services in the region.

However, he noted that a few areas, particularly



ICTA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Stanley Kamanguya (Center) during a press conference with journalists at the West Pokot county governor's offices in Kapenguria.

those far from the highway, are still awaiting connection. Plans are underway to expand coverage.

Kamanguya also revealed that over 200 public institutions, both national and county government offices along the highway, are now enjoying high-speed internet thanks to the fiber optic cables.

"We are here as part of our initiative to roll out digital connectivity across the county and fulfill the ambitious plan by the President to transform the

country into a full digital economy. The project encompasses the lay down of a 700kms digital superhighway from Eldoret to Nadapal in Turkana County," explained the CEO.

The CEO maintained the connections have elevated service delivery to the citizens owing to improved internet activation into various institutions.

He challenged Kenyans to take advantage of the digital superhighway that has seen provision of free public WiFi at bus

stops and market places to engage in online trading which has been made readily available and cheap.

"The project has already seen reduction in internet costs and brought about an increased number of consumers as far as online communication is concerned.

We shall continue collaborating with West Pokot and all other counties to make our country have some commendable command on matters digitization," vowed the CEO calling upon all Kenyans to utilize the already available digital hubs and ICT resource centres in various parts of the country.

Accompanied by ICTA Board Members and Directors, Kamanguya commended the West Pokot county government for its steady collaboration towards implementation of the multibillion project which intends to bridge the digital gap within the four counties of Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia and Turkana

Regarding hurdles en-

countered during the implementation of the digital superhighway, the CEO cited heavy rains witnessed in the region during the implementation phases of the project as one of the drawbacks that delayed the installations.

"Besides the rains, there were also security challenges that delayed the distribution of some hardware but thanks to the security agencies for being upbeat," explained Kamanguya.

West Pokot Public Service Management, ICT and Devolved Units County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Martin Lotee celebrated the work done mentioning that around 50 county government institutions are well connected and effectively enjoying the online services. He challenged the ICTA to consider extending the networks to other areas, especially the three sub counties of Pokot North, Kacheliba and some parts of Pokot South.

"As a county government we feel honoured for consideration in the digital superhighway connections that has seen improved public service delivery. We are proud to announce that many of our services have gone

digital hence less time and material wastage," Lotee observed.

West Pokot Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Wycliffe Munanda reiterated that since the world is destined for a robust digital revolution, most public services are being conducted online, among them sending reports and frequent communications.

"As already mentioned, some government offices are yet to be connected and our humble prayer is to have them put into consideration so that all government workers operate from a uniform working environment across the county because they are steadfast in embracing modern technology," Munanda appealed.

His wake up call messages to the youth alias Gen Zs is that they engage into profitable internet use through meaningful content creation and job creation instead of venturing into disruptive or cybercrimes. Public officers connected to the digital superhighway affirmed that with the implementation of the high speed internet connectivity has improved thus time management and effectiveness service delivery.



KISII UNIVERSITY

TENDER NOTICE

Kisii University was chartered in February 2013. It is headquartered in Kisii town, some 1.5 kilometers away from the town centre.

The University invites tenders for:

Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender Closing Date and Time
1. KSU/T/04/2024 /2025	TENDER FOR LEASING OUT UNIVERSITY RESTAURANT	Open	17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TIME: 11.30AM
2. KSU/T/05/2024 /2025	TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF STRUCTURED CABLING NETWORK FOR ICT BLOCK B	Open	17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TIME: 11.30AM
3. KSU/T/06/2024/2025	TENDER FOR PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICES	Open	17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TIME: 11.30AM
4. KSU/T/07/2024 /2025	TENDER FOR PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES	Reserved	17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TIME: 11.30AM

To download the tender documents, Visit Kisii University website (www.kisiiuniversity.ac.ke) or www.tenders.go.ke. Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Two (2) copies of bound completed and paginated tender documents (marked 'original' and 'copy') are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kisii University main campus administration block and shall be addressed to:

Vice Chancellor Kisii University
P.O BOX 408-40200
KISII



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Date:	03/09/2024
CKE No:	1127 01 J
IFB No:	KETRACO/PT/028/2024

- Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd (hereinafter called "Client") has applied for financing from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD") toward the cost of the National System Control Center Project. The Client intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for Supervision Consulting Services for National System Control Center.
- The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO), an implementing agency now invites eligible firms for Expression Of Interest for Supervision Consulting Services for National System Control Center.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the EOI documents at the office of:

Ag.Senior Manager, Supply Chain Offices
Attn: Hesbon Kisero
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)
Second Floor, KAWI Complex, Block B
Popo Road, off Red Cross Road, South C
P.O Box 34942 – 00100
Nairobi, Kenya. Email: hkisero@ketraco.co.ke

- A complete set of EOI documents may be downloaded for free from the KETRACO website (www.ketraco.co.ke)
- EOI documents must be addressed and delivered to the office of the Ag.Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management, KETRACO on or before **10:30 AM East Africa Time (EAT), October 02, 2024.**
- The Expression of interest documents will be opened in the presence of applicant's representatives who choose to attend on the same date at **10:30 AM East African Time (EAT)** at the office of: -

Ag.Senior Manager, Supply chain Management
Attn: Hesbon Kisero
Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)
Second Floor, KAWI Complex, Block B
Popo Road, off Red Cross Road, South C
P.O Box 34942 – 00100
Nairobi, Kenya. Email: hkisero@ketraco.co.ke





KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD



INVITATION TO TENDER

PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES TENDER NO. KFCB/02/2024-2025

The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) is a State Corporation established by the Films and Stage Plays Act, Cap 222, to regulate the film and broadcast sector in Kenya.

KFCB invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

Tender No	Tender Name	Category	Closing Date and Time
KFCB/02/2024-2025	Provision of Cleaning Services	AGPO	10 th September 2024 at 11.00 am

Interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents from the KFCB website <https://kfcg.go.ke/tenders/> or visit the Supply Chain Management office, Kenya Film Classification Board, Aga Khan Walk, Uchumi House 15th Floor during normal office working hours.

A complete set of the Tender Documents may be obtained upon payment of **Ksh 1000** for hard copies or downloaded Free of Charge at <https://kfcg.go.ke/tenders/> and **PIIP**. Tenderers who download the documents from the website must forward their particulars immediately for recording and any further clarifications and addenda to kfcgprocurement@kfcg.go.ke.

Completed Tender Documents, enclosed in plain sealed envelope, marked with the Tender Number shall addressed to:-

**Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD,
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and be deposited in the tender box provided at Uchumi House 15th Floor, Aga Khan Walk, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before **Tuesday 10th September, 2024, at 11.00 a.m.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at the KFCB Boardroom Uchumi House, 14th Floor, Aga Khan Walk in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening.

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CS calls for universities to align programs with job market needs

BY PURITY MUGO (KNA)
Education Cabinet Secretary Mr. Julius Ogamba has called on universities to adopt learner-centered approaches, emphasizing the importance of practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge.

Speaking at Murang'a University of Technology during the eighth graduation ceremony, Ogamba urged higher education institutions to integrate practical courses to ensure that their programs align with job market needs.

"By focusing on relevant real-world issues and collaborating with industry, academic institutions can play a significant role in fostering economic growth and social progress," Ogamba said.

The CS also urged local

universities to promote research and innovation to address both local and national challenges. He emphasized the importance of working closely with industries to boost entrepreneurship and the marketability of graduates.

"Universities should collaborate closely with industries, which are both the consumers of their research and innovations and a source of employment for graduates," he added.

"By promoting entrepreneurship universities will not only contribute to the individual successes of their students but also to the broader goal of sustainable development," he added.

Addressing the concerns surrounding the controversy-riddled university funding model, the

CS admitted that a shift in systems was bound to face teething problems which will likely be sorted in due course.

He acknowledged reports that some needy learners could have been placed in bands that do not reflect the economic realities of their households but said there was room for appeal to rectify the anomalies.

Given the government policy of leaving no one behind, the Education CS ordered all public universities to admit all students to their institutions as the government processes the students' appeals.

"The Government is committed to ensure robust and efficient university education that executes its role of teaching, research and innovation," he said.



**MINISTRY OF WATER,
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MURANG'A WATER & SANITATION CO. LTD

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

Project No:	P156634
Credit No:	6030-KE
Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	Water and Sanitation Development Project-Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II
Contract Titles:	(i) SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS (ii) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW MOTORCYCLES

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water and Sanitation development Project-Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts as indicated above.
- Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company Limited (MUWASCO) invites interested and eligible bidders for the following tenders.

RFB REFERENCE NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	CLOSING DATE
MUWASCO/OT/001/2024/2025	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS	1262 (Various sizes)	25 th September, 2024 10:00 am
MUWASCO/OT/002/2024/2025	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW MOTORCYCLES	5	25 th September, 2024 10:00 am

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Procurement** using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated **July 2016, revised 5th Edition September 2023** ("Procurement Regulations"), which can be found in the following website: www.worldbank.org/procurement and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours from 8a.m to 1 Pm and 2pm - 5 Pm from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays at the address given below.
- The bidding document in **English** may be downloaded **free of charge** from the company's website www.muwasco.co.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. Bidders who download the bidding documents are required to notify the Purchaser by email with full contact details that they intended to participate immediately to procurementmanager@muwasco.co.ke, this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser, to all bidders where necessary.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security inform of a bank guarantee as shown below.
 - Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Meters -KSHS. 250,000.00
 - Supply and Delivery of New Motorcycles -KHS. 30,000.00
- Completed tenders documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with **Tender Number** and **Tender description** shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at our main office at the customer care office or sent by post addressed to.

**The Managing Director,
Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company,
Off Kangema Road, Murang'a,
P.O Box 1050- 10200
Murang'a**

So as to reach him not later than **25th September, 2024 at 10.00 AM (East Africa Time)**. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend

- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINING

TENDER NOTICE

- The State Department for Mining invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following;

S/No.	Tender No.	Item Description	Category
1.	MMBE&MA/SDM/OT/001/2024-2025	Tender for the Provision of professional cleaning services	AGPO Reserved

- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained free of charge by interested tenderers electronically from the State Department of Mining website, www.mining.go.ke or Government of Kenya tender portal, www.tender.go.ke.
- Duly Completed tender documents, enclosed in a plain, sealed envelope clearly marked "**Tender Number** and **Tender Name**" should be addressed to:

**Principal Secretary
State Department for Mining
P.O. Box 30009-00100
Nairobi.**

and deposited in the tender box situated at second floor, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi so as to reach on or before **Wednesday, 18th September, 2024 at 10.00 am. Electronic tenders will not be accepted.**

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Chain Management office 2nd floor, Works Building, Ngong Road during normal working hours between 8.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m weekdays.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representative who choose to attend at 3rd floor boardroom, Works Building, Ngong Road, Nairobi.
- Late tenders will be rejected.

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINING
P.O. BOX 30009-00100
NAIROBI**



State, County partner to support women and youth programmes

BY ROBERT OJWANG (KNA)

Women, youth, and persons with disabilities have been encouraged to take full advantage of available initiatives aimed at fostering their economic empowerment.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, Ms. Anne Wang'ombe, emphasized the Government's commitment to providing

support to uplift the living standards of women across the country.

Ms. Wang'ombe noted that the Government, through the Women Enterprise Fund, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund, and the Anti-FGM Board, is driving several initiatives designed to empower women and promote gender equality.

The Women Enterprise Fund offers financial support and ca-

capacity-building programs for women-owned businesses, providing them with access to the credit and resources necessary for growth and sustainability.

The National Government Affirmative Action Fund supports projects that promote women's leadership and empowerment at the grassroots level, aiming to enhance women's participation in governance and deci-

sion-making processes.

The Anti-FGM Board leads campaigns against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), raising awareness, educating communities, and supporting survivors through advocacy and healthcare services.

Speaking during the Festac Africa Festival Women Summit held in Kisumu County, Ms. Wang'ombe noted that the State Department collaborates with all 47 County



PS for Gender and Affirmative Action Anne Wang'ombe in Kisumu County.

Women Representatives to roll out transformative programs at the community level. "These women leaders are instrumental in advancing initiatives that address the specific needs of their communities. Through their efforts, women's voices are amplified in decision-making processes, ensuring that policies reflect their unique demands and impact their lives positively," she stated.

CS roots for research in wildlife conservation and management

BY ALICE GWORO (PCO)

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Ms. Rebecca Miano advocates for research and training as key components and enablers of sustainable conservation and management of Kenya's wildlife resources.

Miano emphasized that research provides the scientific evidence necessary for developing species management and conservation area policies that respond to the country's needs, as well as for creating training programs that equip a skilled workforce.

During a familiarization tour at the Wildlife Research and Training Institute in Naivasha, she noted that the Institute is strategically positioned to address the changing needs of the conservation sector and to advance the country towards a sustainable future, in line with the global conservation agenda and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

"Similar to other sectors globally and regionally, the conservation sector continues to undergo significant changes driven by shifts in government policies, empowered stakeholders, and increasingly stringent regulatory environments. These changes are essential for advancing research and improving the sector," the CS said.

She further said that the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 clearly defines the legal, policy and in-



Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Ms Rebecca Miano

stitutional framework for wildlife conservation and management in Kenya.

"While, the management and enforcement functions of the State Department falls under our sister institution, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), this outfit is also charged with the duo role of coordinating and conducting wildlife research and training," she said.

Miano also noted that she is eagerly awaiting for the completion of the Joint KWS and WRTI board ad-hoc committee on the transfer of assets and looks forward to witnessing the adoption of its recommendations.

She took note of the new way forward the Institute has embraced as encapsulated in the reviewed Strategic Plan 2024-2028 adding that financial sustainability is a key message in its new strategic direction.

"This aligns well with Kenya Kwanza administration's desire to wean state corporations off exchequer support and become net-givers

rather than net-receivers", she noted.

She appreciated the development of a clear roadmap for projects aimed at achieving the Institution's core mandate, increasing revenue generation and improving the working and living conditions of your staff during the current 2024/2025 Financial Year and in the five-year development period your Strategic Plan covers.

She however regretted the recent cut on budgetary support from the Exchequer will certainly affect planned and ongoing projects including the removal of asbestos roofing from staff housing, the development of a National Wildlife Database and the National Wildlife Census amongst other undertakings.

The Institute exceeded its target in the just ended reporting period (2023/2024) by more than 200 per cent having planted about 157,000 seedlings against a target of 50,000. Well done! I look forward to even better performance moving forward.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



Enhanced Access to Safe Water

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

NORTH RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INVITATION TO TENDER

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation has allocated funds to North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (NRVWDA) for procurement of construction works of Water Supply Projects within its area of jurisdiction.
- The Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of Water Supply Projects as follows:

S/ No.	Tender Reference Number	Description	Eligibility	Date & Time of Pre-Tender Site Visit	Meeting Venue	Bid Submission Dates and Time (East African Time)
I.	NRV/GoK/EMC/MARON-SIBOW/2024 -2025/01	Construction works for Maron-Sibow water Project	Open	11 th September, 2024 at 10.00am	Chesoi Sub-County HQs offices	20 th September, 2024 at 12.00 noon
II.	NRV/GoK/EMC/KAP-SOWAR TOWN/2024-2025/02	Construction works for Kapsowar town water supply project	Open	09 th September, 2024 at 10.00am	Kapsowar Town (CHE-MAWASCO Office)	20 th September, 2024 at 12.00 noon
III.	NRV/GoK/UG/MOI UNIVERSITY/2024 -2025/03	Moi university Water reticulation works	Open	09 th September, 2024 at 10.00am	Kesses Treatment works	20 th September, 2024 at 12.00 noon
IV.	NRV/GoK/EMC/KIBIGOS /2024-2025/04	Construction works for Kibigos Community water project	Special group	12 th September, 2024 at 10.00am	Kibigos shopping centre	18 th September, 2024 at 12.00 noon
V.	NRV/GoK/EMC /KAMARINY/2024-2025/05	Construction works for Kamaringo Community water project	Special group	11 th September, 2024 at 10.00am	Opposite Iten Police station	18 th September, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

- The Mandatory requirements and qualification information are as specified in the respective bidding documents. **Only AGPO category will NOT be subjected to bid security.**
- Interested eligible bidders can obtain further information from the **Chief Executive Officer of the North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency** via email at info@nrvwda.go.ke with a copy to procurement@nrvwda.go.ke.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded from NRVWDA website www.nrwwda.go.ke, or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the bidding documents from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to info@nrvwda.go.ke, for records and any further clarifications and addenda.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before the dates specified in the table above. **Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of all bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on the respective dates as shown in the table above.
- The address for the procuring entity is as follows;

**Chief Executive Officer,
North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency,
Office of the Auditor General Building, (2nd Floor),
Furfural Road, Opposite Mechanical & Transport Division
P.O. BOX 1012-30100,
Eldoret Town, Kenya.
Tel: 254-700 347 896/254-753 347 896; Email: info@nrvwda.go.ke**



CS-KDC gives Sh300million loan to Murang'a Sacco for lending to SMEs

BY MYGOV REPORTER

The Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) has disbursed issued a Sh300million loan to a Murang'a based Sacco to facilitate support for Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) under a state-backed credit scheme facilitated by the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry.

According to Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya (pictured), the loan facility will enable small businesses to access low-interest loans through the Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Recovery (SAFER) Project run by the ministry whose aim is to increase access to financial services, enhance capabilities and support post-covid 19 recovery of MSMEs.

"KDC's role goes beyond providing financial aid. We are dedicated to creating an environment where businesses can succeed by channeling liquidity support through wholesale loans to participating financial institutions, including regulated Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs), micro finance banks, and commercial banks" said Mvurya in a statement to MyGov.

The Ministry, Mvurya added, will ensure that these institutions are well equipped to extend credit services to viable MSMEs.

Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Re-



covery (SAFER) Mvurya said, which is the brainchild of the Government through the Kenya Development Corporation and the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry and the National Treasury is one of four financial projects funded by the World Bank to empower the Murang'a Sacco to provide essential financial services to local businesses hence driving economic activity and fostering long-term prosperity.

Mr. Mvurya noted that the SAFER project is a game changer because it affords small firms who would not ordinarily qualify for commercial bank loans to access money for expansion.

"I want to re-affirm the Government's unwavering dedication to fostering economic resilience and inclusivity and this partnership between the KDC and Amica Sacco exemplifies

the successful collaboration between public and private entities to achieve shared objectives" said the CS.

The CS said his ministry's support for MSMEs is a key pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"By aligning with this agenda, we are committed to building an economy that provides opportunities for all Kenyans and ensures that every individual, regardless of their circumstances, can contribute to and benefit from our nation's economic growth," said Mvurya.

The Principal Secretary in the ministry Mr Hassan Abubakar said it was the Government's wish to spur vibrant and sustained economic growth through such initiatives like the SAFER project.

Abubakar noted that the financial backing from the SAFER Project through

KDC is anticipated to spark a wave of business innovations in the country.

"The transaction marks the development financier's increased lending to Saccos, SMEs and women-led enterprises, with the institution having disbursed billions of shillings to several businesses in the past three years" said the PS.

Proponents of the SAFER project described the initiative as a transformative impactful initiative which will enable the Murang'a Sacco to grow and offer even more impactful support to viable businesses, stimulate growth and contribute significantly to the region's recovery.

The global lender typically provides loans with an agreement that the funds will be used to lend to SMEs, women owned firms and green energy projects as part of its social and environmental impact investing.

The beneficiary of the loan, Amica Sacco which draws its membership mainly from farmers was formed to promote, organise and administer savings and credit solutions in order to afford members the opportunity to accumulate savings and access loans at affordable interest rates.

Dr. James Mbui the CEO of Amica Sacco said the facility will significantly enhance its capacity to provide financial services to local businesses, contributing to the economic uplifting of the businesses they serve.

Murang'a Export Processing Zone (EPZA) flagship project kicks off

BY FLORENCE KINYUA (KNA)

The Government has launched a Sh495-million Export Processing Zone (EPZA) project in Gatanga-Murang'a County which envisaged to revolutionize the manufacturing sector by increasing the country's manufacturing capacity and overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The hub sits on a 500 acres' piece of land part of the 1,200 acres ceded by Delmonte Kenya Limited to the county government and is poised to commence its operations in November this year.

The groundbreaking and laying of the foundation stone for the mega industrial project was inaugurated by the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) Mr. Salim Mvurya.

Mvurya noted that the launch of the EPZA is going to be critical in the country's economic growth as it will create direct and indirect jobs for thousands of young people in the agriculturally rich county and beyond.

"This hub will create jobs and improve the standards of living for the people of Kenya and that is why we are hastening the pace of its implementation," he said.

"This project is well placed in the national plan for the national government and very critical in the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) which has set priority for manufacturing," he added.

The industrial hub is expected to attract new investments that will leverage value addition, contributing to the GDP of the country.

Further, the hub aims to raise the country's manufacturing to 15 per cent of the country's GDP by 2027 and to 20 per cent by 2030 and grow exports to 30 per cent of the country's GDP.

Moreover, the Cabinet Secretary observed that the EPZA will expand market reach and contribute significantly to the country's export earnings as well as strengthen its position in the global market as well as foreign direct investments.

"Already we have signed the Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union through which 27 countries will have access to markets and our products like coffee and tea will benefit," he said.

Consequently, the CS revealed that the Government had also signed another agreement with Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) that will provide a market for 1.2 billion people.

Conversely, according to Mvurya the Government is keen on creating an enabling environment for markets.

"The Government is fully committed to creating a business environment that is conducive to investment, innovation and sustainable growth," he stated.

Speaking, Governor Irungu Kang'ata noted that the entire 1,200 acres of the land will be industrial while a few acres will host other key amenities including a teaching and referral hospital, educational institutions, county offices, affordable housing, a public park among others.

"We had the option of subdividing this land for private purposes, but we decided to instead make it an industrial hub where we will set up factories which will open up our county and create massive employment for our people," he said.

"This project will provide an avenue for us to foster private investment both foreign and domestic that will bring key contributions to the economic growth of the county and the country," he added.

Retirement Benefits Authority launches 2024-2029 Retirement Benefits Policy

BY PATIENCE MABONGA AND CECIL ODUOR (KNA)

The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) has launched the National Retirement Benefits Policy and RBA 2024-2029 strategic plan and pension sector June 2024 Report.

The plan is consistent with the fourth medium term plan of Vision 2030 which aims to provide a high quality of life to all Kenyans by the year 2030.

The plan aligns with the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) for the achievement of constitutionally guaranteed economic and social rights.

Speaking during the opening of a two-day Pension Industry Convention, National Treasury Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Chris Kiptoo said that the government is working to ensure

that vulnerable Kenyans at the bottom of the pyramid are included in the savings for retirement as that is one of Kenya Kwanza Government's promises to Kenyans.

"In this regard, the Kenya National Entrepreneurship Savings Trust (KNEST)- a national informal sector pension scheme was established by the government to meet the unique needs of the informal sector," Dr. Kiptoo said.

The PS explained that KNEST has now set up all necessary structures and that very soon, they would launch it formally.

"All the long-term savings accumulated under the financial inclusion Fund-Hustler Fund- will be remitted to the KNEST fund for investment and management to safeguard these benefits in accordance with the provisions of Retirement

Benefit Act," said Dr. Kiptoo.

He highlighted that leveraging on technology would be critical in the successful implementation of their new strategic plan as this would improve the efficiency and accessibility of the retirement benefit schemes, making them more inclusive and user-friendly.

RBA Board of Directors Chair Nelson Havi said that the launch of the strategic plan and National Retirement Benefits Policy 2024-2029 marks a significant milestone in the history of Kenya's retirement benefits landscape.

Havi said that the plan also recognized the critical role retirement savings played in mobilizing long-term savings that were critical to the nation's economic growth and prosperity.

"These savings set the re-

irement benefits sector on a transformation path towards a secure and dignified retirement for all Kenyan workers," said Havi.

He added that they are committed to promoting saving for retirement by supervising and supporting the development of the retirement benefits sector.

"The Retirement Plan aligns with universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a goal of eradicating all forms of poverty everywhere, ensuring healthy lives, promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth and reducing inequality within and among all countries," said Havi.

He said that their targets in the new Strategic Plan 2024-2029 required collaboration from all stakeholders, including the government, the private sector, and civil society.

CS-State to prioritize investments in water infrastructure

BY OBESH ONWONG'A (MYGOV)

The Government has prioritized investments in water infrastructure, with a focus on integrating advanced technologies and materials that will ensure sustainability and resilience.

Eng. Eric Murithi Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in a speech read on his behalf by Eng Simon Korir, the Director of Water Infrastructure Development said that the investments include plans to construct 100 dams using innovative engineering solutions and materials that will enhance their efficiency and longevity

Speaking in Nairobi during the 3rd Annual ACEK Conference, Eng Murithi disclosed that Mzima II Project, Londiani Dam, Lamu Desalination Plant, Sabaki Water Carrier Project, Galana Dam and High Grand Falls are currently in the Project Development Phase.

"The government is focused on improving the management of our water resources by reducing Non-Revenue Water from 43% to 15% by 2027 through a comprehensive approach that addresses several key factors," said the CS.

He pointed out that upgrading to modern, durable pipe materials and replacing ageing infrastructure will reduce leaks caused by corrosion and wear.

"Effective pressure management will minimize pipe bursts, and improving the speed and quality of repairs will prevent minor leaks from escalating." He said.

Additionally, the CS disclosed that investing in advanced leak detection technology will help to quickly identify and fix leaks, ensuring a more efficient and sustainable water distribution system.

Commenting on the training of engineers, Eng. Murithi said that the government is committed to enhancing the skills of engineers through continuous on-the-job training, ensuring they are equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques in water management.

"In line with this, completed projects such as Yamo, Thiba and Kari-



Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwangera speaking during the 3rd Annual ACEK Conference in Nairobi.

menu dams have already served as excellent training grounds, allowing young engineers to learn from real-world applications and contribute meaningfully to our national water infrastructure," said the CS.

Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwangera called on engineers to harness the power of productivity, innovation, and technological adaptation to create new opportunities and, most importantly, to generate jobs.

"By bringing together professionals for consultation and cooperation, ACEK has not only fostered excellence in consultancy but has also contributed significantly to job creation in the private sector," said Eng. Mwangera.

On education, the EBK Chairman confirmed that the Board is making significant progress in recognizing engineering programmes, and was optimistic that all pending programmes will be on boarded within this financial year.

On compliance, Eng. Mwangera noted with concern that the recent instances of infrastructure failures underscore the need for greater involvement of engineers in all phases of project development.

"We are fast-tracking career progression guidelines and working diligently on the Building Control Bill to ensure that our infrastructure is safe, reliable, and sustainable," he said.

Eng. Mwangera advocated for increased local manufacturing to reduce our reliance on imports, that will not only bolster

the economy but also create much-needed jobs for Kenyans.

Eng. Jane Mutulili, Chairperson, ACEK noted that Kenya's Vision 2030 is an ambitious development blueprint aimed at transforming Kenya into a newly industrializing, middle-income country by 2030.

"Engineering is at the heart of Vision 2030 which emphasizes the need for world-class infrastructure, including roads, railways, ports, and energy systems, all of which depend heavily on advancements in engineering and the availability of high-quality engineered materials and equipment," said Eng. Mutulili.

As part of Vision 2030, the ACEK Chairperson noted that the government has prioritized investments in engineered materials and equipment to support large-scale infrastructure projects.

"This includes the development of local manufacturing capabilities to produce materials that meet international standards, reducing reliance on imports, and fostering economic growth," added Eng. Mutulili.

She pointed out that complementing Vision 2030 is the BETA Transformative Agenda, which encourages investment in research and development (R&D) within the engineering sector, fostering innovation in materials science, manufacturing processes and sustainable engineering practices.

Eng Mutulili noted that engineers are critical to the successful implementation of Innovation, Incubation, And Lifecycle Engineering in the 21st Century.

Laikipia County to benefit from water drilling equipment

BY MUTURI MWANGI (KNA)

Laikipia county government has benefited from boreholes drilling machines from a regional Authority to help address water crises in arid parts of the county.

Laikipia governor Joshua Irungu speaking in Isiolo said the county had partnered with the Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority (ENNDA) in bid to sink boreholes which would benefit farmers through irrigation and boost food security for the residents.

"The partnership targets on how we can join hands and give services to the people since the county might have the capacity to do the repairs and fuel, however not buying or leasing," pointed out the governor.

The governor revealed that the machines which included tippers, caterpillars, water bowsers and water drilling trucks had minor mechanical problems but his administration would set aside some funds from a supplement-



Caterpillar machine to be used in constructing boreholes in Laikipia.

tary budget to repair them and kick off water drilling next month.

"We have settled on an agreement as county government on putting aside some finances to repair some of these machines that have been laying here without giving services just because of some minor mechanical issues," revealed the governor.

For water bowsers, the governor said during the rainy season, a lot of water was lost and therefore needed to be harvested and used in dry spells.

Additionally, Irungu pointed out that the machines would also be used

to construct dams for livestock use, hospitals, schools and community conservancies to bolster the tourism sector in the vast Laikipia.

"In partnership with ENNDA, we can do major projects and address the problem of water harvesting and irrigation. When we put our resources together we can be able to achieve more," said the county boss.

On his part, ENNDA Managing Director Eng. Ali Ibrahim Hassan said that the water drilling machines would go a long way in improving water infrastructure in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (ASALs).




PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)

FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD (FIRE AWARD 2024)

Theme: "Championing Effective Sustainability Reporting through Technology and Innovation to Enhance Transparency"

CALL FOR ENTRIES 2024

The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is mandated by section 194 of the PFM Act, 2012, to prescribe frameworks and set generally accepted standards for the development and management of accounting and financial systems by all State organs and public entities. The Board mainstreams best practices for good governance, internal controls, and risk management.

The PFM Act 2012 section 194 subsection (4) mandates PSASB to monitor the adherence to the standards by all State organs and public entities. To achieve this mandate, PSASB partnered with other regulators namely: the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), and the Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) to jointly promote Financial Reporting Award (FiRe).

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Following the launch of FiRe Award 2024, on 27th August 2024, Public Sector Accounting Standards Board is calling on the State Organs and Public Sector Entities to participate in the Award by submitting one hard copy and a soft copy version of their Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and complete the participant's entry form which can be accessed on the PSASB website: www.psasb.go.ke. The submission deadline for the FiRe Award 2024 entries is **Friday, 11th October 2024**.

The annual reports and financial statements can be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer
Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
CPA Centre, 8th Floor, Thika Road, Ruaraka
P.O. Box 38831-00100, Nairobi**

email: fireaward@psasb.go.ke or acctstandards@psasb.go.ke

The Conference and Gala Dinner: The 2024 Excellence in Financial Reporting (FiRe) Award Conference and the Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony will be held **5th and 6th of December 2024**.

Modernisation of markets opens job opportunities in Migori

BY GEOFFREY
MAKOKHA AND GEORGE
AGIMBA KNA)

The modernisation of markets in urban centres and markets in the country is aimed at increasing and strengthening urban institutions to deliver improved and workable infrastructure for public utility.

The cash directed to counties through the State Department of Housing and Urban Development is meant to finance projects under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) funded by the World Bank to give opportunities for county-wide development plans and strategies.

In Migori, the completion of Oyora Market in South Kamagambo, Rongo Sub County, Ombo and Kakrao markets in Suna East Sub County marks

a significant milestone in providing modernised infrastructure for socio-economic benefits of traders, buyers and county development, under the economic stimulus programme (ESP) markets.

Nancy Oduor, a trader at Oyora Market in South Kamagambo expressed her gratitude to the two levels of government for improving the working environment of traders and buyers.

Oduor says that traders used to suffer from the pain of hot sun and rain while selling their produce in the open market, but thanks to improved and modernised markets like Oyora, their ventures will grow exponentially.

The modernisation of the Oyora, officiated by Governor Ochilo in August this year, will greatly enhance the business operations and livelihoods of the county residents.

This year, the county government of Migori in partnership with the State Department for Housing and Urban Development launched market projects like Oria and Sibuoche Ultra-Modern Markets in Uriri Sub County, Nyakwari Modern Market in Nyatike and the renovation of Migori town Bus Park.

Other projects launched this year include the Nyabohanse Market in Kuria West, Kwa Market in Suna East, Ntimaru Modern Market in Kuria East and Wath Ong'er in Nyatike Sub County.

According to Governor Ochilo, the landmark achievement stands as a testament to his unwavering determination to pave a path towards prosperity, revealing his administration's unyielding commitment to the welfare and advancement of the Migori residents.

The modernisation of the markets across Migori County will have amenities like a cold room for fish produce, space for fresh produce, kitchens, washrooms, an ICT hub, a mother's room, ATM installations, a social hall and a ramp for easy access by Persons with Disabilities (PWD).

The modernisation of urban markets will give traders and buyers the needed environment to conduct their business, to buy better produce, expand their ventures and have an appealing and scenic atmosphere for better product and service consumption.

Other infrastructure development like the renovation of the Migori town bus park will have a far-reaching impact on the local transport sector since Migori is a gateway to the Nyanza region that

accesses Tanzania through the Isebania border.

The upgrading of the existing bus infrastructure will help the county to create a more efficient, organized, and accessible transportation hub.

The bus park will also help to improve the overall user experience for commuters and provide a conducive environment for transport operators to conduct their business.

According to Governor Ochilo, the County Government of Migori is committed to working closely with the National Government and other stakeholders to ensure the projects under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) become successful in implementation.

In May this year while addressing the Council of Governors (COG) during the launch of the Kenya Urban Support Programme

II at the Statehouse, President William Ruto said that the Sh46.5 billion project was a significant step towards addressing acute poverty, expanding economic opportunities, and sustainably improving the living standards of the Kenyan people.

John Ouma, a trader at Ombo Modern Market says that the creation of the market will enable him to leverage the opportunity presented to him and unlock the full potential of other urban centre traders in job creation, profits and improved service delivery.

However, the county has also experienced some of its shared challenges in the implementation of completed projects. The Ombo market is such an example; located just two kilometres from the Migori Central Business District (CBC), its full optimisation has not yet been achieved.

State keen on having regulated prices for Liquefied Petroleum Gas

BY PATIENCE
MABONGA KNA)

The Government is conducting studies aimed at streamlining and standardising prices in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sector in efforts to improve safety and standards.

Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) Director General Daniel Kiptoo (pictured) said they undertook a market study in July 2024 which was conducted by Kurrent Technologies Ltd and Channoil Consulting Ltd with the aim of updating the underlying assumptions, analyses and parameters that define the pricing value chain and recommend a price determination mechanism for regulated petroleum products.

Speaking in Nairobi during a stakeholder's validation workshop on the 2nd Cost of Service Study for Petroleum Products in Kenya, Mr Kiptoo said that the report was necessary so as to introduce several key parameters, changes and recommendations to align their pricing strategies with the current market conditions.

"The forum is aimed at determining key el-



ements in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Value chain that is currently not price regulated and validating the cost of service for petroleum products so as to ensure that the prices are fair and transparent.

He explained that the forum mainly targeted views on the draft report from stakeholders in the petroleum industry, consumers, and consumer groups among other people which will be incorporated in the final report.

"The stakeholders have been of help as the company has received great feedback and insights from all marketing companies, industries, businesses and membership organizations who had been actively participating in the betterment

of their dynamic energy market," said Kiptoo.

He continued: "However, our energy landscape continues to evolve, and it has become imperative that we revisit and update the mechanisms used to term prices for regulated products."

EPRA Economic Regulation and Strategy (ERS) Director John Mutua said that: "When it comes to the cost of supply, we have to look at the past to inform the present which is very important."

Dr Mutua said that over the past five years they have been conducting studies in the electricity and petroleum sectors in efforts to get key information necessary before making various decisions.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

State Department for Basic Education

KENYA PRIMARY EDUCATION EQUITY IN LEARNING
(KPEEL) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION (ICS))

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program
Assignment Title:	Consultancy for Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist
Credit No:	IDA Credit No-6138-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-MOE-447727-CS-CDS

The Government of Kenya, with support from the **World Bank**, the **Global Partnership for Education (GPE)**, and the **LEGO Foundation**, is implementing the Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Program. The Program's Development Objectives (PDOs) are to reduce regional disparities in learning outcomes, improve the retention of girls in upper primary education, and strengthen systems for delivering equitable education outcomes.

The consulting services ("the Services") include **Consultancy for Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist**. The Consultant will be required to complete the assignment within a duration of **Twelve (12) months** and the consultant shall ensure full consistency with Terms of reference. Expected commencement dates will be **September 2024**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following **website: www.education.ac.ke** and **Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP)** or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Education now invites eligible Individual consultants ("**Consultants**") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the expected Services. The qualification criteria shall be: (a) Minimum experience of 8 years working on similar assignments supported by multilateral agencies like the World Bank; (b) Master's Degree in Environmental Studies, Environmental Management, or its equivalent from a recognized university, (c) Technical training in Occupational Health and Safety from a recognized institution. Any additional training e.g. in Fire Safety, first aid, Tap Root, HACCAP, ICert, NEBOSH, etc.

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" dated July 2016 and revised in September 2023 (5th Edition) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: "*Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower.*"

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Competitive Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e., 0800 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, by mail or by email by **20th September 2024**.

The Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Education
State Department for Basic Education,



State unveils youth innovation programme for fostering innovation, entrepreneurship

BYNURU SOUD KNA)

The Government through the State Department for Higher Education and Research has unveiled a research program to foster innovation and entrepreneurship among youth in institution of higher learning institutions.

The initiative funded by the UK government, dubbed the “Research to Commercialization (R2C) “program is geared towards transforming innovative research into viable enterprises that generate significant employment opportunities for the youth and drive wealth creation.

Speaking at a Mombasa during the Kenya National Innovation Agency (Kenia) Commercialization and Entrepreneurial Institutions Leaders (CEIL) Summit 2024, themed “Youth, Jobs and wealth creation through Innovation and Entrepreneurship”, the Principal Secretary (PS) for Higher Education and Research, Beatrice Inyangala revealed that the program enhances the innovation ecosystem within learning institutions through reviewing commercialization policies, setting up institutional funding

frameworks and training various Vice Chancellors on entrepreneurship and commercialization.

“The matter of well-prepared graduates for the job market is ever evolving, as educationists, we are well aware that the market for which we prepare our graduates is constantly changing,” she said.

She added that new trends such as Artificial Intelligence(AI) and machine learning define a future that we entirely have no control over, hence the emphasis on the importance of teaching and learning which is cognizant of 21st-century skills including communication, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

According to the PS, 30 institutions have benefited through the program’s various initiatives, and 30 innovators have been supported to raise funding and to take their innovations to the market raising over Ksh 50 million for their innovations from various partners.

Additionally, 60 faculty members have been trained and further cascaded the program to their institutions where at least 1,300 participants have been sensitized to the research to commercialization process and 14 Vice Chancellors have been trained on fostering a culture of innovation and leading entrepreneurial universities.

At the forum, Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, Ismail Maalim announced a new initiative in collaboration with Kenya dubbed ‘Who’s Next’ to enhance creativity among the youth.

“This program will specifically focus on supporting creativity across the 47 counties hence we have decided to start with 6 genres including dance and music, fashion and trajectory, Comedy and Content Creation”

He noted that Kenya National Innovation Agency is working closely with the government to enhance innovation and entrepreneurship through various initiatives including the development of the Kenya National IP policy which plays a crucial role in helping the youth to create enterprises out of their innovations.

“By protecting innovations and creative output we enable young innovators to transform their ideas into sustainable businesses hence creating jobs and generating wealth,” noted Maalim.

PS-Preparations for Grade Nine on top gear

BY ANN SALATON (KNA)

The Government has put in place necessary measures to ensure the smooth transition by learners from Grade Eight to Nine next year under the Competency Based Curriculum(CBC).

Principal Secretary in the State Department for Basic Education Dr. Belio Kipsang who was speaking when he toured Masikonde Primary school in Narok Central Sub-County to assess the ongoing construction of classrooms for Grade Nine pupils said the construction of 11,000 classrooms is on-going country wide in preparation for Grade Nine.

Kipsang said another 5, 000 classrooms will be constructed by the National Government Constituency Development

Fund (NG-CDF) to achieve a total of 16,000 classrooms that were needed for the Grade Nine pupils.

“As we speak, 11,000 classrooms are in various levels of completion countrywide. We are working with Members of Parliament and NG-CDF to support us with 5,000 classrooms,” he said.

He reported that the ministry had allocated an extra Sh1 billion for schools in Nairobi County because of their unique challenges.

On the curriculum, the PS reported that the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD) had prepared and finalized the required books for Grade Nine.

“Between October and November, our schools will start receiving books that will be used by the grade nine pupils. The books will be given at a ratio of 1 is to 1,” he said.

At the same time, he said, the government will recruit an additional 20, 000 teachers for junior secondary schools to make the transition from Grade Eight to Nine very smooth.

“Already, we have recruited 56,000 teachers for junior secondary in the last one and half years. This is the highest number of teachers to be recruited at once in the country,” he said.

He said a pilot assessment for grade nine was conducted in July to prepare the pupils for the kind of assessment they will do in Grade Nine.

“In November, while running our normal examination, we shall run another pilot which is a replica of the exam we will do in Grade Nine so that the teachers and pupils will be able to prepare adequately for the Grade Nine national examination,” Dr.Kipsang said.

Embu County partners with Beyond Zero to fight cervical and breast cancer

BY SAMUEL WAITITU (KNA)

Embu County Government has entered into a three-year partnership programme with Beyond Zero Foundation in the fight against cervical and breast cancer.

Through the programme dubbed ‘Beyond Zero Cervical Cancer Management Project,’ the county plans to conduct extensive cervical and breast screening awareness as well as treatment outreaches.

County CEC for Health Jamal Runyenje said during the first year, the focus would be in Ruguru Ngadori, Nginda and Gaturi North Wards of Mbeere North Sub-County where they target to reach 5, 000 women.

The programme, he said, would be domiciled at Kairuri Level Three Hospital from where they would offer screen-

ing services, treatment, referral and linkage services as appropriate to the target population.

Speaking during the signing of the MOU at the facility, Jamal said they also aimed at building the capacity of health care providers for them to get the skills to offer screening and treatment services.

Additionally, the CEC said they also wanted them to be equipped to offer continuous education, sensitization of Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and the community on prevention and control.

“Through the acceleration of these activities and with support from partners, our ultimate goal is to eliminate cervical cancer in Embu by 2030,” he said.

Deputy County Governor Kinyua Mugo who was the chief guest during the event termed the

initiative as timely and critical as it would go a long way in addressing the devastating effects cervical cancer has had on women in the county.

He said the burden of cervical cancer, the second most prevalent cancer among women, was particularly heavy in rural areas where access to screening and treatment remained limited.

“This is why today’s launch is very critical. It is about saving lives, preserving families, and ensuring that no woman in Embu County has to face this battle alone,” he said.

He further said the county would also work towards ensuring women have access to the HPV vaccine which was the most effective tool in preventing cervical cancer.

As of July 2024, 68 per cent of girls aged between 9-15 years had received the HPV vaccine according to county statistics.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

LAUNCH OF THE BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS FOR THE FY 2025/26 AND THE MEDIUM-TERM

The National Treasury and Economic Planning will launch the FY 2025/26 and Medium-Term Budget preparation process on **9th September, 2024 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) starting at 8.30am**. This is in accordance with Article 201 of the Constitution and Section 35 (2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which requires public participation on all public finance matters.

The programme for the Launch is as provided below:

ACTIVITIES	
Opening remarks by Principal Secretary/National Treasury and remarks by Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee/National Assembly	
Keynote Address and Official Launch by the Cabinet Secretary/National Treasury & Economic Planning	
Presentations	: Key highlights on MTP IV : Macro-Economic Outlook for the Medium Term : Highlights for the FY 2025/26 and the Medium-Term Budget Process
Way Forward and Closure	

The public can also follow the proceedings through a link to be posted at the National Treasury website and social media.

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The African Union headquarters where the AU Commission is based.

LEADERSHIP

Why Kenya seeks to head AU Commission

President William Ruto notes that it's East Africa's turn to offer leadership at the African Union Commission on the basis of the principle of inter-regional rotation

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



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Samburu

The county has a population of about 310,327.



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DIPLOMACY

East Africa Community's backing of Kenya's AU Commission candidacy re-energises campaign

Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and Burundi and Somalia among countries in the region that support Kenya's bid



Dignitaries who included Presidents from Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan during the launch of Kenya's bid for the AU Commission seat at State House in Nairobi.

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The election of AU Commission chairperson and seven other positions will be held during the African Union Summit in February 2025. The chairperson of the AU Commission serves for a four-year term that is renewable once.

Mr Odinga will face off with Mr Mahamoud Ali Youssouf of Djibouti, Mr Anil Gayan of Mauritius and Mr Richard Randriamandrato of

Madagascar. Kenya has received considerable support for its candidacy, garnering support from 19 countries so far.

The AU Commission chairperson is the chief executive officer of the African Union, a different role from the AU chairmanship, which is held by a President.

The AU Commission chairperson provides strategic direction of the regional body, working closely with Member States to align their national priorities with the Union's broader objective.

The chairperson drives reforms within the AU to enhance its efficiency, effectiveness and relevance and coordinates the day-to-day running of the institution to ensure that the body's strategic goals such as economic integration, peace and security, are achieved.

The chairperson further represents Africa in global forums and diplomatic engagements with world leaders and organisations to advance Africa's collective interests.

And during times of crises or conflicts in Africa, the AU Commission chairperson leads response initiatives, including mediating disputes and mobilisation of resources. And globally, he articulates Africa's positions on global crises.

In going for the seat, Kenya is driven by several strategic reasons, key among them strengthening its leadership in Africa to advance interests in regional peace, security and economic development.

Kenya is one of the country's that has consistently provided troops for various peace missions in Africa, including in Somalia as part

of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (Dr Congo).

In DR Congo, Kenya was the first nation to deploy troops under the East Africa Community Regional Force (EACRF)-DRC in 2022.

The mission followed the invitation by DRC to end persistent conflict in Eastern region after the resumption of violent clashes between M23 and FARDC. The mission ended in December 2023.

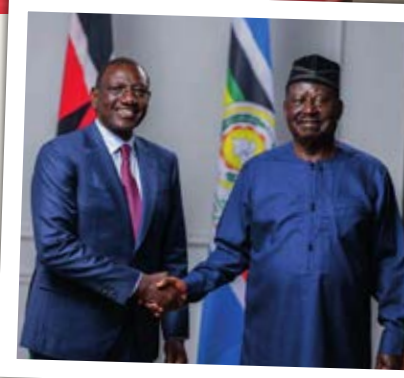
Therefore, holding the AU Commission chairmanship would enable Kenya to further its role in promoting stability across the continent. President Ruto has been a strong proponent of Africa's increased integration to boost trade and cohesion between countries.

For trade and investment, President Ruto has championed for the fast tracking of the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as well as removal of Visa restrictions to allow free movement of people across countries.

These goals may be achieved faster if Kenya is at the helm of the AU Commission chairmanship, with Mr Odinga having hinted to this when he was unveiled as the candidate.

If elected, Mr Odinga said he would roll out AU visas that would enhance free movement of people and goods across the continent to promote intra-Africa trade.

The Visas would be a big boost to Africa's integration and fuel AfCFTA, whose imple-



President William Ruto (left) and Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga.

mentation progress has been slow due to barriers that curtail free movement of people. According to Mr Odinga, one requires up to 35 Visas to travel across Africa, documentation that has slowed down the continent's full integration.

Further, the AU Commission chairmanship would raise Kenya's profile and visibility, with the country using the position to showcase its diplomatic capabilities on the continental and global stage.

This would be in line with Kenya's foreign policy objectives, which include shared regional prosperity and partnership; promotion of regional integration and co-operation and fostering regional and international peace and security.

Diplomatic visibility comes with several positive outcomes for the country and its people. These include increased investment attraction that leads to economic growth and job creation, facilitation of trade with the

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WHAT THEY SAID



YOWERI MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

"I'm here to support the candidature of Raila Odinga on behalf of Uganda because he's a convinced Pan-Africanist. He is best fit for the AU job because he's not vying to advance his career but rather because he is a true leader and a point man who will lead Africa into economic prosperity."



SAMIA SULUHU, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

"The Government of Tanzania fully endorses Raila Odinga's candidacy for Chairperson of the African Union Commission. He is a Pan-Africanist who has maintained strong ties with Tanzanian leaders and other African partners."



SALVA KIIR, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH SUDAN

"My presence here is to confirm that South Sudan's endorsement of this decision is in place. His pan-African commitment and consistency are admirable; his zeal and ideas for African prosperity and progress would be of great value."

continent and outside and improved access to foreign aid and development assistance.

Lastly, such diplomatic positions come with national pride for the nation.

Another important benefit Kenya would draw from the AU Commission chairmanship is the country reinforcing its commitment to Pan-African ideals, such as unity, solidarity, and the collective development of the continent. Over the years, Kenya has been a strong supporter of Pan-Africanism, which dates back to pre-independence Africa. The country played a crucial role in promoting the continent's self-determination, supporting liberation movements including in South Africa.

Kenya was also one of the founding members of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which was set up in 1963, and later was renamed the African Union (AU), through which the continent promotes Pan-Africanism. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook updates ICT Cabinet Secretary on its programmes

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) has appraised Dr Margaret Ndung'u, the new Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, on its ongoing programmes and projects.

KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto said the agency has been at the forefront of documenting the work of the Government and will continue to do so.

"KYEB is at hand to develop infographics, e-posters and messages to support the Ministry and Government communication needs," she said.

Ms Kimeto was speaking when Dr Ndung'u, together with Broadcasting Principal Secretary, Prof Edward Kisiang'ani, met KYEB Board of Directors and the Management Team last week, who updated her on the work of the institution as a Government publisher.

Dr Ndung'u commended KYEB for documenting Government programmes, projects and initiatives in its publications.

"We have to report more on the impact of Government initiatives on the ordinary people. This will help to showcase how people are benefiting from what the Government is doing," she added. Prof Kisiang'ani said KYEB is

one of the strategic institutions in the Ministry and is crucial in Government communication.

The PS said the Ministry would support KYEB reform agenda that include changing its Legal Status.

KYEB Chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a outlined ongoing reforms, which have seen the institution draft a Cabinet Memo and a Bill that would enable it to become the publisher of all Government publications.

She informed Dr Ndung'u that KYEB will publish a second edition of *Women Trailblazers*, a book which celebrates the achievements of women in different sectors. ■



Dr Margaret Ndung'u, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (second right), Broadcasting PS, Prof Edward Kisiang'ani, KYEB Chairperson Wangui Ng'ang'a (left) and KYEB CEO Lilian Kimeto at the Ministry's Headquarters in Nairobi.

Huduma Centres embrace tracking system to boost service delivery

Huduma Kenya is using Track My Service System (TMS) to enhance the efficiency and transparency of service delivery.

This innovative system allows customers to monitor the progress of their service applications remotely, providing real-time updates and notifications. By leveraging TMS, Huduma Centres have significantly improved their communication with the public, ensuring that important information, such as the status of National ID applications, is readily accessible. The National Registration Bureau (NRB) recently announced that as of August 26,

2024, some 476,167 National ID cards remained uncollected at various NRB registration offices and Huduma Centres nationwide.

To address this backlog, Huduma Centres are using TMS to send out notifications via SMS to customers who had applied for duplicate IDs. This proactive approach has ensured that applicants are promptly informed when their documents are ready for collection, reducing the number of uncollected cards.

The convenience brought by TMS cannot be overstated. Customers no longer need to make multiple trips to Huduma Centres to check on the status of

their applications. Instead, they log into the system or wait for an SMS notification, saving both time and effort. This streamlined process not only enhances customer satisfaction but also allows Huduma Centres to operate more efficiently, focusing their resources on processing applications rather than handling inquiries.

Track My Service System has revolutionised the way Huduma Centres disseminate information and manage service delivery.

By providing timely updates and reducing the need for physical visits, TMS has made accessing public services more convenient and efficient for all Kenyans. ■



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A screengrab showing a message from the tracking system.

EDUCATION

State: New funding model to lift up universities, poor students

Higher Education PS, Dr Beatrice Inyangala, notes that the model will address the financial challenges facing universities and make more students from poor background access higher education



The Government is certain that the new funding model will improve the quality of education in universities and make more students from marginalised areas access higher education.

The model, according to the Principal Secretary for Higher Education, Dr Beatrice Inyangala, will in the fullness of time address the financial challenges facing higher education institutions.

She said the student-centred model allocates resources more effectively depending on the needs of students and courses being studied.

This, therefore, ensures that the universities, which have a total debt of over Sh70 billion, are funded according to their needs to enable them meet their various obligations, including paying salaries. Dr Inyangala further observed that the new model addresses historical inequalities and ensures that support reaches those who need it most, especially in rural areas, informal settlements and marginalised regions.

“This approach provides a more equitable framework for higher education funding. We are committed to ongoing evaluation and adjustment to address any issues that arise,” Dr Inyangala said.



Higher Education PS, Dr Beatrice Inyangala.

Under the new model, funding is divided into three categories namely scholarships, loans and household contributions.

The Government determines the amount each student receives based on their financial background and the course they are pursuing using a Means Testing Instrument (MTI), a scientific method that uses various indicators in financing students.

The indicators include parent’s background, family size and composition, previous school type and course type.

Students from low-income families are, therefore, getting full scholarships and loans,

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New University Funding Model: BY THE NUMBERS

112,741

In the 2023 intake process, 112,741 applicants benefited from Government scholarships.

12,958

Over 12,958 students had sent appeals by the end of last week

while those from middle-income households partial support.

On the other hand, students from wealthier families are expected to cover a larger portion of their tuition fees.

The Government asked students who were dissatisfied with their categorisation for funding to appeal.

Over 12,958 students had sent appeals by the end of last week, according to Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba.

Some of the grounds for appeal, notes the Universities Fund, are if one’s previous school was a high cost, but the student was either being sponsored, had a guardian or a harambee was held to raise funds to pay fees.

Change of family circumstances like the parent losing their job or death of the parent.

To appeal the decision, one needs to long onto the Higher Education Funding (HEF) portal, which has a provision for online scholarship and loan review application.

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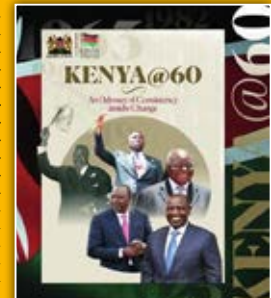
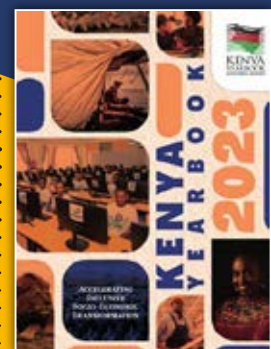


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President William Ruto (second left) appreciates the design of a market the Government is building in Homa Bay County. The market is designed to support the fishing community with advanced facilities.



Members of Kenya's Paralympics Team before they left for Paris 2024 Games, which started on August 28 and will run until September 8.



The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Dr Margaret Ndung'u (right) with Data Commissioner Immaculate Kassait during a meeting in Nairobi. Dr Ndung'u was informed of the mandate, achievements and projects that ODCPC is currently undertaking.



Cabinet Secretary for Health Debra Mulongo Barasa (third left) when her predecessor Susan Nakhumicha (second left) officially handed over the Ministry. With her are top Ministry officials led by PS Mary Muthoni (Public Health) and Harry Kimtai (Medical Services).



Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano (centre, right) during a meeting with the sector's stakeholders. She said the country is targeting to receive 5 million tourists annually.

61 library branches devolved to counties as IGRTC transfers resources and staff

BY MUTISO MBITHI
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The Inter-Governmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) in partnership with the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) and other sectors, has finalized the transfer of the library function and its associated resources to the county governments in accordance with the 2010 Constitution, which devolved library services.

According to IGRTC Chairman Dr. Kiragu Githinji, the delineation of the library function and the distribution of library branches were published by the Committee through a legal notice in August 2019, followed by another in August 2023. As a result, 61 library branches, previously managed from the KNLS headquarters at Maktaba House in Nairobi, were transferred to 33 county governments.

To ensure the effective transfer and implementation of the library function, Dr. Kiragu announced that a resource envelope of Sh424,616,067 was identified and transferred by the IGRTC to the county governments.



KNLS CEO Dr Charles Nzivo addresses the county officials attending a capacity building workshop sponsored by KNLS.

This funding is intended to support the 489 staff members who were managing the libraries under KNLS.

In a speech read on his behalf by senior IGRTC officer Mr. John Kamwela during a Capacity Building and Training Workshop for counties without libraries, held at the KNLS Capacity Building Research Facility in Buruburu, Nairobi, Dr. Kiragu emphasized the importance of empowering the 14 county governments currently lacking libraries within the KNLS network.

He noted that the Committee has been working with KNLS to support these counties through sensitization workshops, enabling them to establish and op-

erationalize library services in their areas.

The IGRTC Chairman highlighted that the Committee is responsible for facilitating the transfer of functions to the national and county governments by identifying and transferring the corresponding resources, as well as making recommendations for capacity building to fully operationalize these functions.

The workshop brought together representatives from various counties, including Trans Nzoia, Tana River, Kirinyaga, Busia, Nyamira, and Kajiado, among others.

The participants included County Executive Committee (CEC) members respon-

sible for libraries, along with key technical officers. KNLS Chairman Bishop Robert Theuri commended the participants for their unwavering commitment to advancing library services within their counties.

He underscored the pivotal role that libraries play in knowledge dissemination and community enrichment.

The KNLS Board Chairman urged participants to prioritize sustainability in their initiatives and stressed the necessity of long-term planning for county libraries.

He also emphasized the importance of collaborating with stakeholders to secure resources and support.

Dr. Charles Nzivo, CEO of KNLS, reiterated that the workshop was designed to equip participants with the practical skills and confidence needed to successfully navigate the complexities of library development.

Dr. Nzivo encouraged active participation throughout the sessions, emphasizing that a collaborative and knowledge-sharing environment would lead to positive outcomes.

BRIEFS

DP urges agricultural state agencies to hasten reforms

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has urged State agencies within the Ministries of Agriculture and Cooperatives to expedite reforms in the agricultural sector, particularly concerning tea, coffee, and dairy. Emphasizing that these reforms should be farmer-centric and aimed at increasing income, the Deputy President assured Cabinet Secretaries Wycliffe Oparanya and Dr. Andrew Karanja of his support and commitment to transforming the cooperative movement and agricultural sector.

Speaking at an inter-ministerial meeting that included the Cabinet Secretaries responsible for the Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, along with various agriculture-related agencies, Mr. Gachagua expressed his intention to work closely with them to ensure the

Government achieves its goals in the agricultural sector.

The meeting, hosted at his official residence in Karen, Nairobi, focused on the status of reforms in tea and coffee.

He pledged support for the two Ministers as they implement the Government's plan to boost the country's food production and farmers' income, emphasizing that the ongoing reforms must benefit farmers rather than disadvantage them.

At the consultative meeting the Deputy President also called on the two ministers to involve farmers in the reforms agenda.

He said the Government is focused on policy changes, sustainable practices and marketing of the crops.

"Food security is one of the pillars of Kenya Kwanza and I encourage you that we support the government in achieving it. Let us build a strong economy for a stronger country," he said.

By JOSEPH WANGUI

NACADA decries use of alcohol and drugs in psvs

The National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) has flagged out Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) as hotspots for alcohol and drug use and distribution especially during opening and closing of schools after a recent viral video went viral showing students being dangerously ferried in a public service vehicle with the crew and students seen consuming the two substances.

NACADA CEO Dr. Antony Omerikwa says the Authority is deeply concerned about the risks posed by alcohol and drug use as students travel back to school and cautioned PSVs which aid, abet and facilitate alcohol and drug abuse among school children and the crew that they will face the full force of the law.

Omerikwa said private and public vehicles can be hotspots for alcohol and drug use and distribution, especially during school opening and closing and NACADA is aware of students' pressures and risks, both within and outside the school environments

and their ability to trigger substance use.

"It is our collective responsibility to protect our children from the dangers posed by alcohol and drug use. We urge parents, guardians, school authorities, and all of us to remain vigilant. Parents should also monitor their children's travel arrangements and ensure they know the potential dangers during transit," said the CEO.

THE CEO further said, "we encourage schools to empower students through education and open communication about the risks associated with alcohol and drug use. Schools should endeavour to implement and strengthen preventive measures through awareness campaigns, peer support groups, and counselling services".

He said no one should allow students to board public or private vehicles if they display signs of being under the influence of substances, because they not only endanger themselves but also pose significant risks to other road users.

By Mutiso Mbithi (MyGov)

Met predicts depressed short rains for October to December across Kenya

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Kenya is likely to experience reduced rainfall during the expected short rains season, from October to December 2024, due to a mild La Niña.

Dr. David Gikungu, Director of the Kenya Meteorological Department, made these remarks in Nakuru regarding the weather outlook for the next three months.

He further noted that the rainfall currently affecting various parts of the country is expected to decrease significantly in the last quarter of the year.

As a result, several areas will record notably low amounts of rainfall due to near-average surface tem-

peratures over the western stretch of the Indian Ocean.

Dr. Gikungu also indicated that the eastern stretch of the Indian Ocean, near Australia, is experiencing warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures.

"This constitutes a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), which is not favorable for substantial rainfall over most of East Africa," he said.

Additionally, equatorial sea surface temperatures are near-to-below average across the central to eastern Pacific Ocean, indicating the presence of mild La Niña conditions, he added.

The reduced rainfall will peak in November as sunny and dry conditions are expected to prevail in December as the cessation

begins.

"However, despite the depressed rains, isolated incidences of storms and flash are likely in some of the areas," warned Dr. Gikungu.

According to the climate outlook, counties that are likely to receive near-average to below-average rainfall include Busia, Vihiga, Kakamega, Bungoma, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Nyamira, parts of Migori, Kisii, Kericho, West Pokot, Nandi, Bomet, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, parts of Nakuru, parts of Narok, parts of Laikipia, Turkana and parts of Samburu.

Areas likely to receive below-average (depressed) rainfall include counties in Central Kenya (Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Mu-

rang'a, Kiambu), Nairobi County; counties in the Eastern Region (Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi), some counties in south-eastern Kenya (Machakos, Makeni and Kitui) and North Eastern Counties (Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Marsabit and Isiolo).

Others are counties in the Coast Region (Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu and Tana River); counties in the South, North and Central Rift Valley (Kajiado, parts of Narok, parts of Laikipia, parts of Samburu and parts of Nakuru), and in South Nyanza (parts of Migori).

He said many regions should brace for below-average rainfall and Kenyans were advised to put contingency plans to avert negative impacts of the suppressed rains.