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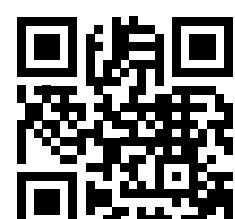


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Schools to plant 71m fruit trees on Mazingira Day

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A
(MYGOV) AND NAIF RASHID
(KNA)

Communities across the country are being mobilized to plant more than 71 million fruit trees in primary schools as part of the Mazingira Day festivities set for October 10.

"Mazingira Day has become Kenya's flagship platform for advancing environmental awareness and mobilizing our people towards a greener, cleaner, and healthier nation," said Forestry Principal Secretary Gitonga Mugambi.

"This year, we are focusing on fruit tree planting in primary schools because they are the foundation of our nation. They nurture future generations and offer the perfect opportunity to root environmental responsibility in young hearts and minds."

According to Mugambi, each of the 35,570 public and private primary schools will plant a minimum of 2,000 fruit trees, contributing to the broader goal of growing 15 billion trees by 2032 under the National Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Strategy.

"Fruit trees have been deliberately chosen because they provide food, vitamins, and income," he explained. "They offer shade, improve school microclimates, and contribute directly to education, health,



Forestry Principal Secretary Gitonga Mugambi (right) with his counterpart for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno (left), during a briefing on the 2025 Mazingira Day celebrations in Nairobi.

and livelihoods. They deliver tangible, life-changing benefits to the people of Kenya."

The event, officially recognized following the Presidential assent to the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2024, replaces Utamaduni Day and will now be commemorated annually on

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October 10.

This year's theme, "Citizen-Centric Tree Growing and Environmental Stewardship," reflects a renewed national focus on grassroots climate action and sustainable land restoration.

He said that the celebrations will follow a dual model: a national event at Kabuyefwe Primary School in Saboti Constituency, Trans-Nzoia County, where over 10,000 fruit trees will be planted, and decentralized activities in 9,127 sub-locations coordinated by Assistant Chiefs and supported by Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Governors, alumni and local communities.

Environment and Climate Change Principal Secretary Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno emphasized the significance of the initiative, noting its alignment with the Presidential directive to achieve 30 per cent tree cover and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"Mazingira Day is a powerful occasion to reinforce our collective commitment to sustainable environmental management," said Dr. Ng'eno. "We are calling on all Kenyans to return to their former primary schools, donate and plant fruit trees, and participate in clean-up exercises. This is about weaving intergenerational responsibility and national solidarity."

Dr. Ng'eno added that the

campaign will also promote agroforestry, boost nutrition, create green jobs for youth and women, and support industrialization through value addition.

The initiative will further stimulate innovations in the circular economy, including community-led waste segregation and the adoption of colour-coded bins in line with recently gazetted Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations.

Mugambi implored on Kenyans to join build-up activities from October 3 to 9 that will include market clean-ups, marathons, empowerment programmes and the distribution of waste bins.

"The rallying call for this year is: #TurudiPrimo Tukadonate-FruitTrees na TukacleanEnvironment," said Mugambi. "Let us all return to our schools, donate and plant fruit trees, clean our environment, and together, inspire a greener, healthier, and more sustainable Kenya."

"Through your coverage, we can inspire alumni to take part, showcase citizen-led environmental action, and keep the momentum alive long after the day itself," said Dr. Ng'eno.

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry reaffirmed its commitment to working with schools, communities, and stakeholders to accelerate restoration efforts and achieve the national target of 30 percent tree cover by 2032.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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This public notice serves as a notification to all owners of CII systems in the telecommunications sector that effective **January 1st, 2026**, the Authority shall inspect the relevant licensees to ensure compliance with this directive.

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Dr. Samier Muravvej
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Kenya, COMESA ease cross-border trade

BY DARLENE KURIA AND SAMUEL KIVUVA (KNA)

Kenya and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) have officially launched the Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCOO) system, a milestone expected to transform cross-border trade by reducing paperwork, cutting costs, and curbing fraud in customs transactions.

State Department for Trade Principal Secretary (PS) Regina Ombam said the adoption of the eCOO aligns with Kenya's trade and ICT frameworks, positioning the country to benefit more from regional and continental integration.

In a speech read on her behalf by Mr. Timothy Were, Director of ICT at the State Department of Trade, the PS emphasised that the system will simplify trade processes, reduce fraud, and boost competitiveness.

"Kenya's embrace of the eCOO reinforces our commitment to the COMESA Free Trade Area and the African Continental Free Trade Area.

For businesses, it means faster processing, lower costs, and greater market access, while customs will benefit from enhanced transparency and reduced fraud," said Ombam.

The PS explained that the ECO is grounded in Articles 49 and 50 of the COMESA Treaty and the Protocol on Rules of Origin, which call for harmonised and simplified customs procedures.

She added that Kenya's adoption is consistent with the Customs and Excise Act, the East African Community Customs Management Act, and the Kenya Information and Communications Act, all of which recognise digital systems and electronic transactions.

COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, in remarks delivered on her behalf by Dr. Christopher Onyango, Director of Trade and Customs, hailed Kenya for joining Eswatini, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe as the fifth member state to operationalize the ECO.

"This launch marks an important milestone in advancing our regional integration agenda under

the COMESA Digital Free Trade Area programme," said Kapwepwe.

"The ECO is a game-changer for inter-regional trade. It will save time and costs for exporters, improve efficiency and security, and enhance the reliability of trade data to guide policy. Kenya's leadership is a clear demonstration of its commitment to modernizing trade facilitation and inspiring other member states to follow suit," she added.

The Secretary General also noted that the launch comes just days before the 24th COMESA Heads of State Summit to be held in Nairobi on October 9, where regional leaders will deliberate on further steps to strengthen economic integration.

From the domestic front, the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) emphasized that the eCOO would not only benefit traders but also enhance efficiency in customs operations and strengthen revenue mobilization.

Ms. Josephine Makoha, KRA's Rules of Origin Manager, said the Authority has automated the

registration, issuance, and approval of certificates of origin through the Integrated Customs Management System (iCMS), which now incorporates a Rules of Origin module.

"This is more than a system upgrade; it is a strategic shift in how KRA delivers services. The eCOO will facilitate faster clearance of goods, reduce paperwork, improve authentication of origin documents, and eliminate opportunities for fraud," Makoha said.

She added that Kenya was ready to support other COMESA member states still developing their eCOO frameworks by sharing experiences and providing technical support.

Mr. Gift Lukhele, Automated Systems Expert at COMESA, explained that Kenya's system has now been successfully integrated with the regional eCOO platform.

He said since the regional rollout in November 2024, more than 5,400 electronic certificates had been issued by participating states, with 10.5 percent destined for Kenya.

"Kenya's participation

is vital, given its central role in COMESA trade. The eCOO is web-based, allowing exporters to register and apply for certificates online, with customs authorities verifying and transmitting approvals electronically. This eliminates manual bottlenecks and ensures real-time data sharing across borders," Lukhele noted.

Ms. Winfred Musili, a Customs Officer at KRA, demonstrated how the iCMS module now streamlines exporter registration and ECO issuance.

"Previously, traders had to manually fill out triplicate certificates of origin and physically submit them for approval. Now, the entire process, from exporter registration to approval, inspection, and notification, is digitized. The system even pulls data directly from export declarations, reducing duplication and saving time," she explained.

Musili added that the eCOO platform was integrated with the East African Community's Single Customs Territory, further reinforcing Kenya's role as a trade hub in the region.

Over 1,200 scientists convene in Mombasa

BY JOSEPH MUTUA (PCO)

Africa's ocean wealth is currently worth up to \$405B annually and by 2030, it can potentially power jobs, food security and climate resilience, if guided by research, technology and innovation.

Science, Research and Innovation Principal Secretary (PS), Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, speaking during the 13th Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA2025) symposium, gave compelling reflections on science and innovation for Africa's Blue Economy.

During his keynote address, Prof. Abdulrazak defended how Kenya is stepping up the establishment of Blue Economy Science Parks, building Artificial Intelligence and digital fisheries hubs, scaling investment in research and development from 0.8 percent progressively to 2 percent of GDP and expanding PPPs in ports, aquaculture and green shipping.

The PS observed that Blue Economy is more than a sector, but instead it was Africa's generational opportunity.



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Tourism sector projected to hit Sh1 trillion annually by 2027

BY NAIF RASHID

Kenya is seeking to harness intra-Africa tourism opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to boost the sector's contribution to the economy, targeting Sh1 trillion annually by 2027.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, speaking in Nairobi on Thursday during the 15th Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE) at Uhuru Gardens, said the country must leverage continental integration to achieve the double-digit tourism growth rates seen in Asia and Europe.

"Tourism is a critical anchor of Kenya's economy and a pillar of our Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). With Africa emerging as one of the strongest-performing regions in global tourism recovery, we must capitalize on AfCFTA opportunities. The sector must also serve as a key driver in transport, logistics, trade, investment, and MSMEs, fostering synergized policy outcomes," Prof. Kindiki stated.

According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), Kenya's tourism sector is projected to contribute Sh1.2 trillion to the economy in 2025, representing more than 7 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The industry is expected to sustain at least 1.7 million jobs, accounting for 8 per cent of national employment.

Prof. Kindiki highlighted infrastructure projects including the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit Highway, expansion of the Standard Gauge Railway, Lamu



From left; Principal Secretary for Tourism John Lekakeny Ololtua, Deputy President, Kithure Kindiki, and Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, Rebecca Miano, walk together during the opening of the 15th Magical Kenya Travel Expo at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi. PHOTO BY NAIF RASHID/KNA

Port development and increased direct international flights as enablers of tourism growth.

He called for diversification, citing emerging products such as astro-tourism in Samburu, desert safaris in Chalbi and technology-driven tourism linked to Kenya's "Silicon Savannah."

"We must market the complete Kenya story - from our technological innovation to our athletic excellence, from the Cradle of Humankind to our over 40 vibrant communities,"

he said, adding that the national tree-planting programme would strengthen eco-tourism while ensuring benefits reached local communities.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary, Rebecca Miano said the expo had matured into a continental platform that not only markets destinations but also accelerates investment flows. She reiterated that the government has set a target of Sh1 trillion annual earnings from tourism by 2027.

"Infrastructure development

through public-private partnerships remains our cornerstone strategy. By leveraging private sector expertise and government support, we are building world-class facilities that enhance visitor experiences while creating sustainable employment across the tourism value chain," she stated.

Miano noted that the sector earned Sh452 billion in 2024, from 2.4 million international arrivals, with domestic tourism generating over 10 million bed nights annually.

She outlined three priorities: attracting investment in facilities, scaling up global marketing and capacity building to sustain service standards.

She said recent reforms, including visa openness and liberalized air access, had made Kenya one of the most accessible destinations in Africa.

"The electronic travel authorization (ETA) now exempts all African countries and simplifies access for global travelers. Visitors can secure approvals within 72 hours. Combined with increased flights into Nairobi and Mombasa, this ensures seamless connectivity," she explained.

Tourism Principal Secretary, John Lekakeny Ololtua emphasized government efforts to ease travel, expand regional air connectivity and attract more investors.

"Affordable and reliable air connectivity is central to intra-African tourism. Kenya Airways and other carriers are already enhancing routes, but we must expand direct flights across Africa to grow tourism," he said. He also underscored Kenya's interest in harmonized classification standards, cross-border tourism initiatives, and joint marketing across the East African region.

"Tourism is not just about attractions and culture; it is also an investment sector. Kenya has friendly policies that welcome investors in hotels, camps, transport and tour companies. We must ensure cross-border collaboration to unify tourism standards and unlock new opportunities," Ololtua added.

The PS said mapping of national tourist attractions was underway to diversify Kenya's portfolio, including astro-tourism, cultural festivals and creative economy integration.

"We launched astro-tourism in Samburu during the lunar eclipse last month, he revealed."

KRA celebrates 30 years of digital transformation and public service

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is marking three decades of service with a powerful story of innovation, inclusion, and impact.

From the clatter of Remington typewriters in 1995 to the seamless efficiency of cloud computing in 2025, KRA's journey mirrors Kenya's broader digital evolution.

Thirty years ago, Kenya's tax departments operated in isolation, collecting Sh122 billion annually—a respectable figure for a developing economy.

Today, that number has surged past Sh2.5 trillion, a testament to KRA's pivotal role in national development and its commitment to reform.

Now headquartered in Nairobi's iconic 38-storey Times Tower, KRA has unified its operations and embraced technology to simplify tax administration, enhance compliance, and im-



Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Board chairman Ndiritu Muriithi delivers his speech during the KRA @30 event. PHOTO COURTESY

prove taxpayer experience.

Under its current five-year Corporate Plan, the Authority has adopted a digital-first strategy, shifting all tax transactions to online platforms.

Payments are now made via mobile money and digital banking, drastically reducing paperwork and eliminating

bureaucratic delays. One of the standout innovations is Gava-Connect—an open API platform that empowers software developers to build user-friendly tax tools.

With over 1,000 developers onboard and more than 16 APIs available, services like PIN verification, e-slip generation, and VAT tracking through the electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS) are now more accessible than ever.

"This is not just digitisation, it is transformation," said Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga. "Through GavaConnect and eTIMS, we have simplified taxpayer engagement and secured government revenue."

Wattanga highlighted the Authority's impressive growth: from Sh1 trillion in collections during the 2014/2015 financial year to Sh2.03 trillion by 2021/2022, culminating in today's Sh2.5 trillion milestone.



Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given for public information that the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) will hold a public meeting to consider representations and objections with regard to applications for air service licences, particulars of which were published in the Kenya Gazette Notice No.10299 of Friday, 25th July, 2025.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th October, 2025 at the East African School of Aviation Auditorium starting from 9.00 a.m. local time.

Emile N. Arao
DIRECTOR GENERAL



Ministry moots plan to replace paper degree certificates with digital verifiable credentials

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI AND HANIFA TAMIM (PCO)

The Government has announced plans to phase out paper degree certificates and introduce Digital Verifiable Credentials, a secure system that enables instant online authentication.

Speaking during the official opening of the Stakeholders Workshop on Verifiable Credentials, Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (MICDE), William Kabogo, said the

adoption of Verifiable Credentials will help address challenges affecting Kenya's labour market, such as the high costs of issuing paper certificates and delays caused by manual verification processes.

"For far too long, forged academic and professional certificates have eroded public trust, undermined recruitment, and weakened Kenya's competitiveness," the CS said.

He noted that at its core, the initiative seeks to end the circulation of forged certificates, which have diminished confidence in

both the public and private sectors.

"This is a significant policy milestone and a step towards the Kenya I envision – a Kenya where effort is rewarded, credentials are trusted, and every citizen competes on a level playing field," he remarked.

The CS reiterated that Verifiable Credentials will be instrumental in safeguarding privacy and security of data, restoring integrity, ensuring faster issuance and verification of academic credentials, enhancing transparency



The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy H.E. Hon. William Kabogo Gitau speaking during the official opening of the Stakeholders Workshop for Verifiable Credentials, in Nairobi. PHOTO: AUSTIN OTIENO

and fairness in the digital and education ecosystem.

Further noting that the initiative will enable Universities, Colleges and professional bodies to issue digital credentials that are graphically secure and cannot be falsified. Notably, employers will be able to verify credentials

instantly thus eliminating costly, slow and unreliable manual checks.

Kabogo pointed out that the initiative has been designed to integrate with Kenya's broader digital identity and data governance frameworks and Kenya Education Management Information System

Kwale acquires two refuse trucks and skip bins to improve waste collection

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAH AND SHARON NDILA (KNA)

Kwale County Government has procured two high-capacity skip trucks and skips bins to enhance sanitary levels and waste management in Kwale, Diani, Kinango and Lungalunga Municipalities.

The two skip loaders purchased by the county government through the Department of Environment, Urban Planning and Natural Resources, aim to tackle waste management challenges in the four municipalities, thereby creating a clean business environment for investors and the tourism sector in the region.

Speaking during the launch of the refuse trucks, Governor Fatuma Achani said that the skip loaders will help the county to manage solid waste, improve sanitation, and create a healthier environment for the residents, investors, and tourists.

Achani said the equipment will help keep the municipalities' clean.

"The refuse trucks with modern features will supplement the existing equipment and boost the operational efficiency and enhance waste collection capacity in our municipalities," she said.

The Governor said this initiative aims to boost



Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani flags off two new skip loaders to boost garbage collection in the coastal county. Achani said the new equipment will bolster the efforts by the county in managing solid waste.

Kwale's waste management infrastructure to promote cleaner and healthier communities across all the four new municipalities.

"A clean environment is essential in preventing diseases, boosting tourism, and fostering economic growth. I urge the municipality managers to ensure our towns remain clean," said Achani.

Achani said the new initiative will address the waste management challenges faced by the municipalities in the wake of population growth and rapid urbanization.

She added that the move will not only improve cleanliness, but also boost the overall health and well-being of residents. The Governor was accompanied by Deputy Governor Chirema Kombo, County Secretary Sylvia Chidodo, County Executive

Committee Members (CECM) Saumu Beja (Environment and Natural Resources), Michael Mutua (Trade and Tourism), Roman Shera (Agriculture and Fisheries) and Karua Tsiwezi (Public Service and Administration).

Achani assured the residents of the county on the ongoing efforts to gazette the new Samburu Municipality in Samburu Sub-County.

"We are currently in the process of establishing a new municipality in Samburu town along the Mombasa-Nairobi highway in Samburu sub county because it is developing at a faster pace," she said.

She said the devolved unit has so far installed street and floodlights, constructed cabro roads and built an ablution blocks in the four municipalities to enhance sanitation besides many other achievements.

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2. BATCH 2 SMALL - SCALE CONTRACTORS ON LOW VOLUME SEAL USING LABOUR - BASED METHODS

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority ("KeRRA") through the Government of Kenya has received financing from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD") and European Union ("EU") and intends to use part of the funds for training of Small-scale Contractors in Low Volume Seal Road Rehabilitation Works using labour based methods, and Performance Based Road Maintenance Contract Works using labour based methods in the counties of Laikipia, Meru, Tharaka-Nithi, Samburu, Isiolo, and Marsabit.

In this connection, KeRRA hereby invites interested small-scale local construction firms to apply for pre-qualification for training of small-scale contractors for (1) Performance Based Road Maintenance Contract Works using labour based methods, and (2) Low Volume Seal Road Works using labour based methods. The proposed training aims at providing the owners and senior staff of these enterprises with the knowledge and skills required to carry out road improvements and maintenance operations effectively and to manage their businesses efficiently.

A selection process shall be conducted for each Batch where 25 Contractors i.e. 25 Directors and 50 Site supervisors will be selected and invited for training respectively.

Brochures providing more information about the training courses and the required prequalification forms will be available from the Authority's Website www.kerra.go.ke free of charge, with effect from **8th October, 2025**.

Complete and duly filled Prequalification Forms shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at the office of the Regional Director of the respective regions on or before **11.00 am on 22nd October, 2025**.

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14,600 Kericho households to benefit from expanded electrification drive



Energy PS Alex Wachira launching the Borborwet TBC and Cheptigit Village Electrification Projects valued at Sh1.4 billion.

BY KIBE MBURU (KNA)

Belgut Constituency in Kericho County is set to benefit from expanded electricity access following the launch of the Borborwet and Cheptigit Village Electrification Projects under the national government's Last Mile Connectivity Programme.

The two projects, worth Sh1.4 billion, aim to connect 14,630 households across Kericho County, including 2,246 in Belgut. Borborwet Village will receive 128 new connections, while Cheptigit will benefit from 95, marking a significant

milestone in efforts to close the energy gap in rural communities.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony at Borborwet Village, Principal Secretary for Energy Alex Kamau Wachira reaffirmed the government's commitment to accelerating rural electrification.

He emphasized that access to electricity is a key driver of education, healthcare, enterprise development, and overall community empowerment.

"Access to electricity is not a privilege but a right for all Kenyans," said PS Wachira.

UAE company commits to invest Sh19b to produce electric vehicles

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

A United Arab Emirates investor has committed over Sh19 billion (USD150m) towards operationalisation of an electric vehicle manufacturing factory powered by reliable green and locomotive priced geothermal energy in Olkaria, Naivasha.

The major investments is a true testament of KenGen's commitment to attract investors at its 8,292-acre Green Energy Park 1 which has already been gazetted as a Special Economic Zone where firms are guaranteed tax reliefs benefits.

The company, Aquilastar Corporate Investment has committed to start local manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and is set to produce 50,000 units of both electric and plug-hybrids units every year by end of next year.

Once the facility is complete, it is set to create over 3,000 direct jobs and 10,000 others indirectly, a major boost to the government plan to create jobs for skilled youths in the country.

The investment in clean and green powered vehicles is also expected to catapult the government targets of reducing carbon emissions into the environment in line with Paris



1. **Abdulatif Alsayegh, the group chairman of Alsayegh firm break ground for establishment of an electric vehicle manufacturing plant powered by geothermal power at Olkaria area in Naivasha.**
2. **Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) chairman Alfred Agoi during the**

Climate Agreement that binds counties to reduce emissions by phasing out reliance to fossil and dirty sources of energy such as coal. According to the

3. **Abdulatif Alsayegh, the group chairman of Alsayegh address delegates at KenGen Olkaria power plant in Naivasha** PHOTO BY ERASTUS GICHOHI

firm group chairman Abdulatif Alsayegh, the availability of clean, reliable and competitively priced geothermal power has attracted them to the area.



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Kiambu National Polytechnic, in partnership with BSZ Erding and DEHOGA Bavaria, invites applications from qualified trainees for a Hospitality Apprenticeship Programme in Germany.

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OR

Working experience of at least 2 years in the hospitality industry

3. Age between 18 – 24 years

Programme Details

1. Mode of Training

Blended Training AT KINAP (6 Months): January – July 2026

2. Areas of training

German Language Training& Hospitality Curriculum

3. Apprenticeship training in German Hotels: Successful graduates will be placed in leading hotels in Germany for a payed apprenticeship in preparation for entry into the German job market.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should send their applications (**CV, copies of academic certificates, transcripts, and proof of German language proficiency**) to:

principal@kiambupoly.ac.ke

Deadline: 24th October 2025

NOTE: Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews.



Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways, Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

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 to be funded through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund and Development vote. There shall be mandatory pre-tender site visits as specified in the detailed tender notices uploaded onto the KeNHA website.

Complete sets of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): www.tenders.go.ke free of charge or from the KeNHA Offices, Supply Chain Management Departments during normal working hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000.00** (One thousand shillings only) in form of a banker's cheque payable to Kenya National Highways Authority.

Bidders are encouraged to download the tender documents from the above websites to minimize physical visits to KeNHA Offices.

All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): www.tenders.go.ke for any tender addenda or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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

Kenya Met warns of below-average rains in Kajiado



BY DIANA MENETO (KNA)

The Kenya Meteorological Department has predicted a poor rainfall distribution pattern and below-average precipitation during this year's short rain season in Kajiado County. This will not only affect food production for humans but also lead to a lack of pasture and water for livestock, which remains the predominant source of income for Kajiado pastoralists. Many pastoralists have already relocated their animals in search of pasture, but the situation remains uncertain given the forecast of poor rainfall distribution and the looming threat of a potentially devastating drought.

There is, however, some hope for the pastoralists who have turned to planting fodder crops as a buffer against such shocks. A fodder expert from China, Mr. Jack Liu, introduced a Chinese "magic grass" known as Juncao four years ago at his model farm in Kitengela.

According to Peninah Karimi, the Sales Manager at the Juncao Kitengela Model Farm, juncao is a perennial hybrid grass that was introduced in China 30 years ago with an aim of reducing animal mortality.

In an interview with Kenya News Agency, Karimi said that though juncao grass looks like the local Napier grass, juncao is multi-functional as it controls soil



Juncao grass at the grown at the Kitengela Model Farm.

Pellets made from juncao grass that can be fed to cows, goats, cows and sheep. PHOTOS BY DIANA MENETO

erosion, soil degradation and soil desertification and it provides micro-nutrients for livestock in addition to coping with climate change.

"Juncao has a crude protein of 18.6 per cent and a high sucrose level of 7 per cent which is very beneficial to animals as they need energy for better production. With Juncao, the farmers will save on costs as they won't be buying molasses to make silage unlike when they use the local Napier," stated Karimi.

"Juncao can be harvested within 45-60 days thus a farmer can be able to harvest 5 times per year.

"We advise farmers to harvest the grass when it is between 1 to 2 metres. That is when the grass is full of nutrients and can be well digested before it turns into a hard stalk full of fiber which only makes the cows full but lack production," said Karimi.

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feed juncao to livestock either as fresh feeds from the farm, as silage, as dry matter or as pellets. "To plant an acre of Juncao, a farmer will need 9,000 cuttings each with two nodes. We discourage the use of fertilizers but encourage farmers to use the animal manure and water either rain fed or irrigated," stated Karimi.

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KENYA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES CENTRAL PLACEMENT SERVICE (KUCCPS)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KUCCPS GRADE 1

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service, (KUCCPS) was established by Section 55 of the Universities Act (2012). The core functions of the Placement Service are to co-ordinate the placement of the government sponsored students to universities and colleges; disseminate information on available programmes, their costs, and the areas of study prioritized by the Government; collect and retain data relating to university and college placement; advise the Government on matters relating to University and college student placement; develop career guidance programmes for the benefit of students; and perform any other function assigned to it under the Act.

To deliver its mandate, the Placement Service Board wishes to competitively recruit the **Secretary/Chief Executive Officer** to head its Secretariat.

(a) Job Purpose

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible to the Placement Board for the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Corporation including implementation of the Board's policies, programmes and strategies in accordance with the law and Government policy guidelines.

(b) Job Specification

- i. Accounting Officer for the Placement Service;
- ii. Secretary to the Board;
- iii. Oversee the development of long-term strategies, plans and annual operating budget;
- iv. Ensuring prudent management of resources;
- v. Spearheading the development and implementation of Performance Contracts for the Placement Service;
- vi. Overseeing preparation and safe custody of Board documents;
- vii. Facilitating communication between the Board and Management;
- viii. Advising the Board on all policies and strategies related to the mandate of the Placement Service;
- ix. Ensuring compliance with constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements in all activities of the Placement Service.
- x. Developing and nurturing a team of highly motivated and talented human capital, fostering a culture of excellence in performance;
- xi. Authorized Officer for the Placement Service;
- xii. Providing leadership to senior management and staff;
- xiii. Managing the day-to-day affairs of the Placement Service by implementing policies and programs related to the placement of students to universities and colleges;
- xiv. Establishing proper internal monitoring and control systems and procedures, ensuring effective dissemination of information on programmes;
- xv. Overseeing maintenance and compliance with Quality Management Systems;
- xvi. Providing regular, thorough, and prompt communication to the Board on key technical, financial, and administrative matters;
- xvii. Managing stakeholders and promoting the corporate image of the Placement Service;
- xviii. Ensuring safe custody of institutional assets; and
- xix. Overseeing the preparation of annual budgets and work plans and establishing proper internal controls.

(c) Person Specifications

For appointment to this position, a candidate must have:

- i. Served for a cumulative period of fifteen (15) years, five (5) of which must have been at senior management position;
- ii. Bachelor's Degree from a recognized institution;
- iii. Master's Degree from a recognized institution;
- iv. Leadership course lasting not less than four (4) weeks from a recognized institution;
- v. Membership with a relevant professional body, where applicable and be in good standing;
- vi. Valid practicing certificate where applicable;
- vii. Proficiency in computer applications;
- viii. Demonstrated outstanding managerial and professional competence as reflected in work performance and results; and
- ix. Meets the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya.

TERMS OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Board and shall hold the Office for a **term of five (5) years renewable once subject to performance and retirement age**. Remuneration attached to this position shall be determined in accordance with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible candidates are encouraged to access the detailed job description by visiting our website: www.kuccps.net under vacancies and clicking on the link <https://kuccps.net/seeking-join-our-team>. Qualified and interested candidates who meet the above requirements should submit **two (2)** hard copies of job applications, academic and professional certificates, and relevant testimonials not later than **28th October 2025 at 5.00 p.m. to:**

**Board Chairman,
Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS),
P.O. Box 105166 – 00101,
NAIROBI.**

Alternatively, soft copy applications together with academic and professional certificates, and relevant testimonials should be submitted by email to: chairman@kuccps.ac.ke and a copy (cc) to kuccpsrecruitment@gmail.com not later than **28th October 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

Successful candidates MUST be of the highest ethical standards, integrity, professionalism, and comply with the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya.

NOTE:

1. Canvassing in any form and giving false information will lead to automatic disqualification.
2. The Placement Service Board is an equal opportunity employer.
3. Qualified Women, Youth, Marginalized Communities and Persons Living with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted using the postal and/or e-mail address or telephone contacts provided in their application.

Kitui targets top tourism spot with new circuit launch

BY DENSON MUTUTO
(KNA)

Kitui County Governor, Dr. Julius Malombe, has launched the Kitui Tourism Circuit as part of efforts to market the county's unique and diverse natural, cultural, and historical treasures to the world.

Presiding over the event themed "Unveiling the Rich and Diverse Tourism Treasures of Kitui County," the Governor noted that the launch marked a significant step toward positioning the county among Kenya's top tourism destinations.

"My administration is committed to developing and marketing a vibrant, sustainable tourism circuit that links Kitui County with both the coastal region and the Mt. Kenya region," said Malombe during the event held at the iconic, mythical, and towering Nzambani Rock in Kitui East.

He said the launch was not solely about tourism, but also about economic transformation, cultural pride, job creation and placing Kitui on both the national and international tourism map.



"Tourism is not merely about leisure and travel; it is a pillar of economic growth. It contributes to revenue generation, employment creation especially for youth and women, growth of SMEs and rural development," the Governor said.

The new circuit is expected to provide structure, visibility and synergy to Kitui's previously scattered attractions, transforming them into a marketable, cohesive, and visitor-friendly package.

"With the launch of the Kitui Tourism Circuit, we envision improved tourist experiences, diversified itineraries and longer visitor stays," he said.

The attraction sites included South Kitui National Game Reserve, Mutomo Hill Plant Sanctuary and Reptile Park, Nzambani rock, Kalundu eco-park, Mutitu and Muumoni Important Bird Areas, Ngomeni Rock and Mwingi National Game Reserve.

The Governor also cited breathtaking sceneries

such as Ikoo Valley, Ulonzo Hills and Kiongwe Hills, as well as sacred and historical sites including the Ikutha AIC Early Missionary Church and the Museve Shrine.

"In addition, Kitui's rich cultural heritage, captured in our music, dance, indigenous crafts and unique cuisines, makes our county a destination with something for every traveler," the governor said.

"To enhance access, safety, and visibility, we are erecting modern en-



1. Kitui County Governor Dr. Julius Malombe speaking while presiding over the launch of Kitui County Tourism Circuit at a ceremony held at the iconic, mythical and towering Nzambani Rock in Kitui East.
2. Kitui County Governor Dr. Julius Malombe cuts a tape to officially unveil the Kitui County Tourism Circuit at a ceremony held at the iconic, mythical and towering Nzambani Rock in Kitui East.

PHOTOS: DENSON MUTUTO.

tap into the opportunities in the tourism and hospitality industry.

"I urge our people, especially youth and women, to actively engage in enterprises linked to tourism be it cultural performances, crafts, camp sites, or hotels. This is our chance to grow together," Dr. Malombe appealed.

Speaking at the event, Kitui Deputy Governor Augustine Kanani, who also serves as the County Executive for Tourism, Hospitality and Game Reserves echoed the governor's remarks saying, "When we launch the Kitui tourism circuit, we are not just opening our doors to visitors, but also inviting investors to be part of Kitui's growth story," he said.

Directorate welcomes new secretary to spearhead government communication

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI
AND VIVIAN KANG'IRI
(PCO)

The Directorate of Public Communications (DPC) ushered in a new chapter of leadership at a ceremony held at Post Bank House, where Ms. Patricia Terer Ondeng was formally welcomed as the newly appointed Secretary of Public Communication.

In her remarks, Ms. Ondeng—who previously served as Head of Corporate Communication and Marketing at the Tourism Fund and as Acting CEO of KICC—highlighted the vital role of Public Communication Officers (PCOs) across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). She emphasized the importance of unity and teamwork in elevating the standard of government communication. "I am deeply honoured to join this vibrant team," she said.

"My vision is to foster collaboration, enhance communication structures, and ensure gov-



The newly appointed Public Communications Secretary Ms. Patricia Terer Ondeng receives a report from Public Communications Director Monica Omoro during the welcoming ceremony.

PHOTO: AUSTIN OTIEONO

ernment programmes and policies are communicated with clarity and consistency for maximum impact. Working in unison with PCOs, we shall strengthen the Directorate's position as a cornerstone of national development."

Outgoing Head of the Directorate, Ms. Monica Omoro, who continues to serve in her role as Director of Public Com-

munications, welcomed the new Secretary and reflected on her own journey at the helm of the Directorate. She described the handover as more than a formal process, calling it "a moment of continuity and growth," for the institution.

During her tenure, Ms. Omoro oversaw key reforms that reshaped the Directorate's operations.

THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL



KNEC is ISO 9001:2015 Certified

TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya National Examinations Council Act No. 29 of 2012. The Council is mandated to conduct national assessments and examinations at both basic and tertiary levels and certify learners.

1. KNEC has been granted exemption by the National Treasury from the mandatory use of the e-GP System to facilitate procurements necessary to support timely delivery and successful administration of the year 2025 national examinations and assessments.
- 2.0 In view of the exemption, KNEC invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Tenders below:

S/No.	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER TITLE	TARGET GROUP
2.1	KNEC/ONT/2025-2026/01	Renewal of Veeam Enterprise Suite Licenses	Open
2.2	KNEC/ONT/2025-2026/02	Provision of HP Care Support for the Data Centre Equipment and related Services	Open
2.3	KNEC/ONT/2025-2026/03	Renewal of Microsoft Office 365 A5 Education Licenses.	Open
2.4	KNEC/ONT/2025-2026/04	Supply and Delivery of ICT Equipment	Open

Interested eligible Bidders, who **MUST** be duly registered on the Electronic Government Procurement system (e-GPS), may obtain tender documents from the following websites: www.knec.ac.ke or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke or www.tender.go.ke

- 4.0 The closing date and submission instructions shall be as provided in the respective bid documents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Government unveils reforms to revive coffee sector, double output in three years

BY LUCY MWENDE AND MARY NDANU (KNA)

The Government, through the Ministry of Co-operatives, has announced new reforms aimed at reviving Kenya's coffee sector and doubling production within three years.

Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, Wycliffe Oparanya, noted that coffee production in Kenya—which once peaked at 150,000 metric tons annually in the 1980s and 1990s—has dropped sharply due to market inefficiencies, weak co-operative governance, and declining farm productivity.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by Principal Secretary for Co-operatives, Patrick Kilemi, during the International Coffee Day celebrations hosted by the New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (KPCU), Oparanya said that the current output is projected at between 60,000 and 70,000 metric tons for 2025.

However, the Government is determined to reverse the decline. "Kenya's recovery will depend on raising yields per bush and expanding acreage," he said.

"While the average bush produces less than two kilograms, some farmers applying proper agronomy achieve up to 50 kilograms per bush. If we can



Principal Secretary for Co-operatives Patrick Kiburi Kilemi, addresses the press during the International Coffee Day celebrations held in Nairobi. PHOTO: LUCY MWENDE

raise yields to 20 kilograms per bush and expand acreage, output could rise tenfold, allowing us to surpass Uganda and even challenge Ethiopia as Africa's top producer," said the CS.

Oparanya highlighted that a key milestone in the reforms was the Direct Settlement System (DSS), which directly linked producers and buyers at

the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

"The system has brought transparency and ensured farmers receive at least 80 percent of their coffee's value. It has also enabled co-operative societies to recover loans, reducing the risk of indebtedness," he said.

Oparanya said the Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund, which had disbursed

Bungoma rolls out Sh29m e-Voucher programme for cattle vaccination



Bungoma County Governor Kenneth Lusaka, while launching the E-Voucher cattle vaccination and identification programme at Wabukhonyi, Ndivisi Ward, Bungoma County.

BY DOUGLAS MUDAMBO (KNA)

Bungoma County Government has launched a countywide e-voucher cattle vaccination and identification programme worth Sh29.2 million, targeting about 266,000 cattle.

Speaking at Wabukhonyi in Ndivisi Ward during the official launch, Governor Kenneth Lusaka said the initiative, anchored on an e-voucher subsidy system, will ensure local cattle are vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

He added that, to implement the programme effectively, the county administration has engaged 58 private animal health practitioners to work alongside government veterinarians in a door-to-door campaign—departing from the traditional mass vaccination model.

"Every cow in the region will be registered, identified, and monitored through modern technology to enhance traceability and animal health," Lusaka said. He added that the

programme was about protecting farmers from losses and improving market access.

The Governor added that under the scheme, farmers will pay Sh50 per animal, while the county government tops up with Sh110 subsidy.

"During the vaccination drive, there will be a rollout of a cattle identification system using the Mifugo 360 Super App, which will digitally link each cow to its owner," he noted.

Lusaka said the innovation is expected to curb livestock theft, improve disease monitoring and open structured markets for farmers, which has been a major challenge in the county.

He added that the purpose of this programme was to lay a foundation for sustainable livestock farming and better incomes for our people.

The Governor called upon farmers to fully embrace the programme, cautioning them that failing to vaccinate and register animals could expose them to unnecessary losses.

more than Sh9.7 billion to farmers in three years, was a clear success.

"Repayments are nearly complete. This proves that farmers are reliable partners when treated fairly and given structured financing," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary explained that the Coffee Bill 2024 and the Co-operative Bill 2024 are game changers in the sector as they promise to modernize governance, enhance accountability, and empower millions of Kenyans who rely on co-operatives for their livelihoods.

"The legislation will entrench governance, transparency and accountability in co-operatives while addressing weaknesses in existing oversight bodies," he said.

New KPCU Chairperson Henry Kinyua who also serves as an Advisor on Crops and Value Chains within the President's Economic Transformation Secretariat, said the reforms had restored optimism in the sector and positioned Kenyan farmers to compete more strongly in regional and global markets.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The National Housing Corporation (NHC) is a statutory body established under the Housing Act (Cap. 117). Its primary mandate is to play a key role in the implementation of the Government's Housing Policies and Programmes.

The Corporation is seeking to recruit results-driven and highly motivated individuals to fill the following position:

Position: Clerk of Works

Ref: NHC/COW/06/20

Vacancies: 12 Posts

a) Job Specifications

- Supervise construction works on NHC projects as assigned by the Project Manager/his representative, ensuring compliance with specifications.
- Work with the contractor to ensure a safe, secure, and healthy work environment by enforcing safe site procedures as directed by the Project Manager/Clerk of Works.
- Ensure a safe and conducive work environment in compliance with relevant laws.
- Assist in scheduling and coordinating site personnel, supervising subcontractors, resolving design problems, and implementing any change orders.
- Coordinate and attend site meetings and prepare briefs to the Project Manager/his representative on site progress.
- Maintain registers of daily material usage.
- Prepare daily and weekly contractor progress reports as guided by the Project Manager.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the Project Manager/his representative.

b) Person Specifications

For appointments to this position, a candidate must have:

- A Diploma in Building/Construction Management, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Building Engineering, Structural Engineering, Quantity Surveying, or a related field.
- At least two (2) years' experience in a similar role on a busy construction site.
- Proven ability to solve problems creatively.
- Strong familiarity with project management software tools, methodologies, and best practices.
- Experience managing projects through the full life cycle, including progress reporting.
- Excellent analytical and interpersonal skills; highly resourceful.
- Proficiency in English and Kiswahili (written and spoken).

c) Skills & Competencies

- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and in a team.
- Supervisory skills.
- Customer focus.
- Report and minute writing skills.

d) Terms of Service

- Consolidated Salary:** Kshs. 60,000 per month
- Place of Work:** Any project site within Kenya
- Terms of Service:** Contract
- Period:** Duration of the assigned project, but not less than (6) months.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified persons are requested to submit their applications by sending:

- An application letter.
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Copies of academic and professional certificates and testimonials.

Applications should be sent online via

careers.nhckenya.go.ke

The application form must be submitted on or before Monday 21st October 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (EAT) and addressed to:

The Managing Director/CEO
National Housing Corporation (NHC)
P.O. Box 30257 – 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA

- Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates, during the interview.
- Carrying in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- NHC is an equal opportunity employer. Women, persons with disabilities, the marginalized, and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Kisumu County inks deal with UN-Habitat to build low-cost houses

BY MABEL KEYA-SHIKUKU AND MILTON OBOTE (KNA)

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Kisumu County government have signed a housing upgrade programme under the New Urban Agenda.

The initiative, known as Partnership for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda (PINUA-1), aims at spurring sustainable urbanization within the local authorities especially in informal settlements.

UN-Habitat Executive Director Ana Claudia Rossbach noted that Kenya being the host of the head office of this global body has an agreement with UN-Habitat to help put up decent affordable housing in the informal settlements to improve the living standards of people.

She said the partnership in PINUA-1 programme seeks to incorporate local regional governments in promoting urban development through housing not only in Kenya but the rest of Africa.

Rossbach stated the UN-Habitat member states endorsed PINUA-1 programme 10 years ago to help implement decent urban housing for the urban poor.

She was speaking in Kisumu where the County government



The UN-Habitat Executive Director Ana Claudia Rossbach (left) and Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o (right) display a document signed between Kisumu County government and UN-Habitat to rollout affordable housing in Kibuye and Muhoroni.

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Rossbach said that basic necessities such as food and shelter are supreme and at heart of the United Nations agencies development agenda for all sectors of the society.

"The reason for this is that we have over one billion living in very poor housing conditions in informal settlements," the Executive Director said.

She emphasized that UN-Habitat's new development mandate focuses on the less

privileged and empowers them with resources to build their own homes and houses.

She noted that Kisumu County has made good progress in New Urban Agenda which her organization would like to see replicated in other counties in the country and other Nations.

Rossbach observed that the success of such effort in Muhoroni sub county in Kisumu County that has enabled residents to build their own habitation at which they can access vital social amenities like Early Childhood learning development facilities for their children.

Support government's efforts in conserving Mau Forest, Kenyans urged

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND DENNIS RASTO (KNA)

The Government is set to plant more than 40 million trees and rehabilitate rivers and wetlands at the Mau Forest, courtesy of the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MCF-ICLIP). The Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Festus Ng'eno said the government had developed a ten-year plan through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry to restore the Mau Forest Complex.

He said the initiative was designed to transform the country's largest water tower into a climate resilient ecosystem that delivers sustainable water, food and energy security while supporting thousands of green jobs.

The interventions, Ng'eno explained, will result in restoration of 33,138 hectares of forest by 2035, adding that the MCF-ICLIP plan was on course through weekly tree planting drives that have seen 160,000 seedlings planted in Eastern Mau in the past one month.

Speaking in Nakuru during the launch of the Mau Conservation Marathon, the Principal Secretary said the government was mobilizing resources to con-

serve the water tower through a multi-faceted approach that includes government funding, private-public partnerships, community involvement, and enforcement measures.

Operating under the clarion call "Linda Mau, Boresha Maisha" (Protect Mau, Improve Livelihoods), the MCF-ICLIP programme aims to tackle the forest's mounting threats including illegal logging, unsustainable land use, encroachment, and climate change through an integrated, multi-stakeholder approach. Ng'eno pointed out that securing the complex's boundaries with fencing and providing alternative livelihoods for local communities, was part of the state's restoration and conservation efforts, adding that the MCF-ICLIP programme was anchored on five core components including sustainable landscape management, community livelihood improvement, circular economy innovations, environmental education and research, and governance and resource mobilization. The inaugural Mau Complex Marathon will be held on October 24, 2022 where President William Ruto is expected to officially inaugurate the MCF-ICLIP plan at Baringo Primary School, within Kuresoi North Sub-County in Nakuru.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY
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Public Notice

Guidance on Employer Obligations in Applying Income Tax Deductions, Reliefs and Exemptions

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to inform employers, employees, and the general public that the Finance Act, 2025 amended the Income Tax Act, Cap 470 ("the Act") to mandate employers to apply all relevant tax deductions, reliefs, and exemptions when computing income tax on employee emoluments.

In line with this amendment, KRA provides the following guidance to employers:

1. Apply personal relief to all resident employees as stipulated under the Act.
2. Allow insurance relief, mortgage interest deductions, and contributions to registered pension schemes and Post-Retirement Medical Funds — provided these are declared by the employee and supported by the necessary documentation, and fall within the statutory limits.
3. Deduct statutory levies and contributions paid by employees, such as the Affordable Housing Levy and contributions to the Social Health Insurance Fund, in accordance with the Act.
4. Recognize and apply tax exemptions for employees who hold valid tax exemption certificates, subject to the prescribed limits.
5. Ensure accurate and timely submission of PAYE returns, reflecting all applicable reliefs, deductions, and exemptions.
6. Employees are advised to promptly provide their employers with all required documentation to support claims for deductions and reliefs, where applicable.

For any clarification or further guidance, visit your nearest Tax Service Office (TSO) or reach us through Tel: 254(020)4999999, +254(0711)099999/Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke

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PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON PROPOSED PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS REGULATIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2013

PURSUANT to Section 69 of the Public Benefit Organizations Act, 2013 and Section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority, under the direction and guidance of the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, notifies the general public that Regulatory Impact Statement on the Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Regulations has been prepared to assess the impact of the Regulations on stakeholders, including the PBO sector, beneficiaries, communities and development partners.

The main objective of the Regulations is to give full effect to the Public Benefit Organizations Act, 2013 by providing a framework to ensure sustainable governance of the PBO sector in Kenya. Specifically, the Regulations seek to:

- (a) Provide a framework for the management and oversight of PBOs.
- (b) Provide the criteria for registration, suspension, cancellation and reinstatement of PBOs.
- (c) Provide for the coordination and operations of the forums and federation of forums.

This is therefore to request the public and all persons likely to be affected by the proposed Regulations to submit written memoranda to reach the undersigned within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice. The Regulatory Impact Statement and the Draft Regulations are available on the Authority's website (registration.pbora.go.ke or www.pbora.go.ke).

The Authority also welcomes any stakeholder who would prefer **virtual interaction** on the subject matter to notify the Authority through the email address given below in order for the Authority to prepare for such meetings. The virtual meetings will be scheduled as public fora and will take place on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Wednesday, October 15, 2025 and Friday, October 17, 2025 from 10.00 A.M** on each appointed date to discuss the Regulatory Impact Statement.

Written memoranda should be addressed to:

Director/CEO,
15th Floor, Co-operative Bank House Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi
P.O Box 44617-00100, NAIROBI.

or
E-mail: ppregulations@pbora.go.ke





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA (BREFONS)

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK-AfDB (DONOR FUNDED PROJECT)

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Date: 7-10-2025	Loan No: 2100150042746
	Project ID No.: P-Z1-C00-08

CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURES IN BREFONS COUNTIES (BARINGO, TURKANA, WEST POKOT, ISILO, SAMBURU, MARSABIT AND GARISSA)

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online AfDB-P2073738-11/23 of 27th November, 2023 and on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website.
- The Government of Kenya has received a loan from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in The Horn of Africa (BREFONS). It is intended that part of the Proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for Construction Works in Baringo, Turkana, West Pokot, Isiolo, Samburu, Marsabit and Garissa Counties.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the above works as below;

S / NO.	TENDER NO.	PROJECT NAME	BID SECURITY (KES)
1	MOALD/BREFONS/T001/2025-2026	Construction of Adadi Water Pan in Marsabit County.	879,000.00
2	MOALD/BREFONS/T002/2025-2026	Construction of Girisa Earth Dam in Marsabit County.	807,000.00
3	MOALD/BREFONS/T003/2025-2026	Construction of Walda Water Pan in Marsabit County.	884,000.00
4	MOALD/BREFONS/T004/2025-2026	Construction of Haro Taliana Water pan in Marsabit County	690,000.00
5	MOALD/BREFONS/T005/2025-2026	Construction of Ledero Earth Dam in Samburu County	664,000.00
6	MOALD/BREFONS/T006/2025-2026	Expansion of Rankau Water Pan in Samburu County	448,000.00
7	MOALD/BREFONS/T007/2025-2026	Construction of Nkoteiya Earth Dam in Samburu County	429,000.00
8	MOALD/BREFONS/T008/2025-2026	Construction of Lodokek Earth Dam in Samburu County	707,000.00
9	MOALD/BREFONS/T009/2025-2026	Construction of Loikumkum Livestock Yard in Samburu County	400,000.00
10	MOALD/BREFONS/T010/2025-2026	Construction of Ndonyo Wasin Livestock Yard in Samburu County	400,000.00
11	MOALD/BREFONS/T011/2025-2026	Construction of Marti Livestock Yard in Samburu County	400,000.00
12	MOALD/BREFONS/T012/2025-2026	Construction of Lpus Hay Shed in Samburu County	300,000.00
13	MOALD/BREFONS/T013/2025-2026	Construction of Lpus Comercial Pasture in Samburu County	400,000.00
14	MOALD/BREFONS/T014/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Ntiir Borehole in Samburu County	280,000.00
15	MOALD/BREFONS/T015/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Natir Borehole in Samburu County	280,000.00
16	MOALD/BREFONS/T016/2025-2026	Construction of Kaabilkeret Earth Dam in Turkana County	896,000.00
17	MOALD/BREFONS/T017/2025-2026	Construction of Kalopi Earth Dam in Turkana County	895,000.00
18	MOALD/BREFONS/T018/2025-2026	Construction of Natoo Earth Dam in Turkana County	898,000.00
19	MOALD/BREFONS/T019/2025-2026	Construction of Lokorong'ole Water Pan in Turkana County	899,000.00
20	MOALD/BREFONS/T020/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Akokos Pcholio Community Borehole in West Pokot County	310,000.00
21	MOALD/BREFONS/T021/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Kamila Community Borehole in West Pokot County	310,000.00
22	MOALD/BREFONS/T022/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Kapetakinei Community Borehole in West Pokot County	300,000.00
23	MOALD/BREFONS/T023/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Kuirir Community Borehole in West Pokot County	310,000.00
24	MOALD/BREFONS/T024/2025-2026	Drilling and Equipping of Tilingwo 2 Community Borehole in West Pokot County	300,000.00
25	MOALD/BREFONS/T025/2025-2026	Construction of El Handas Water Pan in Isiolo County	892,000.00

S / NO.	TENDER NO.	PROJECT NAME	BID SECURITY (KES)
26	MOALD/BREFONS/T026/2025-2026	Construction of Qurqura Water Pan in Isiolo County	897,000.00
27	MOALD/BREFONS/T027/2025-2026	Construction of Yachonamchuffa Water Pan in Isiolo County	894,000.00
28	MOALD/BREFONS/T028/2025-2026	Construction of Qote Haa Qancharo Water Pan in Isiolo County	896,000.00
29	MOALD/BREFONS/T029/2025-2026	Equipping of Kipsing and Matundai Boreholes in Isiolo County	300,000.00
30	MOALD/BREFONS/T030/2025-2026	Equipping of Longopito and Bulesa Kayo Boreholes in Isiolo County	300,000.00
31	MOALD/BREFONS/T031/2025-2026	Equipping of Barambate Fayo and Eresaboru Boreholes in Isiolo County	300,000.00
32	MOALD/BREFONS/T032/2025-2026	Equipping of Fayo and Fororsa Boreholes in Isiolo County	300,000.00
33	MOALD/BREFONS/T033/2025-2026	Construction of Haji-Aden Water Pan in Garissa County	892,000.00
34	MOALD/BREFONS/T034/2025-2026	Construction of Aragadud Water Pan in Garissa County	893,000.00
35	MOALD/BREFONS/T035/2025-2026	Construction of Faan Water Pan in Garissa County	893,000.00
36	MOALD/BREFONS/T036/2025-2026	Construction of Gorafura Water Pan in Garissa County	893,000.00
37	MOALD/BREFONS/T037/2025-2026	Construction of Hudomow Water Pan in Garissa County	899,000.00
38	MOALD/BREFONS/T038/2025-2026	Construction of Bureye Water Pan in Janyu Location in Garissa County	891,000.00
39	MOALD/BREFONS/T039/2025-2026	Construction of Elkambere Water Pan in Garissa County	899,000.00
40	MOALD/BREFONS/T040/2025-2026	Construction of Bulla Banan Water Pan in Garissa County	892,000.00
41	MOALD/BREFONS/T041/2025-2026	Construction of Nyalibuch water pan in Baringo County	366,000.00
42	MOALD/BREFONS/T042/2025-2026	Construction of Kebenonin dam in Baringo County	896,000.00
43	MOALD/BREFONS/T043/2025-2026	Desilting ATC Koibatek earth Dam in Baringo County	759,000.00
44	MOALD/BREFONS/T044/2025-2026	Desilting Akoreyan water pan in Baringo County	471,000.00
45	MOALD/BREFONS/T045/2025-2026	Desilting Katikit water pan in Baringo County	543,000.00
46	MOALD/BREFONS/T046/2025-2026	Desilting Kaptiony Kiboi Footbridge Dam in Baringo County	2,063,000.00

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Office of the Project Coordinator, Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in The Horn of Africa (BREFONS), Hill Plaza 9th Floor, Ngong Road P.O. Box 30028 00100 Nairobi.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be down loaded from the Ministry's web site www.kilimo.go.ke
- The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Works.
- Bids should be clearly marked 'Construction of in...County, Tender No. **MOALD/BREFONS/...2025-2026**' and deposited at State Department for Agriculture Tender Box, situated at the Ground Floor, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road or posted to:

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

and should be received on or before **Tuesday 4th November, 2025 at 11.00 am local time** and **MUST** be accompanied by a bid guarantee as indicated in the table above.

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

- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at **11.00am am local on Tuesday 4th November, 2025** at ASCU Boardroom Kilimo House Ground Floor.
- There will be a **mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit** on **22nd October, 2025** in all the counties. All the bidders are expected to meet at the **BREFONS County Coordinators' Offices at the County Headquarters at 9.00am local time** for briefing and thereafter visit the sites. Note that all the site visits will be conducted on the same day.

**Head, Supply Chain Management Unit
State Department for Agriculture
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

Umma University expands with state-of-the-art 10-storey facility

BY ROP JANET (KNA)

Umma University has taken a major step in its expansion with the opening of the Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex, a ten-storey facility worth over Sh1.4 billion, designed to accommodate more than 10,000 students.

The complex features 81 classrooms, six modern laboratories, a 650-seat examination hall, a 416-seat auditorium, a 400-seat multi-purpose hall, a gymnasium, a student and conference centre, and administrative offices, including 10 faculty offices and three boardrooms.

Speaking at the commissioning, President Dr. William Ruto said the government is committed to empowering universities to produce a new generation of graduates who are skilled, ethical, and innovative—ready to create jobs, drive technology, and address the nation's pressing challenges.

He noted that reforms such as strengthened governance, restructured financing, and the Student-Centred Funding Model have helped safeguard university sustainability, restore



financial stability, lower fees, and expand access to higher education across Kenya.

The President also praised the university's growth from a small college in Thika to a fully-fledged university in Kajiado County.

"The University has continued to register remarkable progress in infrastructure development, in line with its vision of providing quality higher education and contributing to national development," he said.



Vice-Chancellor Dr. Halima Saado Abdillahi said the new complex would allow the university to introduce pro-



1. President Dr. William Ruto commissions the Sh1.4 billion Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex at Umma University in Kajiado.

2. President Dr. William Ruto digs the foundation during the unveiling of the 1.4 billion Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex at Umma University in Kajiado.

3. (L-R) Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ong'oma, Umma University VC Dr. Halima Abdillahi, President Dr. William Ruto, Health CS Aden Duale and the University Chancellor Dr. Abbas Gullet during the commissioning of the Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex.

Business, Education, Computer Science, Nursing, and Social Sciences. The University's Chancellor Dr. Abbas Gullet thanked the Direct Aid Society, the founding sponsor, for funding the project, and the Ministry of Education for supporting the university's growth over the past 15 years. According to the Commission for University Education (CUE), Kenya now has 64 fully-fledged universities and 15 institutions at various stages of accreditation, making it one of Africa's largest higher education systems.

The Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex is expected to transform the academic landscape in Kajiado, enhancing Umma University's reputation as an institution that blends Islamic moral values with modern education.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY
Promoting the Integrity and Growth of the Capital Markets

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OF CAPITAL MARKETS REGULATIONS

The Capital Markets Authority is charged with the mandate of regulating and developing Kenya's capital markets. In line with the Capital Markets Strategic Plan, the Authority seeks to ensure that the Capital Markets legal and regulatory framework is up to date and responsive to changing market dynamics and emerging stakeholder needs.

In this regard, the Authority is in the process of reviewing the below regulations, available on www.cma.or.ke, under Market Regulation, in a bid to make them responsive to market needs and address new and emerging issues. -

- a) The Capital Markets (Real Estate Investment Trusts) (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2013.
- b) The Capital Markets (Foreign Investors) Regulations, 2002.

As a key stakeholder, the Authority recognizes your contribution to the growth and development of the market and kindly invites you to contribute to the review process by sending in any proposals you may wish to be considered in the review of any of the above regulations.

Kindly submit your comments by **7 November, 2025** to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Capital Markets Authority
P.O. Box 74800-00200 Nairobi
3rd Floor, Embankment Plaza, Longonot Road, Upperhill
Email: comments@cma.or.ke Website: www.cma.or.ke

KENYA VISION 2030



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY
Promoting the Integrity and Growth of the Capital Markets

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR POLICY PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OF CAPITAL MARKETS ACT AND REGULATIONS

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) is an independent public agency established under the Capital Markets Act, Cap 485A whose core mandate is to regulate and develop Kenya's capital markets by ensuring proper conduct of all licensed persons and institutions; regulating the issuance of capital market products; licensing and overseeing of capital market intermediaries, advancing investor education and public awareness aimed at safeguarding investors' interests.

In accordance with Clause 12 of the Authority's Act, Clause 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 and Article 232 of the Constitution that any proposed statutory changes must undergo adequate public consultation. In line with these requirements, the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) invites members of the public, particularly stakeholders in the capital markets industry, to submit policy proposals for key amendments to the Capital Markets Act and Regulations.

Kindly submit your Policy Proposals by **Friday, 7 November 2025**, to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Capital Markets Authority
P.O. Box 74800-00200 Nairobi
3rd Floor, Embankment Plaza
Longonot Road, Upperhill
Email: cmapolicy@cma.or.ke

KENYA VISION 2030

FEATURE STORY: CULTURE

Young student uses art to earn a living

BY KELVIN KATHURIMA AND MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

At just 19, Victor Muthambure from Majengo estate in Thika, is proving that art is not just a pastime but a pathway to both self-reliance and a promising future.

Victor, a first-year student at Buruburu Institute of Fine Arts

in Nairobi has turned his natural talent into a source of income that helps him cover personal expenses and even supplement his school fees.

He traces his journey back to class five, when he admired a classmate who sketched cartoons. Inspired, he began replicating characters from television, gradually honing his craft.

His biggest cheerleader

was his mother, who not only encouraged his budding passion but also bought him pencils and watercolors that became the foundation of his artistic growth.

"When my mother saw how good my cartoons were, she supported me with the materials I needed. That gave me confidence to pursue art seriously," Victor recalls.

Balancing college

studies with a growing art career, Victor follows a strict routine. He dedicates an hour and a half each morning to academics, followed by an equal amount of time to drawing, and repeats the same in the evening after classes. Weekends and holidays are dedicated to commissioned pieces and roadside sales of his paintings, which attract passersby and clients



Victor Muthambure, a 19-year-old youth from Majengo estate in Thika showcases his art work.

alike. Nature and wildlife inspire his work. From rivers, forests, and mountains to elephants, lions,

and portraits of customers, Victor seeks to capture Kenya's beauty and culture on canvas.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATIONAL TOURISM STRATEGY

The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is in the process of preparing the National Tourism Strategy in line with Tourism Act CAP 381.

The National Tourism Strategy prescribes the principles, objectives, standards, indicators, procedures and incentives for the development, management and marketing of sustainable tourism. In this regard, all stakeholders and the general public are invited for the stakeholder consultations on the National Tourism Strategy as per the following schedule.

S/No	REGION	VENUE	DATE	COUNTIES
1.	North Rift	County Hall Headquarters-Eldoret	22/10/2025	Baringo; Nandi; Uasin Gishu; Trans Nzoia; Elgeyo Marakwet
2.	North Rift	Lodwar Vocational Training Centre-Lodwar	22/10/2025	Turkana; Marsabit; Samburu; West Pokot
3.	Western	Magaribi Hall-Kakamega	22/10/2025	Kakamega; Vihiga; Bungoma; Busia
4.	Nyanza	County Commissioner Hall - Kisumu	22/10/2025	Siaya; Kisumu; Homabay; Migori; Kisii; Nyamira
5.	South Rift	Old Town Hall-Nakuru	23/10/2025	Kericho; Bomet; Narok; Nakuru
6.	Central	Nyeri Cultural Centre-Nyeri	23/10/2025	Nyeri; Kirinyaga; Muranga; Nyandarua
7.	Eastern	Kamunde Hall-Meru	23/10/2025	Embu; Tharaka Nithi; Meru; Isiolo; Laikipia
8.	Eastern	Kamende Wote Social Hall-Makueni	23/10/2025	Kitui; Makueni; Machakos
9.	North Eastern	Government Guest House-Garissa	24/10/2025	Mandera; Wajir; Garissa
10.	Coast	Mombasa Beach Hotel	24/10/2025	Kilifi; Kwale; Mombasa; Taita Taveta
11.	Coast	Lamu Vocational Training Centre-Lamu	24/10/2025	Lamu; Tana River
12.	Nairobi	Kenyatta International Conference Centre	24/10/2025	Nairobi; Kajiado; Kiambu

Written comments on the National Tourism Strategy may be submitted to reach the undersigned not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice through a hardcopy or via email pstourism@gmail.com.

The Draft National Tourism Strategy is available at the Ministry Website www.tourism.go.ke.

JOHN L. OLOTUUA, CBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

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

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-500803-CS-INDV

1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in MyGov Newspaper on 24th October, 2023.
2. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
3. The consulting services ("Services") include Senior Environmental Safeguards Officer (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
4. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke / www.tenders.go.ke
5. The Information and Communications Technology Authority (the "Client") through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (**attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable)**). The shortlisting criteria is:
 - a minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Supply Chain/Procurement Management or a related field.
 - a minimum of four (4) years of general experience in supply chain management field.
 - A minimum of two (2) years of specific work experience in similar assignments such as procurement of works, goods, non-consulting services and consulting services with World Bank-funded projects or similar multi-development bank or partner-funded projects. Should provide 3 references/proofs of similar performed assignment working on donor funded projects. This should be proven by service certificates/ good completion certificates supported by copies of the contract for the Client.
 - Be registered with valid membership and annual practicing license from recognized professional body.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.
9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **22nd October 2025, at 1000hours EAT**, using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **PROCUREMENT OFFICER; Contract No. KE-ICTA-500803-CS-INDV**.

Address:
Chief Executive Officer,
The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
P.O Box 27150, Kenyatta Avenue
00100, Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



KDF shines at Nairobi International Trade Fair

BY CATHERINE ROTICH (PCO)

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) emerged as one of the biggest winners at the recently concluded 2025 Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF), held at the Jamhuri Park Showground in Nairobi.

The Ministry scooped an impressive 24 awards—more than double the 11 it received in 2024—reaffirming its commitment to excellence, innovation, and national development. It clinched first place in 10 categories, including Best National Government Ministry Stand, Best Stand Promoting National Cohesion and Integration Development, Best Local Manufacturer's Stand (Non-Consumables), Best Stand in Research and Development (Education), Best Tertiary-Level Education Institution Stand (Other than University), Best Display and Presentation in Insurance Services, Best Interpretation of the Current Show Theme, Best Medium Trade Stand (Commercial and Industrial), Best Local Manufacturer's Stand (Consumables), and Best Innovation and Invention Stand.

The Ministry also secured second place in eight categories and third place in six others, demonstrating a strong and consistent performance across diverse areas.

Showcasing under the theme “Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth,” the Ministry's pavilion featured 34 exhibitors.



BY. ENG. PETER NJENGA

During the Sustainable Energy Conference in Olkaria and at the Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa, one theme dominated the discussions, Africa can no longer afford to wait. The continent's future depends on its ability to harness renewable energy and Kenya is at the center of that story.

Indeed Kenya today stands at an inflection point. Our economy is growing, our cities are expanding, and our population is becoming more urban, more connected, and demand for power is peaking. With this progress comes surging demand for electricity. But we face a double bind, how to power that growth while protecting our economy and our people from the destabilizing forces of climate change. The old model of relying on imported fossil fuels or overdependence on hydro-power is no longer sustainable. The time for incremental progress has passed. Kenya must move decisively and invest boldly in renewable energy.

A Nation Rich in Untapped Potential

Few countries are as blessed with renewable resources as Kenya. Beneath the Rift Valley for one, lies immense geothermal potential, already making us one of the global leaders in this technology. The winds across Turkana, Marsabit, and Ngong Hills are steady and strong. The solar irradiation across northern, western, and eastern Kenya is only second if not better than that of the Arabian Peninsula. And our rivers, descending from highland forests to the Indian Ocean, still hold untapped power potential despite the legacy hydroelectric power projects

Proof That Renewable energy work

KenGen has seen this first-hand. Our geothermal plants in Olkaria, Naivasha, are now the backbone of Kenya's grid feeding more than 40% of the energy that Kenyans consume every day. They provide not just clean electricity but also a model of what renewable energy can achieve: reliable base-load power that drives factories, lights homes, and powers digital businesses. It has electrified communities, created jobs, and demonstrated that renewable energy is not a luxury for the wealthy world; it is a driver of development here in Africa.

Urgency of Climate Change

But our progress is fragile. Climate change is already reshaping daily life. Farmers are

struggling with erratic rains and prolonged droughts. Hydroelectric reservoirs, once the pride of our power system, are shrinking, exposing the dangers of relying too heavily on one source. Meanwhile, heat waves are driving up energy demand just as water scarcity reduces supply.

The Economic Case

Beyond climate resilience, the financial logic is clear. Fossil fuels are costly, volatile, and imported. Every barrel of oil we import drains our foreign reserves, exposes us to geopolitical risks, and leaves our economy at the mercy of unpredictable global markets.

Renewables flip this equation. Geothermal, hydro, wind, solar harness resources we already possess. They generate green jobs at home, from manufacturing solar panels and turbines to building and maintaining power plants. They stabilize electricity prices, which makes our industries more competitive. And they attract global investors, many of whom are actively seeking green infrastructure projects. Every dollar spent on renewables is an investment in Kenya's future.

What It will Take

To unlock this potential, Kenya must act on several fronts. First, policy ambition. Kenya has made important progress with feed-in tariffs and progressive power purchase agreements. But we need to go further. Clearer regulations,

faster permitting, and bolder targets will give investors confidence and accelerate timelines. The global energy transition is moving fast, unless we keep pace, we risk being left behind.

Second, innovative financing. Renewable projects require large upfront investment, but the long-term costs are lower. Kenya should expand its use of green bonds, blended finance models, and public-private partnerships. Development finance institutions are eager to fund clean energy. Our challenge is to provide bankable projects and transparent frameworks.

Third, human capital. A renewable revolution is not just about technology, it is about people. Kenya must invest in capacity building, training technicians, engineers, and energy entrepreneurs. Our universities and technical colleges should partner with industry to create a workforce ready for the next generation of power systems.

Fourth, community participation. Energy projects succeed when local people see tangible benefits. Communities must not only gain access to electricity but also share in jobs, business opportunities, and even equity. Projects that treat host communities as partners rather than obstacles move faster and last longer.

The writer is the Managing Director and CEO of Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen). Email: md&ceo@kengen.co.ke

OPINION

Why Kenya must fasttrack renewable energy investment

FEATURE STORY: INNOVATION

Siaya school adopts edible gardens to cut feeding costs

BY PHILIP ONYANGO (KNA)

With numerous challenges currently facing the education sector, many school managers have been forced to innovate in order to keep their institutions afloat and remain competitive.

Due to delayed capitation and inadequate resources for implementing the new Competency-Based Education (CBE) curriculum, many schools are going out of their way to improvise so that learners can get the best from the available resources and grow into well-rounded citizens.

At St. Anne Segia Primary School in Ugenya Sub-County, Siaya County, the administration has turned

to permaculture as one of the solutions to the perennial challenges it has been facing. Through permaculture, the school has gradually been replacing flower beds along pathways and other open spaces within the compound with vegetables, fruits, and other edible plants in an effort to reduce feeding costs.

According to the School Headteacher, Sister Mildred Akinyi, not only have they managed to reduce the amount of money they spend on feeding the pupils, but have also offered practical lessons to the students, who are an integral part of the programme.

Consequently, a visit to the school, reveals neatly arranged bags with different varieties of vegetables and other plants, that dot the walkways right



1. A walk way at St. Anne Segia Primary School, Ugenya Sub-County decorated with sukuma wiki and onions.
2. Sr. Mildred Akinyi, the Head Teacher of St. Anne Segia Primary School, Ugenya Sub-County.
3. A section of the school farm where a mixture of crops such as sunflower, sweet potatoes and amaranth among others are doing well.
4. St. Anne Segia Primary School pupils watering the plants. PHOTOS: PHILIP ONYANGO



from the gate.

Here, a variety of vegetables including legumes, tubers and fruit trees has systematically been replacing flowers and unwanted weeds and shrubs.

According to Sr. Akinyi, she learnt of the concept during a visit to one of the schools in

the neighbouring Ugunja sub county and developed interest. Upon inquiry, she was referred to a non-governmental organization, Schools and Colleges Permaculture (SCOPE) programme that came in handy to support them through capacity building of both teachers, parents and the surrounding community.

Galana-Kulalu irrigation project scales up food production

BY CHARI SUCHE (KNA)

The Galana-Kulalu irrigation scheme is taking shape as private investors and government agencies push forward with plans to put thousands of acres under food production to strengthen Kenya's food security.

Kishor Patel, Manager of Nyumba Group, said the project is already cultivating cassava, onions, and maize using pivot irrigation systems. Currently, nine pivots are in operation out of the 23 installed, with each pivot irrigating 120 acres.

"We now have about 200 acres of onions, 500 to 600 acres of maize, and a similar acreage of cassava. Once all 23 pivots are operational by early next year, we will have about 3,000 acres under irrigation," Patel explained.

He added that the long-term goal is to expand to between 4,000 and 5,000 acres of cassava, 10,000 acres of maize, and up to 15,000 acres of onions.

Patel, however, cited several challenges, including crop destruction by wild animals such as elephants, zebras, and hippos; reliance on expensive generator power due to the lack of a Kenya Power connection; water contamination from upstream activities; and poor road infrastructure.

"Kenya has a good climate and plenty of land. The government and the people should encourage agribusiness because it can create jobs and strengthen the

economy," he said. At the same time, Selu Africa Limited—the company leading the commercialization of the scheme under a public-private partnership—is ramping up production on 20,000 acres.

CEO Nicholas Ambanya said the firm has already planted maize on 1,500 acres and will begin harvesting soon. The acreage will increase to 3,200 acres by the end of the year, 5,400 acres by mid-next year, and eventually the full 20,000 acres.

"This project has already created 500 jobs. At full scale, we expect to have at least 2,000 people directly employed," Ambanya said.

Although maize is the primary crop, Selu Africa plans to diversify into groundnuts, sunflower, chia seeds, mangoes, green peas and other crops to maximize productivity.

Ambanya said the government has played a critical role by providing irrigation water, constructing a bridge across the Galana River, and planning for electricity connection. Discussions are also ongoing to designate the project as a Special Economic Zone.

Addressing concerns about proximity to Tsavo National Park, Ambanya noted that a conservancy buffer, a 33-kilometer electric fence, and trenches are keeping wild animals out of the farms. Workers are also trained to coexist with wildlife. Beyond agriculture, the company has pledged to work



1. Irrigation Secretary in the State Department for Irrigation Joel Tanui flanked by Ministry officials briefs the media on the sidelines of a tour of the Galana Kulalu Irrigation Project in Kilifi County.

2. Irrigation Secretary in the State Department for Irrigation Joel Tanui (L) and Nyumba Group Manager

with local communities to improve water supply, sanitation, health, education, and envi-

Kishor Patel during a tour of the Galana Kulalu Irrigation Project in Kilifi County.

3. Irrigation Secretary in the State Department for Irrigation Joel Tanui (standing) interacts with field workers during a tour of the Galana Kulalu Project in Kilifi County.

PHOTOS: ANDREW HINGA

ronmental conservation. "This project is not just about farming. It is about transforming lives and building food security

for Kenya," he said. Irrigation Secretary, State Department for Irrigation Joel Tanui said as government, the priority has always remained food security, with the State Department for Irrigation prioritizing irrigation development in the country to breach the food deficit. "We have a clear plan as a government through the National Irrigation Sector Investment Plan on what we need to do in the next 10 years to ensure that there will be zero food import in the country," said Tanui.

as resilient and resourceful.

Ware also highlighted IGAD's flagship programmes on pastoralism and the Drought Disaster Resilience, which has attracted significant investment from member states.

"Pastoralists occupy some of the most valuable land in our region. Without strong governance, these communities face enormous pressure from commercial and external interests. We must safeguard their rights and ensure pastoralist land use is sustainable," Ware added.

Executive Director of ENDA Energie and Chair of the Global Network for Disaster Reduction, Emmanuel Seck, emphasized the human dimension of resilience, cautioning against approaches that exclude local communities.

"Beyond research and resilience, there is humanity. If we do not put people at the center, then our work only benefits academics and policymakers without action on the ground," said Seck.



Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, speaking during the forum on pastoralism and resilience in Nairobi.

PHOTO: NAIF RASHID

platform for deep reflection, collaboration and co-creation of solutions that are locally-led and globally relevant," he said, adding that its outcomes will align with global discussions such as the 2026 International Year of Drylands and Pastoral-

Government urges investment in drylands to boost national growth

BY NAIF RASHID AND DARLENE KURIA (KNA)

The Government has called for increased investment in building resilience and inclusivity in pastoralist and dryland communities, urging policymakers and development partners to regard these regions as national assets rather than marginalized areas. Principal Secretary for the State Department of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, Kello Harsama, said Kenya's drylands remain central to the country's growth.

"Kenya's ASALs cover 80 per cent of our landmass, support millions of livelihoods and are home to rich cultures and ecosystems. These landscapes are not marginal; they are strategic

national assets," said Harsama. In a speech read on his behalf by Acting Secretary in the State Department for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, Ambrose Lorre during a forum on pastoralism and resilience in Nairobi, Harsama explained that pastoralism, rooted in dryland communities, is a dynamic and forward-looking system contributing significantly to food security, economic growth and ecological balance.

He noted that last year's pastoralist policy dialogue in Wajir marked a turning point in Kenya's approach, with bold commitments made on restoring rangelands, safeguarding pastoralist values and addressing land degradation.

"This forum is not just another meeting in a city hotel, but a

ism and the UNCCD COP17 in Mozambique. Harsama urged participants to ensure no community is left behind and no rangeland lost to degradation, stressing that inclusive dryland investment remains a government priority under the Sectoral Policy Framework.

The PS further suggested that future meetings should be held in locations of pastoralist communities rather than in capital cities.

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, underscored the importance of shifting perceptions about pastoralist communities.

"For IGAD, pastoralism is central because much of our landmass is arid or semi-arid. These regions are where peace, security and regional integration converge," said Ware.

He challenged governments and partners to change the narrative from viewing pastoralists as marginalized or conflict-prone to recognizing them



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COUNTY SPATIAL PLANNING: 12 YEARS OF DEVOLUTION

Introduction

Twelve years since the dawn of devolution, county spatial planning remains patchy and uneven. While some counties have made great strides, others lag far behind, stymied by politics, poor funding, and lack of capacity.

The Constitution of Kenya (2010) and subsequent laws mandates counties to lead in planning. The National Land Commission (NLC) is tasked with monitoring and oversight. This report by the National Land Commission (NLC) reviews progress on preparation of county spatial plans and urban plans from 2013 to 2025.

As per the County Government Act, Cap 265, sec. 104(1), counties that continue to operate without approved county spatial plans are in direct contravention of the statutory requirement that provides that 'no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the county executive committee and approved by the county assembly.' Therefore, counties that are yet to fully develop their plans risk being denied access to equitable share of revenue from the National Government.

What is County Spatial Planning?

County Spatial Planning is the process of setting out how land in each county will be used. It aims at achieving efficient land use by avoiding wasteful or harmful development, ensuring environmental protection by preserving natural resources, water sources, forests, and biodiversity as well as supporting sustainable development through meeting current needs without compromising the future generations' ability.

When counties fail to plan, development becomes chaotic: roads are built in the wrong places, housing sprawls into farmland, and investment is misdirected. Proper planning ensures resources are used efficiently and residents benefit from well-organized towns and rural areas.

NLC's Role and Achievements

Over the past decade, the NLC has actively supported counties to strengthen land use planning. Among its contributions are:

- Guidelines and oversight: The Commission developed monitoring and oversight guidelines that help counties prepare spatial plans step by step.
- Capacity building: It has trained county officials through workshops and technical support.
- Partnerships: Collaborations with organizations such as Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) which have equipped counties with digital land governance tools, GIS technology, and financial support.
- Monitoring: Through county visits, data collection, and scorecards, the Commission has kept track of county performance and flagged areas requiring improvement.

The achievements were made possible by the dedicated work of the Land Use Planning, Research & County Coordination Committee of the National Land Commission, which is chaired by Commissioner Hon. Esther Murugi EGH. Hon. Murugi emphasized the critical nature of this work, stating: "Planning is not a luxury; it is the fundamental infrastructure for sustainable development and good governance in the counties."

These interventions have yielded results. Between 2022 and 2024, the number of approved county spatial plans rose sharply, showing that with the right support, counties can accelerate progress.

Summary of status of county spatial planning

As at August 2025 the analysis is summarized as follows

S/No	Completion Rating %	Status of CSP	Counties
1.	100	Completed, approved by County Assembly and plan being implemented (19 No.)	Lamu, Makueni, Baringo, Kericho, Bomet, Kilifi, Kwale, Narok, Nakuru, Kajiado, Bungoma, Siaya, Trans-Nzoia, Nyandarua, Migori, Kirinyaga and Nandi, plus the two city counties (Mombasa & Nairobi).
2.	75	Draft plan awaiting County Assembly approval (8 No.)	Murang'a Nyeri, Turkana, Samburu, West Pokot, Laikipia, Tharaka-Nithi, Nyamira
3.	50	Data collected and situational analysis ongoing (3 No.)	Vihiga, Kakamega and Taita Taveta
4.	25	Initiated CSP and undertaking preliminary activities (17 No.)	Wajir, Marsabit, Isiolo, Mandera, Embu, Kitui, Meru, Kisumu, Kisii, Busia, Uasin Gishu, Homa Bay, Garissa, Machakos, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Kiambu, and Tana River

The report translated spatially on the map of Kenya clearly demonstrates the low-coverage as depicted on the map below:



At a Glance

- 19 Counties have fully approved and are implementing county spatial plans.
- 8 Counties have draft plans awaiting assembly approval.
- 3 Counties are at data analysis stage.
- 17 Counties have only initiated the process.
- All counties have initiated the process in one way or another.

CSPs Preparation Trend

At inception of devolution in 2013 no county had valid county spatial plan in place. There followed a low uptake and initiation of the CSPs up until after almost a decade after devolution. In 2022 the country had 14 counties with approved plans. This has increased at a

very low rate to a total of 19 counties in 2025.

The trend throughout the country since devolution is depicted in the table below:

S/No	Year	No of CSP Approved
1.	2013	0
2.	2017	1
3.	2019	2
4.	2020	4
5.	2021	6
6.	2022	14
7.	2023	15
8.	2024	16
9.	2025	19

The considerable increase in the number of county spatial plans prepared between 2022 and 2025 has been due to support in terms of resource-mobilization, technical expertise and awareness creation/sensitization from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and the European Union under the Digital Land Governance Programme (DLGP).

Regional Picture

A regional analysis as detailed below also indicates a grim picture with most of the regions lagging behind. For instance, North Eastern has not realised completion and approval of CSP in any of the counties, while Eastern and Nyanza have completed one each.

- Rift Valley: 8 counties with approved plans.
- Coast: 3 counties with approved plans.
- Central & Nyanza: 2 each.
- Eastern & Western: Only 1 each.
- North Eastern: None.

Urban Planning

In the urban planning scenario, the picture is also gloomy. It is noted that Kenya has experienced rapid urbanization currently presenting approximately 2,636 urban centres, yet according to the Commission's oversight report only 202 (7.7%) are effectively planned. Planning in about 389 centres is in progress and approximately 15 urban centres operate on outdated or obsolete plans. It is estimated that approximately 2,030 centres remain unplanned in the country.

Counties like Makueni, Nakuru, Nandi, Nyeri and Nairobi are among those showing strong urban planning efforts, while others have reported minimal efforts due to the bulk of urban centres that have remained largely unplanned. The table below summarizes the situation:

Summary of status of Urban Land Use Plans

	Total No. of Urban centers in the Country	Planned Urban centers	Urban centers with plans on progress	Unplanned Urban centers	Urban centers with outdated plans
No.	2636	202	389	2030	15
Percentage	100%	7.7%	14.7%	77%	0.6%

Challenges Slowing Progress

The report identifies the following persistent hurdles that have slowed down planning:

- Financial constraints, with many counties allocating too little to planning functions.
- Shortage of qualified planners, with some counties placing non-planners in technical roles.
- Low prioritization of land use planning by political leaders, county assemblies, and even the public, leading to delays and stalled projects.
- Inadequate data and tools, with counties lacking GIS labs, drones, and modern mapping equipment.
- Political interference, where leadership changes derail ongoing plans.
- Insecurity and logistical difficulties in some regions, particularly along international borders.

Recommendations for the Future

The NLC urges counties to:

- Hire and retain qualified land use planners.
- Allocate and safeguard adequate budgets for land use planning.
- Establish fully equipped GIS laboratories.
- Sensitize leaders and the public on the importance of land use planning.
- Strengthen collaboration with the NLC, development partners, and security agencies.
- Legislate supportive county laws and regulations to ensure continuity and implementation.

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Crossing Africa's fiscal frontiers through trust and transformation

BY GRACE WANDERA

Africa stands at a critical juncture where fiscal sovereignty must replace dependency. The defining challenge of this era is not merely funding budgets, but fundamentally redefining the social contract around taxation. Our economic future cannot be secured through external aid or increased borrowing; it must be built on the bedrock of shared responsibility and voluntary compliance. This pivot—from being owed to owing each other—is now central to Kenya's and, indeed, the continent's development trajectory.

This October, as the 10th KRA Summit convenes at The Edge Hotel & Convention Centre in Nairobi, the conversation takes on added significance. Kenya Revenue Authority marks 30 years

since its establishment, a milestone that underscores how far the institution has come in shaping Kenya's fiscal journey. From its inception in 1995, when compliance was largely synonymous with enforcement, to today—where digitalization, inclusion, and customer-centricity guide the mandate—KRA's story is one of transformation. It is a journey that reflects not just Kenya's evolution, but also Africa's search for sustainable fiscal models anchored in trust.

The Summit's theme, "Beyond the Frontiers: Advancing Digitalized, Inclusive, and Customer-Centric Revenue Administrations," reflects the complexity of the task ahead. Across Africa, tax administrations must navigate four interconnected frontiers shaping the future of fiscal governance. The Trust Frontier



reflects persistent compliance gaps rooted in a frayed social contract. Rebuilding trust requires genuine accountability and radical transparency in how public funds are used. The Digital Frontier offers Africa the chance to leapfrog outdated models by embracing technology, but only if solutions are inclusive; serving the small trader as effectively as the corporate executive.

The Integration Frontier is equally urgent. The African Continental Free Trade Area calls for harmonized customs and tax

systems, with demand for interoperable solutions that facilitate cross border trade and curb illicit flows while ensuring fairness. Finally, the Legitimacy Frontier is shaped by Africa's rapidly expanding, digitally savvy youth who will not tolerate opaque, top-down approaches. Meeting their expectations means embedding openness into every stage of administration, as they seek not just accountability but co-ownership of fiscal systems that reflect their aspirations and safeguard their future.

Over the past decade, the KRA Summit has demonstrated that dialogue is the most strategic tool in revenue administration. In 2022, our focus on "Enhanced Service Delivery to Improve Compliance" reframed taxation from obligation to shared service, shifting the narrative from "you must pay" to "we must serve." In 2024, stakeholders demonstrated how blockchain could expedite trade facilitation, enhance transparency, and curb illicit flows. Perhaps most transformative were lessons from Kenya's informal sector: simpli-

fied, accessible systems like USSD filing achieve compliance more effectively than punitive enforcement.

This year, the Summit will move from conversation to concrete architecture by exploring Digitalization with dignity that drives voluntary compliance through taxpayer-centered solutions. Inclusion as infrastructure that expands the tax base without crushing small enterprises. Customer-centricity as culture where taxpayer satisfaction matters as much as collection targets and Regional integration that harmonizes practices under AfCFTA while facilitating seamless trade.

From a communication perspective, this is ultimately about building trust through collaboration. Resistance to taxation rarely stems from misunderstanding rates; it reflects scepticism about whether taxes are used wisely. Closing this gap requires radical transparency, authentic participation in policy design, and narratives that frame taxation as collective investment rather than extraction. Kenya's own

30-year journey provides evidence of this shift. Traditional enforcement may have anchored the early years, but simplification, education, and digital platforms now define a more facilitative approach where compliance is earned through service, not fear.

As KRA marks 30 years of service, its trajectory offers a continental lesson that fiscal transformation is possible when institutions evolve with citizens, not apart from them. The future of taxation is not enforcement but partnership. Citizens will sustain revenue systems only when they see their sacrifices reflected in services that improve daily life. Building that bridge of trust is the task before us, and the KRA Summit is our opportunity to cross it together—beyond taxation, toward service delivery that defines a stronger, fairer, and more inclusive Africa.

The conversation begins October 14, 2025. Join us in co-authoring Africa's fiscal future.

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Ministry to develop strategic capacity building for civil service

BY LAMECH WILLY (PCO)



State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development has commenced the development of a comprehensive Civil Service Strategic Capacity Building Plan (CSSCBP) to strengthen human capital in the public service and enhance service delivery across national and county governments.

According to Principal Secretary Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, the Plan seeks to ensure the availability of well-trained, skilled, and competent personnel with the right attitudes and work ethos to effectively drive government programmes.

"As a country, we recognize that the strength of our public service lies in its people. With over 900,000 public servants across the national and county governments, our responsibility is to ensure that each officer is equipped with the right knowledge, skills, and attitudes to drive service delivery and national transformation," said Dr. Imbunya.

She made the remarks in Machakos during the opening of the Workshop on the Development of the Civil Service Strategic HRD Capacity Building Plan for the Public Service.

State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Principal Secretary Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya.

Dr. Imbunya noted that the initiative comes at a crucial time when the Government is placing renewed emphasis on performance, accountability, and citizen-centered service delivery.

"Through structured Human Resource Development, we aim to align our capacity-building initiatives with the demands of the Fourth Medium Term Plan of Vision 2030 and the Kenya Human Capital Development Strategy," she explained.

The PS emphasized that the CSSCBP is more than just a policy document.

"This Strategic Capacity Building Plan is a blueprint for the future of the public service a future where continuous learning, innovation, and professionalism will be the foundation of our institutions," she said.

The plan will also ad-

dress capacity gaps in key areas such as digital transformation, climate change adaptation, performance management, and ethical governance.

The ultimate goal of the CSSCBP is to ensure that public institutions are staffed with competent personnel capable of driving Kenya's development agenda, including the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Dr. Imbunya had in the past stressed the importance of incorporating young people into the public service as a way of infusing fresh ideas, energy, and innovation into government operations.

The CSSCBP will include targeted programs for mentorship, training, and career progression for young professionals entering public service, ensuring that they are effectively integrated and supported to grow within the system.

It will provide structured, systematic, and prioritized training interventions aligned with institutional mandates.

The development and implementation of the CSSCBP will be carried out in phases, with the first phase covering Ministries and State Departments at the National Government level.



Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development

State Department for Livestock Development

VETERINARY SURGEONS AND VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS INTERNSHIP VACANCIES



The Directorate of Veterinary Services, State Department for Livestock Development in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development announces internship vacancies for veterinary surgeons and veterinary paraprofessionals who graduated in the year 2025 or earlier. This is a statutory requirement under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, No. 29 of 2011 Sections 15 (1) and 17 (1). Internship will be guided by the Internship Policy and Guidelines for the Public Service, the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Regulations of 2013 and the Kenya Veterinary Board Internship Guidelines. The internship is scheduled to begin in **January 2026**. The deadline for application is **14th November, 2025**.

Mandatory Requirements for the Internship are as follows:

1. Temporary registration as a veterinary intern for the year 2026 by the Kenya Veterinary Board
2. Certificate of Training (BVM, BSc, Diploma or Certificate level) from Universities and other training Institutions recognized by the Kenya Veterinary Board
3. KCSE Certificate
4. KCPE Certificate
5. National Identity card
6. Birth certificate
7. KRA PIN certificate
8. Valid Certificate of good conduct
9. NHIF Card
10. Personal Accident Insurance cover
11. Bank Account in your name
12. Two recent passport size photographs

Application procedure is as follows:

1. Register with KVB as an intern by visiting the website: www.kenyavetboard.or.ke
2. **AFTER** getting the certificate of registration as an intern from KVB, apply to the Director of Veterinary Services by filling personal details in an online google form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/8hhnFrPZdG5GupXY6>
3. Subsequent information will be provided in the personal email provided in the google form.
4. The date for placement of successful applicants will be communicated through their email addresses in due course

For any clarifications contact Directorate of Veterinary Services, Internship Office via the following email: vetinternship@kilimo.go.ke

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Kenya Shipyard celebrates 5 years with milestone MV Uhuru II launch

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL) has marked its fifth anniversary with a bold commitment to positioning the country as East Africa's premier hub for shipbuilding and maritime services.

Established in 2020 under the Ministry of Defence, the State Corporation has made significant strides in vessel construction, job creation, and regional partnerships.

Speaking during celebrations held at the Kisumu Shipyard—simultaneously mirrored in

Mombasa—Managing Director Major General Said Mohammed Farah hailed the agency's achievements, noting that KSL has surpassed expectations in delivering vessels for both national security and commercial use.

Among its flagship accomplishments is the construction of the MV Uhuru II—a Sh2.4 billion, 1,800-tonne oil tanker built at the Kisumu facility.

Launched as the first ship constructed in Kenya in over six decades, the MV Uhuru II now ferries fuel across Lake Victoria, boosting regional trade and re-

inforcing Kisumu's status as a maritime gateway.

Beyond large-scale vessels, KSL has also partnered with county governments to produce lightweight, fibre-reinforced boats designed for riparian counties.

These boats have enhanced inland water transport and boosted fisheries, contributing to local livelihoods and blue economy development.

KSL also maintains and services naval and security vessels for the Kenya Defence Forces and other agencies, playing a vital role in safeguarding national

1. KSL Managing Director Major Gen. Said Mohammed Farah speaking in Kisumu during the 5th anniversary of the State Corporation.

2. KSL Managing Director Major Gen. Said Mohammed Farah flags off riders at the Kisumu Shipyard as part of the agency's 5th anniversary celebrations.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

In five years, we have built more than ships, we have built capacity, confidence, and a foundation for a legacy that will live beyond us

Kenya Police FC secures sponsorship from Co-operative Bank ahead of 2025/26 KPL season

BY BRIAN MUTUA (MYGOV)

The Kenya Police Football Club (KPFC) has received a Ksh 25 million sponsorship from the Co-operative Bank of Kenya for the 2025/26 Kenya Premier League season.

The deal comes at a time when the club's financial demands are rising following its historic victory in the 2024/25 FKF Premier League and the added responsibility of regional and continental duties.

While receiving the sponsorship cheque, the Principal Secretary for Internal Security, Dr. Raymond Omollo, noted that the partnership represents a leap of faith in Kenyan football, and added that it had set the tone as there is a growing interest and conversation around football following Ken-

ya's successful co-hosting of the African Nations Football Championship (CHAN) tournament in August, 2025.

"This deal is testament to the fact that Kenya is a sleeping giant as far as the game is concerned," he said. "This is enough proof that there are great opportunities for this sport, and soon we will cement our reputation as a soccer powerhouse on the continent."

The PS, who doubles up as the Club's patron, also lauded the partnership as a transformative step that will go a long way in inspiring young talent, uplifting officer welfare, and strengthening community ties. He further challenged the team to continue delivering impressive results on the pitch.

He stated, "The least we can do is to continue setting higher



Principal Secretary for Internal Security, Dr. Raymond Omollo.

standards in terms of performance and results domestically and at the continental level. Let's make our fans proud."

The club's top leadership assured Co-operative Bank of maximum cooperation and full accountability in managing the funds, and pledges that the re-

sources will go strictly to their intended purpose. The Club Chairman, Nyale Munga, who is also the commandant at Kenya Police College in Kinganjo, said that the sponsorship would go a long way in supporting events at the Police FC Stadium in South C, which is under consideration

maritime interests. "In five years, we have built more than ships, we have built capacity, confidence, and a foundation for a legacy that will live beyond us," said Maj Gen Farah.

"Our greatest achievement is not found in steel or statistics, but in the spirit of our people. We've inspired a new generation to dream in blue; the colour of oceans, opportunity, and optimism."

With operational yards in Mombasa, Kisumu, and at the Kenya Railways facility in Nairobi, KSL has invested in modern infrastructure and training programs that now meet global standards.

The corporation has created employment opportunities for welders, engineers, project managers, and naval architects, while fostering regional integration. Maj Gen Farah urged staff and partners to embrace innovation and emerging technologies to meet evolving maritime demands.

"The voyage has just begun. Let us continue to build not just vessels, but a future where Kenya's maritime and defence industries are synonymous with global leadership," he said.

Also speaking at the event, Siaya County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Food Security, Livestock and Blue Economy, K'Okoth Sylvestre, affirmed the county's partnership with KSL in constructing patrol and surveillance boats for Lake Victoria.

"If counties were to procure any work requiring expertise and quality, Kenya Shipyards should be the contractor," said K'Okoth, representing Governor James Orengo.

He added that riparian and coastal counties anticipate deeper collaboration in vessel construction and shoreline protection.

for a facelift to accommodate 5,000 fans.

"The whole idea," he said, "is to prepare the facility to host both local and international matches." Munga also added that the move will help build a formidable fan base by encouraging more police officers and civilians to rally behind the team and support its growth.

In addition, the sponsorship will see the branding that would feature on the club's merchandise and on the team bus.

According to the CEO, Japheth Munyendo, the sponsorship will enable the team to compete in this season's CAF Champions League, with the ambition of advancing beyond the group stages, and also mount a strong challenge in the Kenya Premier League.

Co-operative Bank Head of Retail and Banking, Sam Birech, noted that the Bank and the Police have been long-time partners, with their interaction taking diverse forms such as providing security for cash-in-transit, safeguarding various branches countrywide, and also engaging at an individual capacity as customers.

Kenya, UK partner to validate reforms on emerging technology laws

BY NAIF RASHID (KNA)

The Government, in partnership with the United Kingdom, has endorsed reforms to 23 statutes on Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), aimed at strengthening Kenya's legal framework on data governance and emerging technologies.

State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy Principal Secretary (PS) Eng. John Tanui said the statutes under review ranged from the Constitution and the Kenya Information and Communication Act to laws on consumer protection, procurement, education, employment, innovation, and defense.

In a speech read on his behalf by Secretary ICT, E-Government and Digital Economy Mary Kerema, Eng Tanui said the reforms were necessary to ensure laws kept pace with technological change and guaranteed inclusivity.

"The statutes we validated prepared us not only for today but also for the next decade of digital disruption," Eng Tanui said.

He added that protections for women, youth, persons with disability, and rural communities must be embedded into the legal frameworks to ensure no one is left behind.

The PS explained that the reforms would safeguard trust, promote innovation and strengthen national sovereignty in the management of data and technology, noting that the review served as both a legal audit and a nation-building process.

Wilfred Oluoch, Emerging Tech and AI4D Advisor at the British High Commission in Nairobi, said the review followed recommendations of the ICT Sector Working Group report, which identified gaps in existing laws.

Oluoch said the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy sought technical support from the British High Commission to harmonize the legal framework.

"When regulations lag behind, innovation becomes risky and sometimes citizens are left unprotected," Oluoch said.

He noted that the review positioned Kenya to play a leadership role in digital governance across Africa and globally.

Oluoch added that the initiative built on more than five years of UK-Kenya collaboration in areas such as cyber resilience, digital inclusion and e-government services.

He said the statutes would provide a roadmap of targeted interventions that could strengthen Kenya's position in the digital economy, provided they were translated into concrete policy and legislative reforms.

Eng. David Mulongo, CEO of Viscar, said the workshop gave Kenyans a chance to examine laws that would shape the country's digital future.

"You had a chance to interact with these statutes, understand their implications, and contribute to the future of this country," said Mulongo.

He added that strong data governance and enabling laws formed the foundation for trust and innovation.

Mulongo pointed out that emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, 5G, blockchain and cloud computing were highly data-sensitive and cross-border in nature, raising concerns around privacy, surveillance, cybersecurity and data ownership.

He noted that globally, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was projected to contribute \$15.7 trillion to the economy by 2030, Internet of Things (IoT) \$12.5 trillion, and blockchain \$1.7 trillion.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service, through the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit (MMAU), and a Technical Working Committee, has developed the Draft National Policy on Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities. It has explored the demographic, economic, and socio-political dynamics among Kenya's ethnic groups to inform strategies for inclusive governance. The policy seeks to shift Kenya's development from historical exclusion to equitable inclusion, recognizing that sustainable growth and national cohesion depend on the full participation of all communities.

This aligns with the Kenya Kwanza Administration's transformative plan to legislate on ethnic minority and marginalized communities anchored in Articles 10, 56 and 260 of the Constitution.

In line with the constitutional imperative of ensuring wide consultation and public participation, the technical team invites institutions, organizations, and individuals to submit their comments on the Draft of The National Policy on Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities, 2025. The stated Policy has been hosted for public access on the website of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service; <https://www.headofpublicservice.go.ke>. This includes the Template for Submission of Comments/Memoranda. Comments and submissions can either be hand-delivered to the following address or sent to the email address provided hereunder:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE THE MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED UNIT

PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA:	KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, 24th FLOOR
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The call for written submissions on the prescribed template will run from the 20th October to 27th October, 2025.

Template for Submission of Comments/Memoranda

Members of the public are advised to submit either hard or soft copies of the Memoranda in the following format. The template below can be downloaded, filled and submitted via the email address provided or hand delivered at the address given.

DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, 2025

NAME OR INSTITUTION:

DATE:

Page Number	Copy and Paste here the Specific Sentence or Paragraph you wish to Comment about.	Proposed Amendment (Provide the exact wording of how your proposed amendment should read.)	Explain the Reason for the Proposed Amendment

GENERAL COMMENTS IF ANY

In addition to the above, the public is notified that the Technical Team will be holding county-based citizen engagement meetings at the venues and time indicated herein below. Participation by all stakeholders is encouraged including: Members of the public; National and County Government representatives, Private sector; Civil Society Organisations; Non-Governmental Organisations; Professional bodies; Persons with disabilities; Faith-based organisations; Women, the Youth and all other persons with a view on the proposed Draft Policy.

No.	Counties	Venue	Dates
1.	Mombasa	Tononoka Social Hall	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kwale	CDF hall-Mvinden	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Taita Taveta	CDF Hall-Voi	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)

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2.	Kilifi	Nidhamia Social Hall	21st October 2025
	Lamu	Malindi County Commissioner's office	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Tana River	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
3.	Garissa	County Commissioner's Office	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Wajir	County Commissioner's Office	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Mandera	County Commissioner's Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
4.	Marsabit	Illeret,	20th October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
		Loyiangularani, CC Office'	21st October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Isiolo	Isiolo Social Hall	22nd October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Meru	Meru Social Hall	23rd October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
5.	Laikipia	Rumuruti Social Hall	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
		Doldol Chiefs Office	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Samburu	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
6.	Uasin-Gishu	Eldoret Municipal Hall	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Baringo	KEFRI Hall (Marigat)	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Elgeyo-Marakwet	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Trans-Nzoia	CCs Office	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
7.	Nakuru	Regional Commissioners Office	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Narok	CCs Office	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Nandi	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kericho	Kericho Green Stadium	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
8.	Turkana	County Hall	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	West-Pokot	County Hall	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
9.	Kakamega	RCs Hall	21st October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Bungoma	CCs Office	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Vihiga	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Busia	CCs Office	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
10.	Kisumu	CCs Office	21st October,2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Homa-Bay	CCs Office	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Migori	CCs Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Kisii	CCs Office	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
11.	Nairobi City	City Hall	27th October,2025
	Makueni	CCs Office	27th October,2025
	Kiambu	CCS Office	27th October,2025

Dated the 07th Day of October, 2025

HON. JOSPHAT LOWOI OGW
HEAD/SECRETARY MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED AFFAIRS UNIT
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Ministry calls for concerted efforts to end GBV in the country

BY ANN SALATON
(KNA)

Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture and Children Services Hanna Wendot Cheptum (pictured) has called for collaborative efforts to end Gender Based Violence (GBV) in the country.

Wendot stated that the society is not safe when cases of violence and recklessness persist, adding that the brazenness of these crimes

demand the attention and resolve of every citizen.

"I, therefore, call upon community leaders, religious institutions, council of elders, nyumba kumi, families, men and women to join the national effort to prevent and respond to GBV in all its forms," she said.

The CS, who was speaking at the Narok County Commissioner's office, confirmed that the recommendations in the Presidential taskforce report GBV will



be implemented in full and with urgency.

She reiterated that her Ministry will continue working closely with all government arms as well as development partners and civil society to ensure protection for victims, swift and impartial justice for perpetrators and sustained prevention measures.

"We will strengthen co-ordination, expand survivor support services, accelerate implementation of the task-force recommendations, and ensure that accountability

reaches every level," she continued.

Wendot warned that any form of exploitation or exposure to harm under the guise of creativity is unacceptable and will be met with the full force of the law.

"Incidents that violate one's dignity, liberty, and the security of a person also violates cultural rights safeguarded in the constitution," she continued.

The constitution recognizes culture as the foun-

dation of the nation but expressly rejects harmful practices that infringe on human rights.

The CS insisted on the protection of children and young people from exploitation, harmful practices and any situation that compromised their development and dignity.

"Children and young people are human beings with inherent dignity and rights that must be respected and safeguarded," said Wendot.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

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

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS OFFICER
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-500824-CS-INDV

1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in MyGov Newspaper on 24th October, 2023.
2. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
3. The consulting services ("Services") include Senior Environmental Safeguards Officer (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
4. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke / www.tenders.go.ke
5. The Information and Communications Technology Authority (the "Client") through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (**attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable)**). The shortlisting criteria is:
 - a) Master's degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, Natural Resource Management, or related field.
 - b) At least 8 years of relevant professional experience in environmental risk management for infrastructure or ICT-related projects.
 - c) Demonstrated experience with World Bank ESF or other multilateral development bank safeguard policies.
 - d) Familiarity with Kenya's environmental laws and NEMA procedures.
 - e) Proven ability to prepare and review ESMPs and conduct environmental monitoring and reporting.
 - f) Excellent communication, training, and stakeholder engagement skills.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.
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Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	SENIOR SOCIAL SPECIALIST
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-500827-CS-INDV

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3. The consulting services ("Services") include Senior Social Specialist (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
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 - a) Master's degree in Sociology, Social Development, Anthropology, Community Development, or related field.
 - b) At least 8 years of relevant experience in social risk management for infrastructure or ICT-related projects.
 - c) Proven experience with World Bank ESF, particularly ESS1, ESS2, ESS4, ESS5, ESS7, and ESS10.
 - d) Demonstrated knowledge of Kenyan laws and regulations on land acquisition, resettlement, and community engagement.
 - e) Experience in gender mainstreaming and prevention of SEA/SH in projects.
 - f) Excellent communication, facilitation, and report-writing skills.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
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ICTA-Program Implementation Unit
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(Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP)
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No:	7289-KE & 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	TECHNICAL OFFICER (PROCESSES & STANDARDS)
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-500819-CS-INDV

1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in MyGov Newspaper on 24th October, 2023.
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3. The consulting services ("Services") include Technical Officer – Processes & Standards (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
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 - a) A minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Computer and Electronic Systems, Information Technology, Computer Science, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, or Telecommunications.
 - b) A minimum of four (4) years of general experience in the ICT or technology sector.
 - c) A minimum of two (2) years of specific experience in ICT standards and processes within a technology-focused organization
 - d) Professional Certification in any of the following: CCNA, CISA, OCP, ITIL, COBIT, CISSP, CCSA, or equivalent.
 - e) Experience in analysis and reporting, including strong writing skills.
 - f) Being reliable (with integrity and be able to handle confidential material) and be able to work with minimum supervision.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **7th October 2025 at 1000hours EAT**, using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@ict.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **INDIVIDUAL EXPERT - TECHNICAL OFFICER (PROCESSES AND STANDARDS)** Contract No. **KE-ICTA-500819-CS-INDV**

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ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
PROJECT:	THE NAIROBI RIVERS BASIN REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM: SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II (NARSIP II)
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENDLINE SURVEY AND PREPARATION OF A PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT (PCR) FOR THE NAIROBI RIVERS BASIN REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM: SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II (NARSIP II)
REOI No. AWWDA/NARSIP II/CS/13/2025	

1. The Government of Kenya through Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) intends to implement the second phase of Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program: Sewerage Improvement project (NaRSIP-II) funded by African Development Bank (AfDB) in order to improve access to improved sanitation services from 48% to 60% in Nairobi city; while improving the quality of the Nairobi Rivers.
2. The consulting services ("the Services") involve undertaking Endline Survey and Preparation of a Project Completion Report (PCR) for the Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program: Sewerage Improvement Project Phase II (NaRSIP II).

The scope of services for the Consultant will include but not be limited to:

Endline Survey

- i. Develop a detailed survey methodology, including sampling strategy, data collection instruments (questionnaires, checklists, observation protocols), and data analysis plan aligned with the project's logical framework and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- ii. Conduct field surveys to collect quantitative and qualitative data from project beneficiaries, relevant stakeholders, and project sites.
- iii. Analyse the collected data and do comparison with the baseline data to assess project outcomes and impact
- iv. Utilize GIS technology to map project infrastructure and beneficiary locations,
- v. Calculate and analyze changes in KPIs from baseline to endline.
- vi. Prepare a comprehensive endline survey report, including findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Project Completion Report (PCR) Preparation

- i. Review all relevant project documentation, including the project appraisal document (PAD), financing agreement, progress reports, supervision reports, design documents, as-built drawings, financial records, water quality analysis reports, Stakeholder consultation records and environmental and social impact assessments.
- ii. Conduct field visits to selected Programme sites to verify implementation and assess the functionality of completed infrastructure
- iii. Assess the project's performance against the targets and indicators outlined in the PAD.
- iv. Evaluate the project's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impact.
- v. Analyze the project's financial performance, including disbursement rates, cost overruns, and financial management practices.
- vi. Assess the project's compliance with AfDB's environmental and social safeguard policies.
- vii. Conduct interviews and consultations with key stakeholders, including client organization staff, AfDB staff, contractors, consultants, and beneficiaries.
- viii. Prepare a PCR in accordance with AfDB's PCR guidelines and templates.
- ix. Identify and document the key lessons learned from the project.
- x. Develop actionable recommendations for future sanitation projects based on the findings of the endline survey and the PCR.
3. The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 3 Months
4. Athi Water Works Development Agency now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - a) **Proven track record in preparing PCRs for Donor-funded projects**
 - b) **Knowledge and experience in Monitoring and evaluation of donor funded projects**
 - c) **Availability of appropriate skills amongst staff**
5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0800 to 1700 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400Hrs) and public holidays.
8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by close of business on **28th October 2025**.
9. Those submitted by package should be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for **Consultancy Services for Endline Survey and Preparation of a Project Completion Report (PCR) For the Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program: Sewerage Improvement Project Phase II (NaRSIP II)**.

Chief Executive Officer

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Early Childhood Development fostering the future in Siaya County

BY BRIAN MUTUA (MYGOV)

Siaya County is positioning Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) as a flagship pathway for inclusive, future-ready human capital development. With a projected population of 1.06 million people (KNBS 2023) and 50,000 children aged 3-6 already enrolled in over 700 centres, Siaya offers one of the most concentrated early-learning markets in Kenya's 47 counties. Since devolution, the County has absorbed more than 600 ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable terms and constructed 200 new classrooms. Its School Feeding Programme – launched in March 2025 and running across all 30 wards – delivers locally sourced, nutritious meals such as enriched porridge, enhancing attendance, retention and child health while linking

communities to agricultural value chains and creating jobs.

Betty Ongoro, First Lady of Siaya County and Patron of Smart Start Siaya – Nyathi en Mwandi, champions child-centred initiatives that place nutrition, inclusive education and community-led agricultural value chains at the heart of Siaya's transformation. Under her stewardship, children – especially girls and those with disabilities – benefit from safe learning spaces, nutritious meals and technology-enabled classrooms.

Through the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB), Siaya is setting a regional benchmark for collaborative investments in ECDE. The Bar Kowino Model ECDE Centre in Bondo – a state-of-the-art facility with disability-friendly spaces, solar power, digital classrooms and play-based CBC methods – is expected to be completed in 2026. It will accommodate 200 learners and serve as a training and innovation hub for all six Siaya sub-counties and as a model for replication across the 14 LREB member counties.

SITICO 2025 positions this momentum as an investment opportunity. Priority areas include upgrading 300-400 classrooms with prefabricated builds, solar PV, rainwater harvesting and disability-friendly designs; county-wide solarisation of about 700 centres to power lighting, refrigeration for milk/porridge and device charging; financing of assistive devices, braille kits, hearing aids, sensory rooms and universal-design playgrounds; aggregation of local grains, milk and legumes for fortified porridge – creating more than 1,000 jobs in farming, aggregation and transport; deployment of smart classrooms and digi-

tal content aligned to CBC and micro-credential training for ECDE teachers; and public-private partnerships for boreholes, filtration and gender-sensitive sanitation blocks.

Siaya welcomes collaboration with national agencies (Ministry of Education; State Department for Early Learning; KenInvest), development partners (UNICEF, WFP, PATH), philanthropy such as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and private

firms (Food4Education, Ed-Tech and renewable-energy providers). PATH and Child-Fund – with support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation – have advanced nurturing care and ECD systems in Kenya, offering scalable models for Siaya and the LREB region.

This agenda aligns with Kenya's Vision 2030 (Social Pillar), the Competency-Based Curriculum, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda

(BETA), the National School Meals & Nutrition Strategy 2024–2030, and Siaya's own CIDP 2023–2027. At SITICO 2025, a dedicated ECDE Dialogue co-hosted by the First Lady with the Ministry of Education, State Department of Early Learning, UNICEF and leading private sector players will showcase model centres, unveil investment-ready projects and seek commitments to scale up ECDE across Siaya and the wider LREB region.



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3. The consulting services ("Services") include Senior Procurement Officer (individual consultant). The assignment is expected to be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar months from the date of contract commencement.
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5. The Information and Communications Technology Authority (the "Client") through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) now invites eligible individual consultants ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services **(attach detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications, and registration/licensing with professional bodies (as applicable))**. The shortlisting criteria is:
 - a minimum of Master's Degree in Supply Chain/Procurement Management or a related field.
 - b) A minimum of seven (7) years of general experience in supply chain management field.
 - c) A minimum of five (5) years of specific work experience in similar assignments such as procurement of works, goods, non-consulting services and consulting services with World Bank-funded projects or similar multi-development bank or partner-funded projects. Should provide 3 references/proofs of similar performed assignment working on donor funded projects. This should be proven by service certificates/ good completion certificates supported by copies of the contract for the Client.
 - d) Be registered with valid membership and annual practicing license from recognized professional body.
 - e) Knowledge: In-depth knowledge of procurement processes, principles, practices, regulations, contract Management, and supply chain operations is essential.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT) and public holidays.
9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **22nd October 2025, at 1000hours EAT**, using one of the following modalities: (i) deposit in the tender box located on 12th Floor, Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi, Kenya or (ii) send by email to: procurement@icta.go.ke and quote the Assignment title and Contract No. in the subject row. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the tender box, the packages should be clearly marked **SENIOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER**; Contract No. **KE-ICTA-500796-CS-INDV**.

Address:

Chief Executive Officer,
The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
P.O Box 27150, Kenyatta Avenue
00100, Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@icta.go.ke / procurement@icta.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management

www.wasreb.go.ke

WATER ACT 2016 Section 139

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON TARIFF ADJUSTMENT FOR TWO (2) No. WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS (WSPs)

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received regular tariff adjustment applications from the following Water Service Providers.

1. Lamu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (LAWASCO)
2. Wote Water & Sanitation Company Limited (WOWASCO).

These WSPs are seeking regular tariff review in accordance with section 72 (1) b of the Water Act 2016 to ensure full cost recovery for sustainable water services and support essential investments for improved service delivery.

Therefore, in compliance to WASREB principal object under the Water Act 2016 Section 70(1) – "protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1) – "An application for Tariff adjustment shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we wish to notify the public that public consultation meetings shall be held at the venues stated below to get stakeholders concerns on services provided, Tariff conditions, Tariff adjustments and proposals for service improvement going forward.

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME
Lamu Water & Sewerage Company Limited (LAWASCO) Email: lamuwater@gmail.com , md@lawasco.co.ke	Lamu	Mwana arafa Hall, Lamu Town	Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 10.00 am
Wote Water & Sanitation Company Limited (WOWASCO). Email: wowascowote@yahoo.com	Makueni	Wote Greenpark, Wote Town	Thursday, 30th October 2025 at 10.00 am

Important information:

- Each WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within their service areas before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Participants should be seated by **10.00am**. Personal identification of participants will be required.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, minor investments and performance targets can be accessed at www.wasreb.go.ke.

Written comments on the application can be emailed to WASREB at info@wasreb.go.ke. Hard copies can be submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
5th Floor NHIF Building,
Ngong Road,
P.O Box 41621 -00100,NAIROBI.

The closing date for receipt of comments is 30 days after the publication of this notice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
WATER SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Water Services for All

9,000 households set for electricity connection in Elgeyo Marakwet

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)

The Government has set aside Sh780 million to connect over 9,000 homes to electricity in Elgeyo Marakwet county in the current financial year.

Speaking at Chesoii, Marakwet East sub county, during a women empowerment programme, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki said the project had already been approved and its implementation is underway.

The DP said this will not only ensure that more Kenyans access clean energy, but also enable youth with various skills start income generating activities, thus alleviating the unemployment problem facing many youth.

Prof. Kindiki said the government will complete all stalled roads due to non-payment and called on contractors to resume work, while assuring residents that the government will com-

plete the Kapyego-Chesoii and Chesoii-Tirap-Embobut roads in the county among others.

The DP commended all those who had embraced peace and surrendered illegal guns in the Kerio Valley saying they will conduct a major harambee to empower reformed criminals, as well as victims of insecurity in the area.

Kindiki said the economic recovery strategies put in place by the president had

seen the International Monetary Fund (IMF) place the country as the 6th largest economy in Africa from position 8 surpassing Ethiopia and Angola.

"For the last three years, the economy of the country has improved and now we are heading to position 5. We want to leave it at position one by 2032," he said.

The DP said this has seen the shilling improve from when it was exchanging at Sh165 to the dollar in 2022

to the current rate of Sh129, saying the shilling has continued to gain strength against international currencies.

He added that the reduction of fertilizer from Sh7,000 to Sh2,500 has seen farmers continue to increase production leading to reduction of food prices.

"When the president took over, fertilizer was selling at Sh7,000, which was beyond reach for many farmers. With the fertilizer currently

selling at Sh2,500, it is more affordable to farmers, thus increasing food production," he said.

Prof. Kindiki said the government was also making strides in the health sector, saying with only one year in existence, a total of 26.6 million Kenyans had registered for the Social Health Authority (SHA) saying the government was targeting to reach 45 million Kenyans next year and ultimately 55 million in 2027.





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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTANCY SERVICES)

MULTINATIONAL: KENYA - SOUTH SUDAN ROAD CORRIDOR LESSERU-KITALE AND MORPUS-LOKICHA ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT PHASE 1 PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGNS FOR THE LESSERU - KITALE AND MORPUS - LOKICHA ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT

TENDER NUMBER: KeNHA/2904/2025

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the of the **Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru-Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1 project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the provision of **Consultancy Services for Community Health Awareness and Sensitization Campaigns for the Lesseru - Kitale and Morpus - Lokichar Road Upgrading Project**.

2. The Consultancy Services, among others, shall include: (i) integration of HIV/AIDS, STIs prevention, awareness & sensitization campaign and training; TB management, awareness & sensitization; Malaria & Infectious diseases prevention; Sexual and Reproductive Health awareness & sensitization campaigns, Reproductive Health awareness; Mental Health awareness, education, & public outreach; Drugs and Substances Abuse awareness & prevention campaigns; and Gender Mainstreaming in the road project through enhancing capacity of the laborers, supervisors, management staff and the local communities to address HIV/AIDS, STIs issues, TB Management, Infectious Diseases, Reproductive Health awareness, sensitization as well as undertake Gender mainstreaming, and (ii) to ensure that the local communities and road construction workers are safeguarded from being susceptible to HIV/AIDS, STIs, Malaria & other Infectious diseases, Reproductive Health awareness, sensitization as well as Gender Mainstreaming.

3. It is envisaged that the Consultant's Services will be for a duration of **forty eight (48) months**.

4. The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), being the implementing agency of the Government of the Republic of Kenya now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interests in providing the above services.

5. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.).

6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Public Procurement & Asset Disposal Act, 2015.

7. The Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) document may be obtained by eligible Consultants from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke or the Government of Kenya Supplier Portal – PPIP Procurement Portal: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Consultants are encouraged to download the REoI document to minimize physical visits to the KeNHA Offices.

8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. and deposited in the box at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, so as to be received on or before **28th October, 2025 at 1100hrs local time**.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
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International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
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P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842,**

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

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10. Electronic bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Consultants' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **28th October, 2025 at 1100hrs at Local time**.

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Ag. Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
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MULTINATIONAL: KENYA - SOUTH SUDAN ROAD CORRIDOR LESSERU-KITALE AND MORPUS-LOKICHA ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT PHASE 1 PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CIVIL WORKS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: GENDER RELATED ISSUES – GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV), FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MARRIAGES; SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA) AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SH).

TENDER NUMBER: KeNHA/2903/2025

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance the of the **Multinational: Kenya - South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru-Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1 project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the provision of **Consultancy services for the Management of Social Risks Associated with Civil Works and Community Outreach Activities: gender related issues – Gender based violence (GBV), Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Early childhood marriages; Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH)**.

2. The Consultancy Services, among others, shall include: (i) Identification of GBV and associated social risks, (ii) Carrying out community outreach activities, (iii) Prevention, mitigation & management of social risk, and (iv) Capacity building, Awareness & sensitization.

3. It is envisaged that the Consultant's Services will be for a duration of forty eight (48) months.

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Engineers Board of Kenya shines at ASK Nairobi International Trade Fair



President William Ruto (left) presents a trophy to EBK's officers Beth Mbatia (centre) and Beryl Ogaga during the Nairobi International Trade Fair.

BY HILDA CHESHARI
(MYGOV)

In a striking demonstration of engineering's evolving role beyond traditional boundaries, the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) emerged victorious at the Agricultural Society

of Kenya (ASK) Nairobi International Trade Fair 2025, scooping the coveted Best Non-Agriculture Based Statutory Stand award.

Eng. Margaret Ogai, Registrar and CEO of EBK said that the accolade not only celebrates EBK's standout exhibition but also signals a

bold new chapter for engineers in Kenya's agricultural renaissance; a testament to their growing influence in fostering sustainability and innovation within the sector.

Eng Ogai said that EBK's display resonated deeply with this year's fair theme:

"Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth."

Showcasing cutting-edge initiatives, the Board impressed attendees and judges alike with its pioneering programs on global engineering practices, a sharp focus on emerging technologies including artificial intelligence (AI), and unwavering commitment to tackling pressing issues like food security and climate change.

She pointed out that what was once seen primarily as the guardian of infrastructure and professional standards is now being recognized for its vital contributions to Kenya's agricultural value chain; bridging expertise with real-world challenges on the ground.

"This award is far more than a trophy; it's a powerful endorsement of engineers as key architects of Kenya's economic and agricultural future," declared Eng. Mar-

garet Ogai, Registrar and CEO of EBK.

She highlighted EBK's recent provisional status under the prestigious Washington Accord — a global benchmark validating Kenya's engineering education and competencies.

"This milestone unlocks international recognition and collaboration opportunities, especially for agricultural engineers ready to deploy world-class solutions on Kenyan farms," Eng Ogai emphasized, envisioning a future where Kenyan engineers drive transformative change locally and globally.

She articulated the Board's vital mandate: regulating the engineering profession with high standards that ripple across sectors.

Eng Ogai underscored how agricultural engineers are instrumental in designing climate-smart, tech-forward food systems — from sophisticated irrigation networks to post-harvest innovations, renewable

energy solutions, and mechanization.

"The agricultural sector's heartbeat relies on engineering," she affirmed, explaining how modern tools like AI, data analytics, and automation showcased at the fair are revolutionizing efforts to minimize crop losses, enhance efficiency, and bolster food security.

EBK's vision shines brightest in its call for interdisciplinary collaboration — a synergy of engineers, farmers, researchers, and policymakers united to confront climate change and resource challenges head-on.

By securing this prestigious award, the Engineers Board of Kenya has clearly declared its enduring commitment to championing sustainable agricultural transformation — an inspiring reminder that engineering's impact transcends roads and bridges, firmly rooting itself in the future of Kenya's food security and climate resilience.



MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY

CALL FOR PROPOSAL: RESULTS BASED FINANCING PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

COUNTRY:	KENYA
NAME OF PROJECT:	NATIONAL YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS ADVANCEMENT (NYOTA)
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	IDA-7355-KE

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds to finance suitable registered social enterprises operating in Kenya with a proven track record of impact and sustainability who wish to expand their operations by incorporating youth into their business processes, enabling them to start income generating activities as micro-franchises, seller agents or off-takers. The social enterprises should be operating under the following business models, **Franchising model, Seller agent model, Off-taker model and hybrid or other models** that provide income-generating activities for beneficiaries, save for those that provide wage employment.

The targeted beneficiaries of the project are youth aged between 18 and 29 years. The upper age limit for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) will be 35 years, provided they have completed Form Four level of education or below.

The project will employ a **Results-Based Financing (RBF)** model to ensure measurable impact is achieved. The RBF model implies that for each target youth that is trained, onboarded, and earning a minimum level of monthly income, the project will provide payment to the social enterprises per job created. Under this RBF approach, social enterprises (SEs) will receive funding only after demonstrating successful job creation or income generation for youth. **The RBF will not provide any upfront funding, implying that the SEs will have to pre-finance activities such as training or the provision of assets/kits to targeted youths.**

The Micro and Small Enterprises Authority now invites eligible social enterprises to submit their proposals. Interested social enterprises should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to be onboarded under results based financing partnership

Interested Social Enterprises (SEs) must meet the following requirements:

- Must be legally registered in Kenya and has been in operation in Kenya for the last 3 years
- Must be operating in Kenya, with preference for enterprises operating in remote or underserved regions. Experience working with refugees or host communities in either Turkana or Garissa will be an added advantage.
- Must have a clear business model for income generation or entrepreneurship development, such as franchising, seller agent or off-taker model; or other models that **provide income-generating activities** for the beneficiaries, **excluding** those that provide wage employment.
- Applicants must have created **at least 100 jobs in the last 2 years**. **Applicants who have created jobs for the NYOTA target group have an added advantage.**

Proposals must be submitted via <https://zfrmz.com/zSeORZ1To3uFTcVSDzgF> by **Saturday 5th November, 2025** at 2359 hours.

NB: Physical proposals shall not be accepted

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.

Chief Executive Officer
Micro and Small Enterprises Authority
Utalii House, Utalii Lane Mezzanine one
P.O. Box 48823-00100, Nairobi, Kenya Tel +254 700666000/770666000
Nairobi, Kenya
Email:scmyota@msea.go.ke



MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE BILL, 2025

The Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry in collaboration with relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies has developed a draft National Automotive Bill, 2025. The bill seeks to provide for: legal, institutional, and regulatory framework for the development and promotion of the automotive industry; the establishment, powers and functions of the National Automotive Council; the establishment of the Automotive Institute; and for connected purposes.

Pursuant to Article 10(2) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya, that provides for National Values and Principles of Governance including participation of the people, the Ministry through this Notice, hereby invites interested members of the public and stakeholders to give their comments on the draft National Automotive Bill 2025 during the public participation forums which shall be held from 9.00 a.m-12.00 noon on the following venues and dates;

DATE	COUNTIES	VENUE
Monday 13 th October 2025	Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Marsabit	Isiolo Catholic Pastoral Center-Isiolo
	Bomet, Nyamira, Kisii and Narok	Kisii Culture Hall - Kisii
	Garissa, Wajir and Mandera	Government Guest House – Garissa
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	Tharaka Nithi, Meru and Embu	Kamundi Hall - Meru
	Tana River, Kilifi and Lamu	Takaye Social Hall - Malindi
	Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya and Migori	Mama Grace Onyango Cultural and Social Center (Formerly Kisumu Social Center) - Kisumu
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	Nyeri, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Murang'a	Nyeri Cultural Center - Nyeri
	Kwale and Mombasa	Tononoka Social Hall - Mombasa
	Busia, Bungoma, Vihiga and Kakamega	Agricultural Farmers Training Center, Mabanga Hall - Bungoma
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Nakuru, Kericho and Baringo	Kenya National Library Service – Nakuru
	Taita Taveta	Dan Mwanzo Hall – Voi
	Trans-Nzoia and West Pokot	Kitale Social Hall – Kitale
Friday 17 th October 2025	Machakos, Kitui and Makueni	Wote Social Hall - Wote
	Turkana	Lodwar Vocational Training Centre – Lodwar
	Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Elgeyo Marakwet	County Multi-purpose Hall – Eldoret
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Nairobi, Kajiado and Kiambu	Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Ngara, Nairobi

The Draft National Automotive Bill, 2025 can be accessed on www.industrialization.go.ke/downloads. Members of the public and stakeholders may also send their comments and feedback through written submissions using the **"Draft National Automotive Bill, 2025 Memorandum Submission Template"** available at www.industrialization.go.ke/downloads to the following email address automotivebill@industrialization.go.ke or through P.O BOX 30418-00100 by 5.00pm on or before Tuesday 21st October, 2025.



Government seeks expanded investment in dryland development

BY NAIF RASHID AND DARLENE KURIA (KNA)

The Government has called for robust investment in building resilience and inclusivity in pastoralist and dryland communities, urging policymakers and development partners to view the regions as national assets rather than marginalized areas.

State Department for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development Principal Secretary (PS), Kello Harsama said Kenya's drylands remain central to the country's growth.

"Kenya's ASALs cover 80 per cent of our landmass, support millions of livelihoods and are home to rich cultures and ecosystems. These landscapes are not marginal; they are strategic national assets," said Harsama.

In a speech read on his behalf by Acting Secretary in the State Department for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, Ambrose Lorre during a forum on pastoralism and resilience in Nairobi, Harsama explained that pastoralism, rooted in dryland communities, is a dynamic and forward-looking system contributing significantly to food security, economic growth and ecological balance.

He noted that last year's pastoralist policy dialogue in Wajir marked a turning point in Kenya's approach, with bold commitments made on restoring rangelands, safeguarding pastoralist values and addressing land degradation.

"This forum is not just another meeting in a city hotel, but a platform for deep reflection, collaboration and co-creation of solutions that

are locally-led and globally relevant," he said, adding that its outcomes will align with global discussions such as the 2026 International Year of Drylands and Pastoralism and the UNCCD COP17 in Mozambique.

Harsama urged participants to ensure no community is left behind and no rangeland lost to degradation, stressing that inclusive dryland investment remains a government priority under the Sectoral Policy Framework.

The PS further suggested that future meetings should be held in locations of pastoralist communities rather than in capital cities.

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, underscored the importance of shifting perceptions about pastoralist communities.



PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

VACANCY RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) is Kenya's National Medicines Regulatory Authority established in 1957 under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, Cap 244. The Board regulates the practice of pharmacy and the manufacture and trade in medical products and health technologies.

The **PPB is implementing activities** under the Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience Project for Eastern and Southern Africa (Phase I, Multiphase Programmatic Approach) to strengthen regulatory capacity towards **WHO GBT Maturity Level 3 (ML3)**.

Through this support, PPB seeks to recruit qualified candidates for the following positions:

Number of Positions: **Forty-Five (45)**

Job Type: **Full time**

Location: **Nairobi and Regional Offices**

Terms of Service: **Contract of Eighteen (18) Months**

S/No.	Position/Specialty	Job Grade	Number of positions
1.	Regulatory Officers	PPB 6	22
2.	Biotechnologists	PPB 6	5
3.	Biotechnologists Specialists	PPB 4	10
4.	Information Security Specialists	PPB 7	1
5.	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer	PPB 6	1
6.	Biomedical Engineer	PPB 6	1
7.	Biostatistician	PPB 6	1
8.	Internal Auditor and Risk Assurance Officer	PPB 6	1
9.	Software Developers	PPB 7	3
Total Positions			45

How to Apply: Visit <https://web.pharmacyboardkenya.org/careers/> for details and application.

Applications must reach PPB on or before 20th October 2025 at 11:59 pm EAT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. PPB does not charge any fee in the recruitment process.
2. PPB is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disability, female candidates, and marginalised/minority groups are encouraged to apply.
3. Applicants must be duly registered with relevant professional body in Kenya where applicable
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted; canvassing leads to disqualification.
5. Applicants must comply with Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION (ICS)

Country:	KENYA
Name of Project:	National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement Project
Credit No./ Grant No.: Credit:	Credit No. IDA-7355-KE/Grant No. E210-KE

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for procurement of Individual Consulting Services for **Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Consultant** Ref No. **KE-SDYA-453093-CS-INDV**.

The attention of interested Individual Consultants is drawn to Paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the world Bank's **"Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers"** dated July 2016 and revised in February, 2025 (6th Edition) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Government of Kenya (GoK), through the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports seeks the services of the Specialist to undertake the tasks listed in the Terms of Reference.

The consultant will be based in Nairobi, Kenya, but with availability to travel to other counties.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultants Selection** method set out in the World Bank **"Procurement Regulation"**. Detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs) document for the specialist can be downloaded from <https://youth.go.ke/tenders-and-awards/> and www.nyotaproject.go.ke or from the address given below.

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from the Project Supply Chain Management Office at NYOTA offices, Bruce House, Standard Street, 3rd Floor Northern wing Room No. 321 during official working hours (8.00 a.m-5.00 p.m.) and days. Complete REOI document (paginated and stamped/signed on each page) and enclosed in plain sealed envelope marked with the tender reference number and addressed to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, P. O. Box 34303 – 00100, Nairobi, Kenya** and should be deposited in the Tender Box at Bruce House 3rd Floor to be received on or before **Thursday 23rd October, 2025 at 10.00 hours**.

The REOIs will be closed/opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their representatives at the NYOTA Boardroom, Bruce House, 3rd Floor Standard Street Nairobi.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
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addresses the youth at
a NYOTA sensitisation
meeting in Kisii
County yesterday.



EMPLOYMENT



State targets 800,000 youth in new jobs' drive

Government expands the Sh5 billion NYOTA programme to boost training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for young people across all 47 counties

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



KWALE COUNTY
866,820
Population as per the 2019 Census.



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JOB CREATION

Sh5bn NYOTA initiative to offer youth business training and grants

The programme, which is being implemented in partnership with the World Bank, is expected to create jobs and boost savings culture



MSMEs Development PS Susan Mang'eni (right) with beneficiaries of NYOTA project in Busia County.

Over 800,000 young people are set to benefit as the Government expands its job creation agenda through the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) programme.

The Sh5 billion initiative, whose rollout across the country is underway, is aimed at providing young people with business grants, entrepreneurship training and mentorship.

President William Ruto said NYOTA is a partnership between the Government and the World Bank, and that the initiative will provide Sh50,000 grants to each 70 youth selected from the 1,450 wards across the country, enabling them to launch businesses.

He noted that a whole-of-government approach has been adopted as the NYOTA initiative is scaled up for successful implementation.

Yesterday, all the Principal Secretaries were in the 47 counties to meet governors, MPs, MCAs and chiefs as well as young people to sensitise them about the programme as implementation at the grassroots gains pace.

"By involving leaders from the Executive, Legislature and County Governments, the implementation will be transparent and inclusive, ensuring that every young person has a fair chance to benefit," the President said. The overall aim of the five-year initiative is to increase employment opportunities, enhance earnings and promote saving culture for vulnerable youth nationwide, according to the State Department for MSMEs Development.

The institution notes that NYOTA targets over 800,000 vulnerable youth aged 18-29, and up to 35 years for Persons with Disabilities.

Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Development Wycliffe Oparanya said the interventions target youth with limited formal education and access to economic opportunities.

"The expected impact of the project includes creating 110,000 youth entrepreneurs, 20,000 certified artisans under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) initiative, 90,000 youth skilled and connected to employment opportunities and 600,000 youth trained on Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) and the State Department for Labour and Skills



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promotion of a culture of savings," he said. NYOTA project's interventions are structured around four components:

Component one focuses on improving youth employability through skills development, apprenticeships, certification and work placement. The component is implemented by the State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy (SDYACE), National Employment Authority (NEA), National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) and the State Department for Labour and Skills

Development (SDL&SD).

Component two targets to expand employment opportunities through training, business development services and the provision of start-up capital of Sh50,000 to 70 youth in each of the 1,450 wards. The component is implemented by the State Department for MSMEs Development, through the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA).

The third component promotes a culture of savings via Haba Haba Scheme managed by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF).

And the last component is focused on digital skills training, enabling the youth to access financial and market linkages, access catalytic funds and AGPO. The component is carried out by the State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy and the State Department for MSMEs Development.

Rollout of component two was recently done in the four counties of western region, with hundreds of young people getting training. "We don't want to be beggars," said Susan Anyango, a person living with disability and a beneficiary of NYOTA training

INFOBOX

Business Support Component Rollout Plan

- The youth entrepreneurship training under Component 2 has been organised in three cohorts as follows: Cohort 1: 54,000 youths, Cohort 2: 30,000 and Cohort 3: 16,000 youths, which is being rolled out quickly across the country. The implementation clusters are as follows:
 - Cluster 1: Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, and Busia counties.
 - Cluster 2: Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisii and Nyamira counties.
 - Cluster 3: Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Turkana and Laikipia counties.
 - Cluster 4: Nakuru, Kericho, Nandi, Bomet, Narok and Kajiado counties.
 - Cluster 5: Marsabit, Wajir, Mandera, Samburu and Garissa counties.
 - Cluster 6: Kiambu, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Nyandarua and Nairobi counties.
 - Cluster 7: Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Isiolo, Kitui, Machakos and Makueni counties.
 - Cluster 8: Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu and Taita Taveta counties.

in Funyula, Busia County.

"We want to be respected and through the initiative, we have received training and I believe we will be able to earn our own money once we get grants and start businesses," she added.

Leticia Cynthia, from Budalang'i Constituency, said she hoped to become a better entrepreneur after the training. "I am grateful to the Government for the entrepreneurial training and the grant that we will be receiving to start our businesses. I intend to start cereal business and venture into commercial poultry farming," she said.

The Principal Secretary, State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Susan Mang'eni said the government is collaborating with the World Bank to create sustainable opportunities for economic development.

"We know that you have the potential to make good business leaders and the only thing that you probably lack is the training and the means and that is what we are providing as a Government. As the youth of this country, we are going to generate employment opportunities for our growing youth population if we focus on economic leadership as opposed to social and political leadership," she told youth at a training session. ■

REFORESTATION

Marathon launched as Mau Forest restoration efforts gain pace

The Mau Conservation Marathon was launched as part of efforts to mobilise support for the restoration and protection of the Mau Forest Complex.

The marathon is part of activities in the lead up to the inauguration of the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MFC-ICLIP) on October 24 by President William Ruto.

MFC-ICLIP is a 10-year initiative which targets to restore the degraded forest, support sustainable enterprises, strengthen environmental education and mobilise resources

under the call "Linda Mau, Boresha Maisha."

"Already, we have planted 150,000 seedlings, convened partners and we have now launched the Mau Conservation Marathon," Eng. Dr Festus Ng'eno said.

The marathon will be held on



Mau Forest Complex is one of the most vital water towers in Kenya and East Africa.

October 24 and registration is currently ongoing at a fee of Sh500.

In a meeting with professionals drawn from Nairobi and Nakuru, Dr Ng'eno urged them to use their networks, expertise and credibility to drive the restoration efforts.

Mau Forest Complex is one of the most vital water towers in Kenya and East Africa.

Spanning over 400,000 hectares across Nakuru, Kericho, Bomet, Narok, and Baringo counties, it plays a critical role in regulating water flow for major rivers such as the Mara, Sondu, and Ewaso Ng'iro. The rivers feed into key lakes like



Victoria and Turkana, supporting agriculture, wildlife, and millions of livelihoods downstream. ■

Eng. Dr Festus Ng'eno, PS Environment, with Nakuru Governor Kihika Kimani during the launch of Mau marathon.

Huduma Kenya champions community engagement, better service delivery

Huduma Kenya staff continue to go beyond the call of duty by actively engaging with communities and living up to the promise of "service to the people."

In Uasin Gishu, Huduma Centre staff joined residents in marking World Clean-Up Day by taking part in cleaning public spaces in Eldoret Town, showing their commitment to environmental conservation and healthy communities.

At the same time, staff sensitised participants on the wide range of Government services offered at the Centre, reminding citizens that Huduma is not only about service delivery but also about partnership

HUDUMA CORNER

with the community. In Nyandarua, Huduma staff showed the same spirit of care through everyday service. At the Pension Desk, Madam Susan Gathoni assisted 107-year-old Ziporah Muthoni Mbutu, who visited the Centre to access her pension services.

Mrs Muthoni expressed her gratitude for the warm and efficient service, describing it as a reflection of the respect and dignity every Kenyan deserves.

The two moments, cleaning up the environment and serving the environment and serving

country's oldest citizens, reflect Huduma Kenya's continued commitment to excellence, inclusivity and community service.

Launched in 2013, Huduma Kenya is a flagship initiative by the Government aimed at transforming public service delivery by bringing essential services closer to the people.

Huduma Centres offer over 100 Government services, including national ID registration, passport applications, NHIF and NSSF services, business registration, police clearance certificates, and more. The goal is to eliminate the need for citizens to visit multiple offices and endure long queues. ■



Eldoret Huduma Kenya staff during a clean up exercise in the town.

Kenya Yearbook, Hustler Fund in talks to promote financial inclusion, savings culture

The two institutions seek to promote responsible borrowing for economic empowerment as well as entrench a savings culture

As national efforts to boost youth employment and entrench a savings culture gain momentum, the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) has moved to amplify stories of economic empowerment and inclusion.

KYEB is using its storytelling mandate to showcase how Government economic initiatives are reshaping livelihoods across the country, CEO Lilian Kimeto said.

Speaking during a meeting with Hustler Fund Managing Director Henry Tanui, where the two explored collaboration opportunities, Ms Kimeto said KYEB will continue to highlight how the initiative is entrenching financial inclusion and create awareness about its impact.

"Hustler Fund is enhancing access to credit for individuals and small businesses to foster economic growth and job creation. This is the story that we want to amplify," Ms Kimeto said.

She underscored KYEB's commitment to work with Hustler Fund to enhance entrepreneurship, responsible borrowing and a savings culture among young people.

"As KYEB, we will be keen to tell stories that foster behaviour change so that people can repay their loans, borrow and save more," she said.

Mr Tanui said about 22.8 million people have borrowed money from the Fund and saved billions.

"The average amount borrowed is Sh1,000. The highest person has borrowed Sh21,000 and the biggest saver has Sh54,000," he said.

He explained that when one borrows Sh1,000 for instance, the State saves for them 5 per cent of the money.

"From this money saved, one can access 30 per cent and 70 per cent is locked for pension run by the Kenya National Entrepreneurs Savings Trust (KNEST), the informal sector pensions savings scheme under The National Treasury," he explained.

Mr Tanui said the goal of the Fund is not to punish those who have not repaid their loans but convince them through targeted messages to start repaying.



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto presents Hustler Fund Managing Director Henry Tanui with the Kenya Yearbook 2024. Below: A fishmonger during the launch of Hustler Fund in 2022.



INFOBOX HUSTLER FUND

1. Loan Products

- i) Personal Loan: Instant micro-loans for individuals, with a maximum of up to Sh 50,000.
- ii) Group Loan (Hustler Group Loan): Loans ranging from Sh20,000 to Sh1 million for registered groups of at least 10 members.
- iii) Start-up Loan: Capital support for new businesses.
- iv) SME Loan: Financing for small and medium enterprises to scale operations.

2. Savings

Every loan issued includes a mandatory savings deduction: 5 per cent each loan is automatically saved in the borrower's account under Kenya National Entrepreneurs Savings Trust.

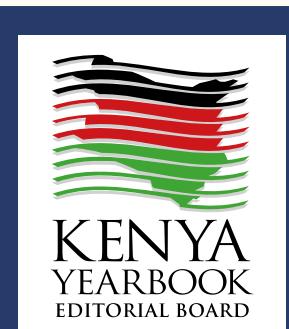
The savings are split into:

- 30 per cent short-term savings
- 70 per cent long-term savings

Mr Alex Tum, a director at KNEST, said the Government seeks to enhance savings culture in the informal sector through the scheme. "KNEST is conjoined with the Hustler

Fund.

We aim to enhance the pension culture so that people can save and enjoy interest on their money for a stable future," he said. ■



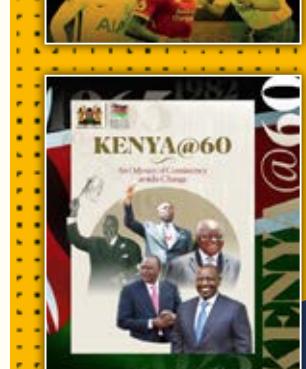
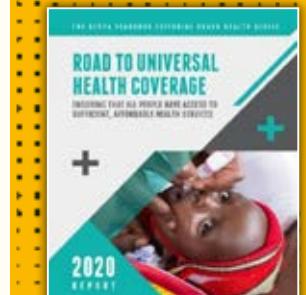
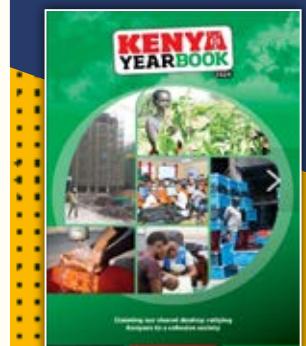
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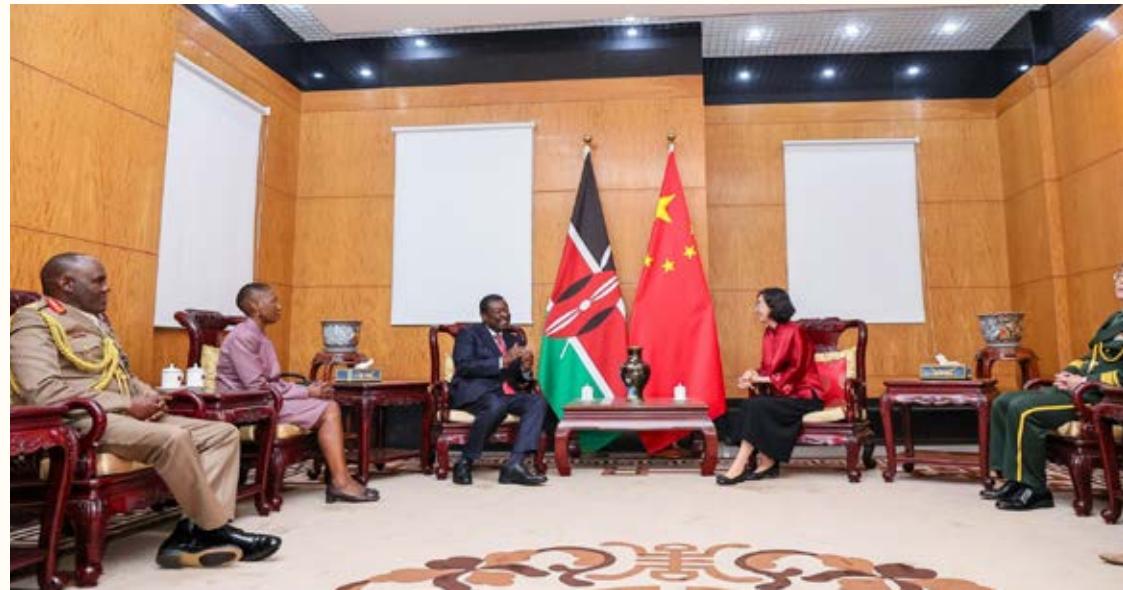
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President William Ruto with athletes who participated in the Tokyo World Athletics Championships 2025 during a breakfast meeting at State House in Nairobi. Kenya won seven gold medals, two silver and two bronze emerging the second nation globally and first in Africa during the competition.



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi with Ambassador Guo Haiyan of the Chinese Embassy in Nairobi during celebrations to mark 76 years of transformation since the founding of the People's Republic of China. The celebrations reflected the warmth and growing partnership between the two countries.



Mr William Kabogo, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy with Zambia Minister for Technology and Science Felix Mutati in Nairobi. They discussed ways of expanding connectivity to accelerate digital and social-economic transformation in Africa.



Independent, Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Chairperson Erastus Edung Ethekon (right) when he launched voter registration exercise in Kajiado County. The registration is taking place in all 290 constituencies and 57 Huduma Centres while transfers and corrections will be handled in constituency offices.



Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) troops during a medical camp in Damas, Mandera County. They also distributed clean water to local Madrasa and Comprehensive Schools.

Kiambu expands early childhood education with 312 new centres

BY AGNES KARISA (KNA)

Kiambu County has built 312 modern Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centres over the past two years, transforming the learning environment for thousands of young children across the region.

Each centre is designed to meet the standards of private kindergartens, featuring PP1 and PP2 classrooms, administrative offices, separate sanitation facilities for teachers and learners, and spacious outdoor play areas.

County officials say the goal is to provide every child in Kiambu with a dignified and nurturing start to their academic journey.

"We are not just building classrooms; we are shaping futures," said Governor Kimani Wamatangi. "Quality learning environments from the earliest stages lay the foundation for lifelong success."

An additional 178 ECDE centres are currently under construction, with completion expected by December.

By April next year, all 524 ECDE centres in Kiambu will be fully modernized a milestone that promises to redefine early childhood education standards in Kenya.

Beyond infrastructure, the county has introduced a robust feeding and learning support programme.



A newly built ECDE centre in Kiambu County featuring modern classrooms and play facilities.

PHOTO: AGNES KARISA

Every ECDE learner receives free porridge daily, three boiled eggs weekly, and a packet of milk every Thursday.

The county also provides free learning materials, easing the financial burden on parents and promoting equity in access to education.

Parents and teachers have lauded the initiative as a game-changer. "This has been a blessing for families like mine," said Mary Kamau, a parent. "Our children now learn in safe, well-equipped classrooms

and enjoy nutritious meals that keep them focused."

Teachers report noticeable improvements in attendance and concentration. "When children are well-fed and happy, they learn better," said Peter Kariuki, an ECDE teacher in Githunguri. "Parents are more motivated to bring their

children to school." Education stakeholders believe Kiambu's bold investment will inspire other counties to follow suit. The integrated approach combining modern infrastructure, nutrition, and free learning materials is expected to boost enrolment and enhance the overall quality of early childhood education.

With these efforts, Kiambu County is positioning itself as a national leader in foundational learning, ensuring that no child is left behind.

We are not just building classrooms; we are shaping futures,

NuPEA to partner with universities to develop nuclear energy workforce

BY MOSES WEKESA (KNA)

The Nuclear Power and Energy Agency (NuPEA) has kicked off negotiations with Masinde Muliro University to roll out a training programme for the nuclear energy workforce.

The construction of the nuclear power plant is expected to start in 2027 and will require over 10,000 workers in the nuclear industry including plumbers, masons, engineers among others.



Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology Vice-Chancellor, Solom Shibairo (speaking), Chairman of Nuclear Power Energy Agency (NuPEA) Eng. Prof. Lawrence Gumbe (centre), and NuPEA CEO Justus Wabuyabo (third right) address the media in Kakamega. PHOTO: MOSES WEKESA

gineering and weather forecasting.

NuPEA has the legal mandate in Kenya of implementing the government's nuclear power programme and also

carrying out research in the areas of energy and petroleum," Prof. Gumbe added.

The CEO, NuPEA pointed out that the collaboration will provide opportunities for Kenyans to train in nuclear energy technology to support the rollout of the programme in the country, giving an assurance that nuclear energy was safe as its construction is undertaken under the guidance of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which puts in place very stringent safeguards.

BRIEFS

Paracetamol use during pregnancy remains safe, PPB reassures Kenyans

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) has reassured Kenyans that paracetamol remains safe for use during pregnancy when taken in the correct dosage and under the guidance of a qualified healthcare professional.

In a statement released by the Board, Ag. CEO Dr. Ahmed Mohamed noted that although some international studies have suggested possible links between the use of paracetamol during pregnancy and conditions such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children, there is no conclusive scientific evidence confirming these associations.

The Board emphasised that paracetamol continues to be one of the most widely used medicines in Kenya and globally, and remains the recommended option for relieving pain and fever in expectant mothers. Dr. Mohamed, said the authority has not received any reports linking paracetamol use in pregnancy to ASD or

ADHD. He added that the Board's Pharmacovigilance Division continues to monitor the safety of medicines used during pregnancy to protect the health of mothers and children.

The PPB advised that paracetamol should only be used when necessary, at the right dose and duration, and strictly under medical supervision. It further cautioned against self-medication, urging pregnant women to always consult healthcare professionals before taking any medicines.

Healthcare workers have also been encouraged to counsel expectant mothers on the safe use of paracetamol and other medicines during pregnancy.

Dr. Mohamed reaffirmed the Board's commitment, saying: "The Pharmacy and Poisons Board is dedicated to safeguarding public health through continuous monitoring of medicines, including those used during pregnancy. We will continue to provide timely updates to ensure mothers and children are protected."

Vihiga County steps Up fight against SGBV with second rescue centre

BY ROSE WASIKE AND SARAH MWANISA

Vihiga County has taken a bold step in the fight against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) with the opening of a fully functional Rescue and Recovery Centre in Sabatia Sub-County.

The facility, located in Vokoli, Wodanga Ward, is the second of its kind in the Lake Region, following Kisumu, with Homa Bay set to establish a similar centre.

The initiative was funded through the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) and is supported by the County Women Representative, Beatrice Adagala.

The centre is designed to provide a safe haven for survivors of abuse, offering shelter, medical care, counselling, legal assistance and even skills training to help them rebuild their lives.

Speaking during the launch, Vihiga County Governor Dr. Wilber Ot-

ichillo described the day as historic, noting that the idea had been in the pipeline for nearly a decade.

"This is a special day as we achieve a vision that has been on the drawing board for the last eight years. As a county, we wanted to put proper structures in place and we are also at an advanced stage of formulating a Gender-Based Violence Bill," said Dr. Ottichillo.

He expressed concern that Vihiga ranks among the top three counties with the highest prevalence of GBV in Kenya, calling for urgent preventive measures.

"People often shy away from going to court to testify. Prevention is our best strategy. We must go down to the community and keep talking to them consistently," he added.

The Governor linked the rising cases of abuse to alcoholism and drug abuse, urging for cooperation with NACADA to curb the menace.