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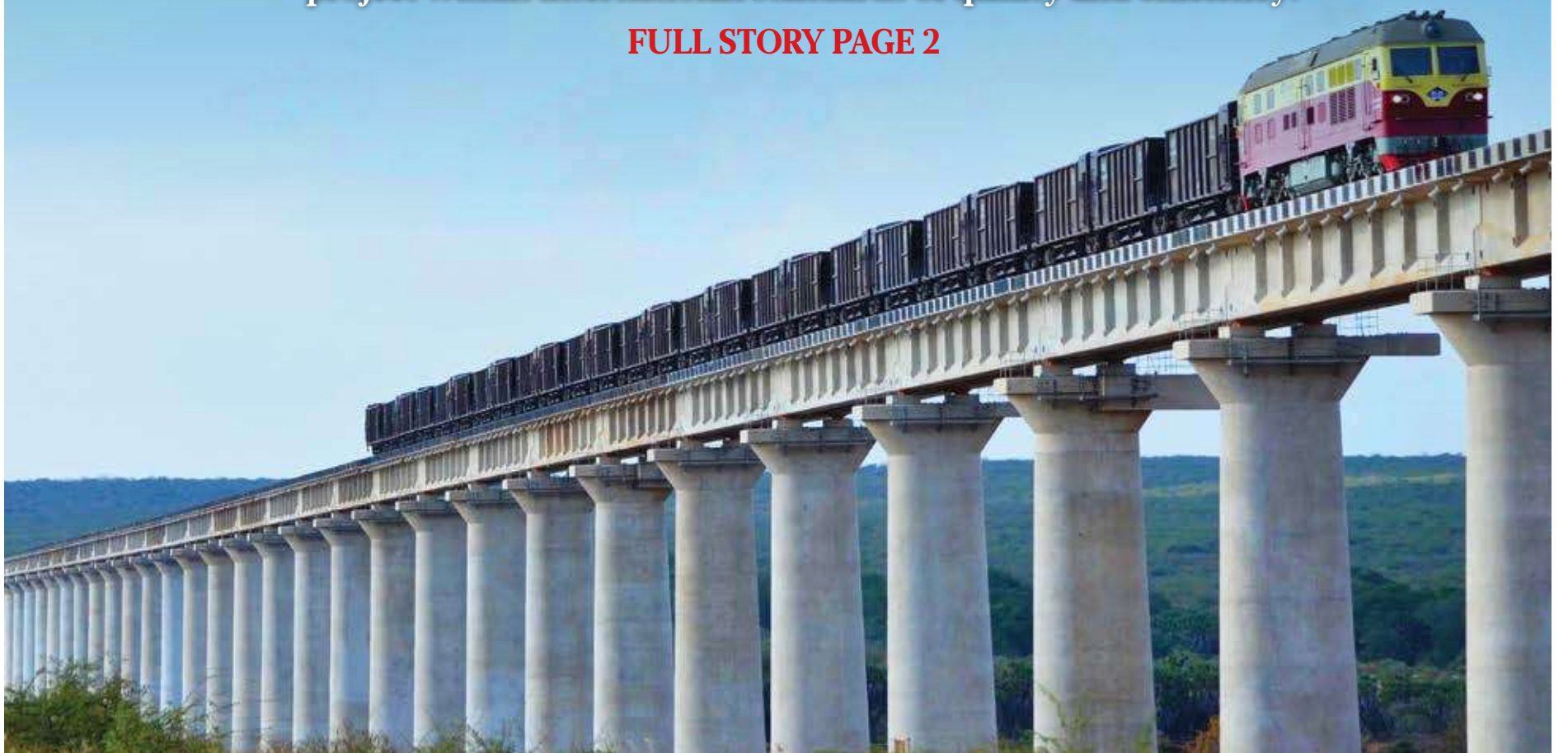
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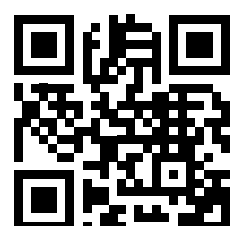
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Construction of Sh700b SGR extension to Malaba begins

BY EMILY KADZO AND HILLARY SHIMNAGHA (KNA)

The long-awaited construction of the Naivasha-Kisumu-Malaba Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) extension has officially commenced in Narok County, marking a significant milestone in Kenya's ambitious plan to modernize its transport infrastructure and strengthen regional trade links.

The Sh700 billion contract for the railway extension was awarded to Chinese firms China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) and China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC), both of which have previously undertaken major infrastructure projects in Kenya.

Their involvement underscores the government's commitment to delivering the project to international standards of quality and efficiency.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by Kenya Railways Managing Director Philip Mainga, Narok County Commissioner Kipkech Lotiatia, County Secretary Mayian Tuya, officials from the national government,



Kenya Railways Managing Director Philip Mainga (centre) addresses the media during the official launch of the Naivasha-Kisumu-Malaba Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) extension in Narok. The project is expected to enhance transport links between the Port of Mombasa and the Uganda border. PHOTO: HILLARY SHIMNAGHA/KNA.

representatives of the National Land Commission (NLC), project contractors, local leaders, and community stakeholders.

Speaking during the launch, Mainga said the SGR extension is expected to enhance transport efficiency between the Port of

Mombasa and the Uganda border.

He noted that the railway forms part of the government's broader plan to extend the SGR from Naivasha to Kisumu and onward to Malaba, improving cargo movement and boosting transport efficiency along the

Northern Corridor. Beyond freight, Mainga disclosed that the project is expected to stimulate local economies, create employment opportunities, and attract new investments in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism.

"The Naivasha-Kisumu-Malaba SGR extension is more than just a railway it is a symbol of Kenya's commitment to regional integration, economic transformation, and sustainable development."

"Once complete, it will not only ease cargo movement but also redefine Kenya's position as a gateway to East Africa," said Mainga. He noted that the project will generate thousands of jobs during construction and deliver long-term economic benefits through improved logistics, regional connectivity, and more efficient freight transport. "Narok

County, which covers approximately 100 kilometres of the SGR corridor, plays a critical role in this transformative infrastructure project. The people of Narok have shown great enthusiasm and optimism, reflecting the immense opportunities it is expected to unlock for the region," Mainga said. He urged landowners and affected individuals to cooperate with government agencies during the land acquisition process, assuring them that compensation and valuation would be handled transparently under the Land Act, 2012.

Mainga encouraged residents to engage directly with the NLC to ensure their concerns are addressed fairly.

The commencement of construction follows Kenya Railways' announcement that the land acquisition process for the proposed Kisumu SGR Terminus is progressing steadily.

A multisectoral team, working jointly with the NLC, is conducting ground verification to ensure all affected parcels and properties are accurately identified.

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NATIONAL TENDER


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| TENDER REF NO. | BIOVAX/PREQ/2026-2027-2028-2029 |
| TENDER NAME: | REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2026-2027-2028-2029 |

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LABOUR AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTORATE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Applicants are requested to lodge their applications online, by **1st August 2026**, and attach certified copies of certificates, testimonials, CVs and make a payment of non-refundable application fee of KSh.2,000.

For any further inquiries contact the office through the e-mail addresses: info@oshmis.go.ke or doshdept@labour.go.ke

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Dr. Musa Nyandusi, OGW
Secretary of Occupational Safety and Health



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“This meticulous approach reflects our commitment to delivering the project responsibly balancing the need for timely infrastructure development with the protection of the rights and interests of every affected person,” Mainga explained.

He stressed that transparency and fairness are central to the process, reinforcing Kenya Railways’ pledge to safeguard community interests.

According to the Ministry of Roads and Transport, the extension will be implemented in two phases. Phase 2B will cover approximately 264 kilometres from Naivasha to Kisumu, including an 8.9-kilometre branch line to Kisumu Port.

Phase 2C will extend the line from Kisumu to Malaba, linking Kenya’s railway network with Uganda and supporting future regional integration. The new railway will traverse Narok, Bomet, Kericho, Nyamira and Kisumu before terminating at Malaba on the Kenya-Uganda border.

This route forms a vital section of the Northern Corridor transport network, which is expected to boost trade with East African countries and cement Kenya’s role as the region’s logistics hub.

Narok County Commissioner Kipkech Lotiatia highlighted the broader benefits of the project, noting that it will spur industrial growth, tourism, and investment in counties along the corridor.

Ngong Road flyover brings relief to long-suffering city motorists

BY NELLY KOSGEY (PCO)

President William Ruto has commissioned the Sh3.8 billion Ngong Road–Naivasha Road Flyover, marking a significant milestone in Nairobi’s transport modernization.

The 820-metre flyover, implemented by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), is designed to eliminate one of the city’s most notorious traffic bottlenecks, improving the movement of people and goods along one of Nairobi’s busiest transport corridors.

The project is expected to reduce traffic congestion by up to 60 per cent, significantly cutting travel times, lowering transport costs, and enhancing road safety.

For years, motorists have endured lengthy delays along this stretch, but the new flyover is expected to provide much-needed relief by easing congestion and improving traffic flow.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, President Ruto reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to developing transport infra-



President William Ruto (cutting tape) commissions the Sh3.8 billion Ngong Road–Naivasha Road Flyover, a project that signals a new chapter in Nairobi’s transport modernisation.

structure that supports economic growth and enhances the quality of life for residents.

“The opening of the Ngong Road–Naivasha Road Flyover is part of our broader plan to decongest Nairobi, improve connectivity, and build a modern capital city that can effectively serve as the gateway to Eastern Africa,” he said.

The President noted that the flyover is part of a wider urban transport improvement programme currently underway across Nairobi.

Among the flagship projects is

the Sh3 billion Upper Hill–Ken-yatta Avenue Viaduct, which is now 60 per cent complete.

Other major undertakings include the Sh3.9 billion Talanta Sports City access roads and the KSh1.6 billion State House Road upgrade. Preparations are also in progress for the dualling of the 23.5-kilometre Kiambu Road corridor, a US\$231 million (approximately Sh30 billion) investment aimed at increasing capacity and improving traffic flow along one of the capital’s busiest routes. To complement these physical expansions, the

Government has embarked on the implementation of an Intelligent Transport System (ITS) covering more than 210 signalised junctions across Nairobi.

The three-phase programme, estimated at Sh45 billion, will introduce coordinated, real-time traffic management to improve flow, enhance safety and reduce delays.

“We are systematically addressing the transport challenges that have constrained Nairobi’s growth for decades. These investments will position the city as a modern, efficient and globally competitive capital,” President Ruto remarked.

Beyond new projects, Nairobi’s existing road network is also receiving attention. More than 729 kilometres of roads are currently under routine maintenance, while several others are undergoing rehabilitation.

This comprehensive approach reflects one of the most ambitious road improvement programmes in the city’s history.

President Ruto highlighted the broader impact of these developments, noting that improved infrastructure will facilitate trade, attract investment and enhance Kenya’s preparedness to host major international events.



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| 2. | Deputy Director, HRM & Administration | AFGM 3 | AFGM/2/2026 | 1 |
| 3. | Accountant | AFGM 7 | AFGM/3/2026 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | | | 3 |

For detailed job requirements visit the Anti-FGM Board’s website www.antifgmboard.go.ke

Application Procedure

Qualified and interested applicants who meet the requirements should visit the Board’s career page on the website. The applicants shall apply through the Anti-FGM Board’s recruitment portal which is accessible through <https://jobs.antifgmboard.go.ke/>

Applications should be submitted in Pdf format not later than **5:00PM Tuesday, July 21st, 2026. (East African Time)**

No hand delivery applications shall be accepted.

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Kenya Revenue Authority notifies all licensed manufacturers and importers of bottled water and the general public that pursuant to the Finance Act, 2026 (amending the First Schedule to the Excise Duty Act, Cap 472), excise duty on bottled water is removed with effect from **1st July, 2026**. Bottled water manufactured or imported on or after this date will not be subject to excise duty and will not require to be affixed with excise stamps.

The Commissioner will issue detailed guidelines on the return of unutilized stamps and the decommissioning of digital stamps, which will be published on the official KRA website.

Manufacturers are reminded of their obligation to submit their Excise Duty Returns for the month of June 2026 and pay the taxes due by 20th July, 2026.

For further information/clarification, please call our Enforcement Division on:

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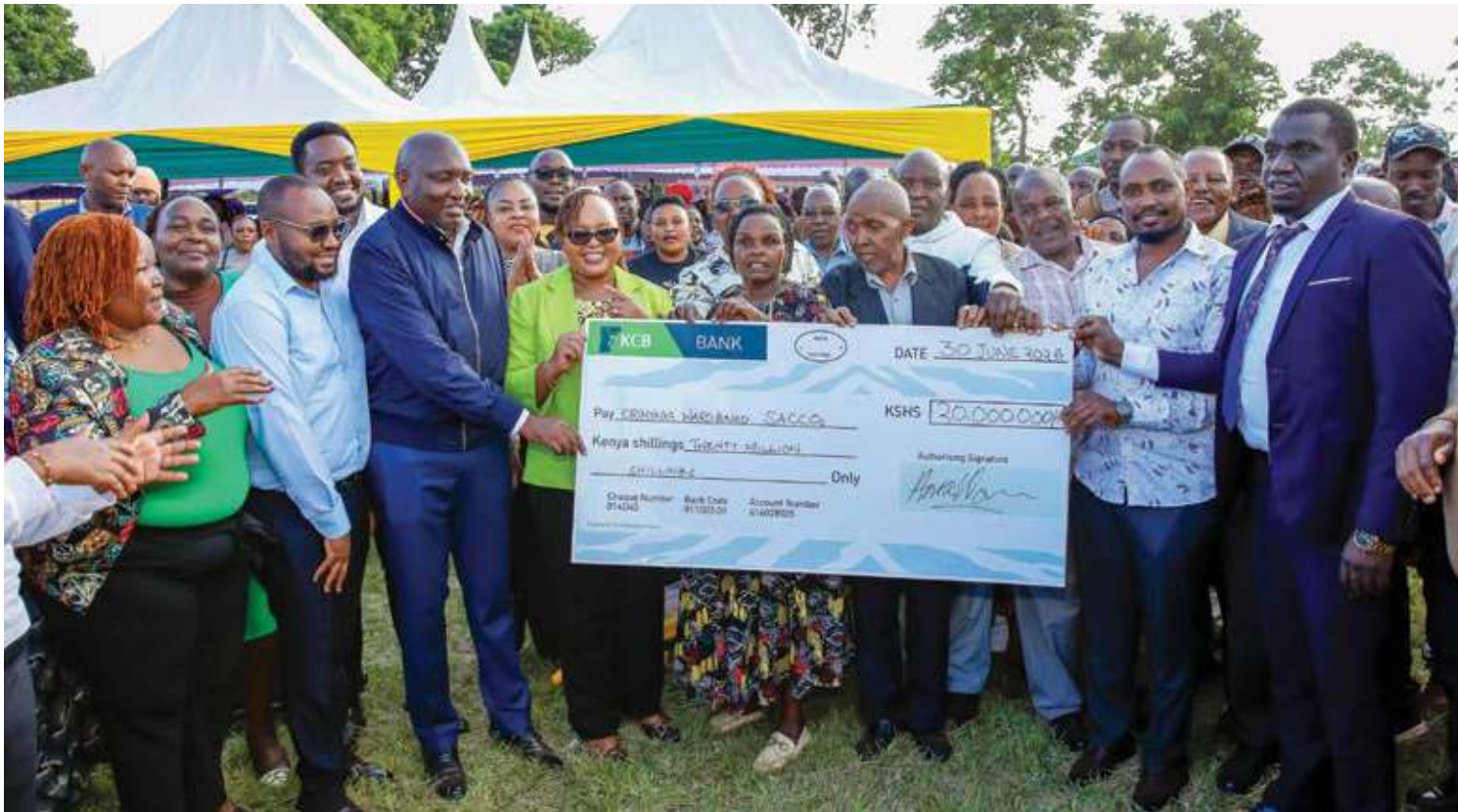
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9,300 farmers to access cheap loans as Kirinyaga disburses Sh20m to saccos



Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru (fourth from left), together with community group leaders and other Kirinyaga leaders, hold a dummy cheque during the issuance of empowerment funds to ward-based Saccos.

BY DAVID WANDETO
(KNA)

More than 9,300 farmers in Kirinyaga County are set to benefit from enhanced access to affordable credit after the county government disbursed Sh20 million to 20 ward-based Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) as part of a wider economic empowerment programme targeting farmers, youth, women and vulnerable

groups. Speaking during the distribution exercise in Kabare, Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru said each of the county's 20 wards received Sh1 million to strengthen farmer-owned Saccos and expand financial services that will enable members to invest in agriculture and other income-generating activities.

The governor said the programme will directly benefit 9,312 farmers by improving access to

affordable loans, encouraging savings and strengthening investments along agricultural value chains.

Waiguru said the county government was committed to empowering residents economically by investing in initiatives identified through public participation, noting that access to affordable financing remains one of the biggest challenges facing small-scale farmers and

agribusiness entrepreneurs. She said the funds will enable the Saccos to expand lending to members, support farm pro-

Empowering organized groups with income-generating equipment enables beneficiaries to establish sustainable businesses

duction, promote value addition and improve market linkages, ultimately increasing household incomes and creating employment opportunities. Besides the financial support to the Saccos, the county also distributed assorted empowerment equipment to community groups and vulnerable households across 16 wards.

The items included wheelchairs for persons living with disabilities, motorbikes, catering equipment, tents and chairs, public address systems, water storage drums, energy-saving cooking stoves, reflector jackets for boda boda groups, sanitary towels, sausage and egg vending trolleys and a car wash machine for a youth group.

According to the Governor, the equipment was distributed based on requests submitted by residents through their respective Members of County Assembly, with the aim of supporting self-employment, improving community services and strengthening household incomes.

She said empowering organized groups with income-generating equipment enables beneficiaries to establish sustainable businesses while reducing unemployment and dependency.

Waiguru noted that the empowerment programme forms part of her administration's broader strategy of promoting inclusive economic growth by ensuring development resources reach all parts of the county. Kabare Ward MCA Isaiah Mbogo, who hosted the event, said the county's investment in grassroots empowerment had strengthened livelihoods and accelerated development across the ward.

KenGen Expands Renewable Energy Pipeline to 5,500MW in major growth shift

BY LINDSEY OCHIENG
(MYGOV)

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has more than tripled its renewable energy development target from 1,500 megawatts (MW) to 5,500MW.

This signals an ambitious expansion strategy aimed at meeting rising regional demand for clean energy, attracting new investment and supporting Kenya's transition to a low-carbon economy.

The revised target, unveiled during the launch of KenGen's inaugural Sustainability Report for the 2024/25 financial year, marks a significant departure from the company's original 10-year G2G 2034

Corporate Strategy. The expanded pipeline includes plans to develop 2,000MW of nuclear power, more than 700MW of hydropower and increased geothermal generation.

The Sustainability Report outlines the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance while highlighting its long-term strategy to strengthen renewable energy production and sustainable development.

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira hailed KenGen's role in creating an investment-friendly ecosystem by providing competitively priced renewable electricity, geothermal steam, industrial land and supporting infrastructure. "This is a practical

demonstration of how energy can move beyond powering homes to powering factories, creating jobs, attracting investment and strengthening Kenya's manufacturing base," said Mr. Wachira.

KenGen Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Eng. Peter Njenga said the Sustainability Report reflects the company's response to the rapidly evolving energy landscape.

Eng. Njenga added that the report institutionalises KenGen's long-standing commitment to sustainability by providing government, investors, development partners and local communities with a transparent framework for measuring progress and creating shared value.



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Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company Limited invites interested eligible bidders for registration of suppliers for various goods, works and services for Financial Years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028.

A set of the registration documents can be obtained by downloading from MEWASSCO website www.mewass.or.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal website www.tenders.go.ke for free.

Application clearly marked the Tender Number and Tender Name on a sealed envelope should be addressed to:

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Should be deposited in the tender box at the Head Office reception so as to be received on/ before **Friday 17th July 2026 at 10.00 am**. The bid documents will be opened thereafter. Tenderers or their representatives are free to attend.

Kilifi nets Sh9bn in investments, creates 14,000 jobs

BY EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

Kilifi County has attracted Sh9 billion in investments over the past three years, with 14 export processing zone (EPZ) enterprises setting up operations and creating more than 14,000 jobs, Investment Promotion Principal Secretary Abubakar Hassan Abubakar said during the commissioning of the Milly Fruit Processing Factory in Sabaki Ward, Magarini Constituency, Abubakar said Kilifi is leading other coastal counties in industrial growth through the EPZ programme.

He credited the cooperation between President William Ruto and Kilifi Governor Gideon Maitha

Mung'aro for the expansion, noting that the number of EPZ enterprises in the county has risen from 10 to 24 since they assumed office.

He said that the EPZ initiative that was launched in Kenya in the 1990s had stagnated in Kilifi for three decades with only 10 companies employing about 10,000 people.

"In the past three years however, 14 new firms have invested Sh9 billion and generated 14,000 additional jobs in the county - more than the total achieved in the previous 30 years," Abubakar said.

He said statistics were showing that Kilifi County is leading other coastal town in EPZ investments, a fact he attributed to the creation



Investment Promotion Principal Secretary Abubakar Hassan Abubakar addresses journalists after the official opening of the Milly Fruit Processing Factory in Sabaki Ward of Magarini Constituency, Kilifi County. He is flanked by Kilifi County Governor Gideon Mung'aro.

of a favorable business environment by both the national government and the county administration.

The latest milestone in Kilifi's industrialisation journey is the launch of the Sh343 million fruit processing plant by Milly

Fruits EPZ Ltd that is expected to create more than 4,000 jobs and provide a reliable market for 3,000 farmers.

The facility is expected to boost local fruit processing capacity, reduce post-harvest losses and expand market opportunities for Kenyan produce in regional and international markets.

The investment was made possible through the UK Government's Sustainable Urban Economic Development (SUED) Programme, implemented by Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Kenya, which provided Sh83.8 million in seed funding to complement Milly Fruits' Sh259 million investment.

Governor Mung'aro affirmed Abubakar's sentiments, saying his vision of transforming Kilifi through industrial development was slowly taking shape despite challenges such as the controversies surrounding the proposed industrial park in Mariakani.

Mung'aro hailed the new fruit processing facility as transformative for Kilifi's farming communities.

In the past three years however, 14 new firms have invested Sh9 billion and generated 14,000 additional jobs

Govt to link Kenyan talent with global sports teams

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

The Government, through the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, is exploring ways to connect talented young Kenyan sportsmen and women to opportunities with professional teams abroad.

Speaking during the inaugural Kazi Majuu Football Tournament at Mitoone Primary School in Buuri Constituency, Principal Secretary for Diaspora Affairs Roseline Njogu said discussions are at an advanced stage on creating pathways that will enable talented athletes in football, athletics, volleyball and other disciplines to secure opportunities outside the country.

"As you know, sports are an important part of this country. We are well known for our athletics among other talents, and we are creating opportunities that link young people to teams abroad. This is part of what we do as a department," said Njogu.

She said the initiative seeks to help young people appreciate that, although their talents are nurtured locally, they can unlock opportunities in the global sports arena.

More than 2,000 young people attended the launch of the Kazi Majuu Football Tournament, with the event bringing together youth united by sport, talent, and the belief that opportunity



From Left: Buuri MP Rindikiiri Mugambi, Forestry Principal Secretary Mugambi Gitonga, Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary Roseline Njogu during the launch of the tournament. PHOTO: DICKSON MWITI

can transform lives. The State Department distributed football kits and balls to 60 community teams, while 10 teams, including two women's teams, competed in the opening round of the tournament.

Njogu said the tournament is about more than football, noting that it is designed to connect talent with opportunity while demonstrating to young people that their dreams extend beyond Kenya's borders.

"Whether their future lies on the football field, in business, in skilled work

BY THE NUMBERS

2,000

More than 2,000 young people attended the launch of the Kazi Majuu Football Tournament

or in the global labour market, Kenya believes in them," she said. She reiterated the government's commitment to creating opportunities for young people through the Kazi Majuu programme and conveyed the President William Ruto's support for youth pursuing employment and career opportunities locally and abroad.

Participants were also sensitized on the opportunities available through the Kazi Majuu programme and educated on safe labour migration through licensed recruitment agencies.

Buuri Member of Parliament Mugambi Rindikiri said the Kazi Majuu initiative complements his Ujuzi Mashinani programme, which equips young people with marketable skills before preparing them for overseas employment.



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION OF COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS SUBMISSION DATE

EXTENSION OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MINERALS, MINING AND VALUE ADDITION POLICY, THE DRAFT EXPLOSIVES BILL 2026 AND THE DRAFT MINING (MINE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026.

Following the issuance of the GAZETTE NOTICES (No. 8980 and No. 8981) of Friday, 12th July 2026 and the Public Notice 'CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT MINERALS, MINING AND VALUE ADDITION POLICY, THE DRAFT EXPLOSIVES BILL 2026 AND THE DRAFT MINING (MINE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026', published on **Tuesday, 16th June 2026**, inviting the submission of comments and proposals on the three draft instruments.

Members of the public are hereby informed of the extension of submission date to **Wednesday, 15th July 2026**, from the earlier stated date of 8th July 2026.

The Ministry will have virtual sessions on Thursday and Friday 9th July 2026 and 10th July 2026 between 10.00am - 1.00 p.m. Links will be shared on the Ministry's Website and social media pages by COB, Wednesday 8th July, 2026

To access the draft instruments and their regulatory impact statements, visit the Ministry's website at www.mining.go.ke - media centre/resources/ public notices. Written submissions should be forwarded to:

**The Principal Secretary
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Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs
P.O. Box 30009 - 00100, Nairobi
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Or by Email: ps@mining.go.ke**

All submissions should clearly indicate the specific Part, Chapter or Regulation to which the comment refers. Submissions should be made using the prescribed template provided below:

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Members of the public are further informed that the **venue for the Public Participation meeting for Narok, Bomet and Kericho Counties**, scheduled for 8th July 2026, has been changed to **Neat Mara Hotel, Lologorian Town, Narok**.

**HON. HASSAN ALI JOHO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS**



Government, telcos partner to improve ICT service quality across the 47 counties

BY SHARON NJERU AND PASKAL OSONGA

The government has reaffirmed its commitment to working with mobile network operators to improve the quality of ICT services, saying reliable connectivity is essential for economic growth and access to public services.

Speaking during a stakeholders' meeting convened by the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke said the government and telecommunications companies had held a consultative session to review the quality of service across the country and address emerging challenges as demand for digital services continues to grow.

He said the discussions focused on network readiness for the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 5G technology, expanding coverage to underserved areas, and ensuring robust connectivity ahead of the



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary (PS) Stephen Isaboke (centre) during a media briefing held in Nairobi after discussions with Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa (left) and Director General of the Communications Authority of Kenya David Mugonyi (right) to review the quality of service across the country and address emerging challenges as demand for digital services continues to rise. PHOTO: ARON KINYAMASYO/KNA.

2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), which Kenya will co-host.

“We will do everything possible to ensure that Kenyans receive the services they deserve. Where there are gaps, especially as technology evolves, we will work together to address them,” said Isaboke. The PS

noted that quality communication services are critical for citizens accessing government services, voter registration, and future elections, adding that every Kenyan should have reliable network coverage regardless of where they live. He added that the State Department would work

closely with the Ministry of Sports and other stakeholders to ensure reliable connectivity at stadiums, airports, hotels, and other facilities that will support the successful hosting of AFCON.

Safaricom Chief Executive Officer Peter Ndegwa said mobile operators remain committed to providing quality services, not only to comply with licensing requirements but also to meet customer expectations.

“We discussed the issues the industry is facing,

including rapid urbanisation, expansion of high-rise buildings among others,” said Ndegwa.

He added that reliable electricity remains critical for uninterrupted communication services and that operators continue investing in backup power systems while encouraging customers to migrate from 2G to 4G-enabled devices.

Ndegwa acknowledged that some localised service challenges persist due to changing urban landscapes and difficult terrain but said operators respond to customer feedback and are working closely with the Communications Authority through initiatives such as the Universal Service Fund (USF) to improve connectivity in underserved areas.



COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY SANDBOX

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

As the ICT industry regulator, the Authority is committed to fostering innovation, promoting market growth and enhancing consumer protection in Kenya's dynamic information and communications sector. In this regard, the Authority has in place an Emerging Technologies Regulatory Sandbox which provides a controlled environment for innovators to test novel digital communication products, services and business models that potentially fall outside existing regulatory frameworks.

The Emerging Technologies Regulatory Sandbox also enables collaboration between innovators and the regulator across broadcasting, cybersecurity, multimedia, telecommunications, ecommerce, postal and courier services.


CA is pleased to invite interested and eligible innovators, entrepreneurs, technology companies, and researchers to apply for admission into its Emerging Technologies Regulatory Sandbox for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

Applications are invited from diverse areas including, but not limited to Next-Generation Networks (5G/6G applications), Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine-to-Machine (M2M) communications, Over-The-Top (OTT) services and applications, digital broadcasting and content delivery innovations, cybersecurity solutions and tools, spectrum management and sharing technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI) in information and communications and accessibility technologies for unserved and underserved populations in Kenya.

Interested innovators can submit their applications to the Emerging Technologies Regulatory Sandbox at this link: <https://sandbox.ca.go.ke/> on or before **July 30th, 2026**.

David Mugonyi, EBS
Director General/CEO

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National Irrigation Authority

ADDENDUM NO. 3 OF 7TH JULY 2026

Reference is made to the publication of the National Open Tender in the Government Advertising Agency's My Gov edition of **9th June 2026 and addendum no 2 of 16th June 2026**

The Procuring Entity, the National Irrigation Authority (the Authority), hereby amends the tender submission mode and submission deadline as indicated below;

| S. No. | Tender No. | Initial Tender Name | Revised tender name | Initial Tender Submission Deadline | Revised Tender Submission Deadline | Target Group |
|--------|---------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------|
| 1. | NIA/T/020/2025-2026 | Provision of general insurance services to National Irrigation Authority FY 2026/2027 | Provision of Insurance Brokerage Services – General Insurance | As published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, Issue No. 47/2025-2026 | 16th July 2026 At 12.00 Noon Local Time | General |
| 2. | NIA/T/021/2025-2026 | Provision of staff and directors' medical insurance services for FY 2026/2027 | Provision of Insurance Brokerage Services – Staff and Directors Medical Insurance | As published in MyGov Edition of 9th June 2026, Issue No. 47/2025-2026 | 16th July 2026 At 12.00 Noon Local Time | General |


Detailed tender documents, including the mandatory preliminary requirements and the technical and financial evaluation criteria, may be obtained free of charge by interested and eligible tenderers from the Authority's website at <http://www.irrigationauthority.go.ke/tenders> or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) at <https://tenders.go.ke> from 7th July 2026.

Any requests for clarification regarding the tender documents should be submitted in writing via email to purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke or ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke within the timelines specified in the tender documents.

Any clarifications issued and/or addenda arising during the tendering process shall be published on the Authority's website and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP). It is the responsibility of all prospective tenderers to regularly check these platforms for any updates before submitting their bids.

Completed tenders must be deposited in the designated Tender Box located at the **National Irrigation Authority Headquarters, Irrigation House, Lenana Road, Nairobi**, so as to be received on or before **16th July 2026 at 12.00 Noon**

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CS launches three digital hubs to boost youth skills in Nyandarua

BY HANIFA TAMIM (PCO)

The Government has intensified efforts to expand digital access and create opportunities for young people following the official launch of three digital hubs in Wiyumiririe, Passenga and Mirangine in Ol Kalou Constituency, Nyandarua County.

The hubs were commissioned by the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, William

Kabogo, who said the facilities will play a critical role in equipping young people with digital skills, fostering innovation and connecting communities to emerging opportunities in the digital economy.

Speaking during the launch, Kabogo said the Government is committed to ensuring that every Kenyan, regardless of location, has access to technology and can benefit from the country's ongoing digital transformation.

"These digital hubs are more



Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo (in cap), speaking during the launch of three new digital hubs in Wiyumiririe, Passenga and Mirangine in Ol Kalou Constituency, Nyandarua County.

than just buildings equipped with computers and internet connectivity. They are centres of opportunity where young people can acquire digital skills, innovate, access online jobs and develop solutions that improve their lives and communities. Our goal is to ensure that no Kenyan is left behind in the digital age," said Kabogo.

The three facilities form part of the Government's nationwide Digital Hubs Programme, an initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide by expanding access to affordable internet, digital literacy training, innovation spaces, and government digital services.

Through the programme, thousands of young people are expected to gain the skills required to compete in the rapidly growing global digital marketplace. Developed through a partnership between the Ministry of Information, Communications and NG-CDF, the hubs will provide access to computers, high-speed internet, digital skills training, online work opportunities, entrepreneurship support and e-government services.

6,200 households in Elgeyo to benefit from Chemwabul Dam water project



North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (NRVWDA) General Manager for Infrastructure Development, Eng. Jimmy Kemboi, speaking during the site handover ceremony held at Kaptarakwa Primary School grounds in Kaptarakwa Ward, Keiyo South Sub-County

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

6,200 households in Kaptarakwa Ward, Keiyo South Sub-County, Elgeyo Marakwet County, are set to gain access to safe, reliable, and sustainable water services following the official site handover of the Chemwabul Dam Water Supply Project to the contractor by the North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (NRVWDA).

The site handover ceremony, held at Kaptarakwa Primary School, brought together national government administrative officers, county leaders, and residents, marking the beginning of a major water infrastructure project expected to transform livelihoods across the area.

The project will serve

residents of Kipchagan, Kamugo, Milimani, Kaptare, Rokocho, and Kaptarakwa villages, in addition to several public institutions that have long faced challenges in accessing clean water.

Speaking during the ceremony, NRVWDA General Manager for Infrastructure Development, Eng. Jimmy Kemboi, said the project is part of the agency's broader strategy to support the government's development agenda through investments in critical water infrastructure.

"Access to clean and reliable water is a fundamental driver of socio-economic development. This project demonstrates our commitment to improving the quality of life of our people through sustainable water solutions," said Eng.

Kemboi.

He noted that the project will not only enhance water accessibility, but also stimulate economic growth, create employment opportunities during implementation and support key sectors such as agriculture, education and health.

"The North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency remains committed to implementing strategic projects that improve livelihoods and contribute to regional development. We are confident that once completed, this project will significantly address water shortages experienced by residents of Kaptarakwa and surrounding areas," he added.

Keiyo South MP Gideon Kimaiyo welcomed the project, describing it as a major milestone in addressing the region's water challenges.

"For many years, our people have struggled to access clean water, forcing families to travel long distances in search of this essential resource. The implementation of this project is a significant step towards improving the welfare of our communities and supporting economic activities," said Kimaiyo.

The legislator urged the contractor to ensure the quality of work and the timely completion of the project, enabling residents to begin enjoying the benefits as soon as possible.



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PS pushes for faster completion of CDA projects in Kilifi



BY JACKSON MSANZU
(KNA)

Principal Secretary for the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Dr. Caroline Karugu Kiragu, has stepped up efforts to accelerate the completion of Coast Development Authority (CDA) projects in Kilifi County, as the government pushes to fast-track key infrastructure under the Malindi Integrated Social and Health Development Programme Phase II (MISHDP II).

The PS said major health and road infrastructure works under the Malindi Integrated Social and Health Development Programme Phase II (MISHDP II), including the Mjanaheri-Ngomeni Road launched by President William Ruto in May this year, remain a government priority.

She reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that public investments are completed within stipulated timelines to enhance service delivery and improve livelihoods.

Speaking during the Seventh National Programme Steering Committee meeting for MISHDP II, Karugu noted that while significant progress had been made, attention must now

1. **Principal Secretary for ASALs and Regional Development Caroline Karugu Kiragu (left) receives updates from contractors during an inspection visit of the Mjanaheri-Ngomeni Road project in Kilifi County.**
2. **Works in progress on the Mjanaheri-Ngomeni Road project during an inspection by the National**

shift to completing the remaining works through enhanced coordination among implementing agencies, development partners and government institutions.

"While we celebrate these achievements, we must remain focused on addressing the outstanding challenges that could affect the timely implementation and completion of the programme," she said.

The programme is jointly funded by the Governments of Kenya and Italy and has become one of the flagship development initiatives in the Coast region, supporting investments in health-care, education, transport infrastructure and social development.

The projects are being implemented by the Coast Development Authority (CDA). Acting Managing Director Mwanasiti Bendera said the pro-

gramme Steering Committee for MISHDP II.

3. **Principal Secretary for ASALs and Regional Development Caroline Karugu Kiragu (left) and members of the National Programme Steering Committee inspect the 80-bed ICU and HDU block at Malindi Sub-County Hospital.**

gramme has entered its final implementation phase, with only two major components remaining before completion next year.

Bendera said the Sh594 million Mjanaheri-Ngomeni Road project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by December 2026. "The programme is now in its final phase. As we enter the new financial year, our focus is on completing the ongoing road project and operationalising the new intensive care facilities at Malindi Sub-County Hospital," she said.

She added that CDA will also equip the newly constructed 80-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependency Unit (HDU) block at Malindi Sub-County Hospital, which will include four ICU beds expected to be fully operational in the next phase of implementation.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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| Country: | Kenya |
| PROJECT: | THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM |
| ASSIGNMENT TITLE: | CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENDLINE SURVEY AND PREPARATION OF A PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT (PCR) FOR THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM |
| REOI No. AWWDA/KTSWSSP/CS/23/2026 | |

1. The Government of Kenya through the various water works agencies is implementing the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) funded by African Development Bank (AfDB) for the construction and rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation infrastructure (including expansion into informal settlements) for improved water and sanitation services; and ii) capacity development of water service providers, the sector regulator for improved service efficiency and women and youth for increased employment opportunities in 28 towns across the country.
2. The consulting services ("*the Services*") involve undertaking Endline Survey and Preparation of a Project Completion Report (PCR) for Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP).

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

Endline Survey

- i. Designing and executing a comprehensive endline evaluation encompassing methodology development, fieldwork, GIS mapping, and baseline comparison to produce a final report detailing project outcomes, conclusions, and strategic recommendations.

Project Completion Report (PCR) Preparation

- ii. Conducting a comprehensive project completion review through document analysis, stakeholder interviews, and site visits to evaluate financial performance, target achievement, and safeguard compliance, ultimately producing an African Development Bank (AfDB) compliant Project Completion Report (PCR) featuring key lessons and strategic recommendations for future sanitation projects.

3. The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 5 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) The firm should demonstrate a general Experience of minimum 10 years in consulting services.
 - b) Specific Experience Relevant to Assignment having prepared at least 3 No Donor-funded programmes for the last 5 years
 - c) Experience in Similar Conditions Working in Sub-Saharan Africa / developing countries and Experience with donor-funded projects (preferably AfDB)
 - d) Availability of appropriate skills amongst staff for the assignment e.g. Monitoring and Evaluation Experts, Financial Analyst/Economist and Water & Sanitation Engineers for the REOI Stage
5. This assignment is open to firms from all eligible countries as defined under the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy
6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with Guidelines for recruitment of Consultancy firm under the "*Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations*" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
7. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
9. 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.
10. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form in English language to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by close of business on **24th July 2026 at 12:00 noon EAT**.
11. Clarifications may be requested no later than 14 days prior to the submission deadline in writing addressed to address below.
12. 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 Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP)**."

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Attorney General, Dorcas Oduor (Centre) together with members of the Trustee task force during the inauguration of the Public Trustee Department at Sheria House, Nairobi.

Task force formed to overhaul Public Trustee Department

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI AND PASKAL OSONGA (KNA)

The Government has established a task force to spearhead the incorporation and institutional transformation of the Public Trustee Department in a move aimed at improving the management of estates and trusts, clearing long-standing case backlogs, and strengthening the protection of widows, orphans, minors, and other vulnerable beneficiaries.

Speaking in Nairobi, Attorney General Dorcas Oduor said the reforms would modernise one of the country's oldest public institutions and restore public confidence in its services.

"The task force will serve for four months and tell Kenyans precisely what is wrong, fix what can be fixed immediately, and hand me the legal and institutional framework to address the remaining challenges," she said.

According to the Attorney General, the task force has been mandated to develop a legal framework for incorporating the Public Trustee Department into an autonomous corporate entity, review the Law of Succession Act, streamline service delivery, and recommend measures to strengthen governance, financial sustainability, and operational efficiency.

Oduor noted that the Public Trustee Department, which manages the estates of persons who die intestate, trust property, and the assets of minors and persons of

unsound mind, has operated for decades under structural limitations that have contributed to bureaucratic delays, a growing backlog of cases, and declining public confidence in its services.

"Kenyans have come to my office with files that are older than their children. Widows have waited years for distribution that in a functional system should have taken months. That is not acceptable, and it will not continue," she stated.

The AG announced that all files currently held by the department at headquarters and regional offices would be mapped to establish the number of pending cases, their age and the causes of delays.

"Where a file can be closed immediately once it is found, it will be closed immediately," Oduor asserted, adding that the exercise would also support the digitisation of records and improve beneficiaries' ability to monitor the progress of their cases.

The AG further reported that the task force would recommend reforms to better protect widows, widowers, orphans and persons with disabilities while developing governance and financial arrangements necessary to transition the department into an autonomous institution.

She added that public

We will engage widely with stakeholders and most importantly members of the public

participation forums and calls for memoranda will be conducted across the country before the final report is submitted.

Task Force Chairperson, Linda Murila described her appointment as an honour and said the initiative reflected the Government's commitment to reforming the justice sector. "The establishment of the task force is a clear demonstration of the Government's commitment to reform, modernisation, accountability and enhanced service delivery within the justice sector," she reiterated.

Murila disclosed that the task force would undertake broad consultations with government agencies, the Judiciary, professional bodies, civil society organisations and members of the public to ensure the reforms reflect stakeholders' views.

"We recognise that meaningful institutional transformation cannot be achieved in isolation. We will therefore engage widely with stakeholders and most importantly members of the public," echoed the Chairperson.

Murila also pledged that the team would execute its mandate diligently and deliver practical, implementable recommendations capable of transforming the institution within the stipulated time frame.

"We are fully aware of the expectations placed upon us and we are committed to delivering recommendations that are practicable, implementable and capable of delivering measurable improvements," she reaffirmed.



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| PROJECT: | THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM |
| ASSIGNMENT TITLE: | CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMPLIANCE COMPLETION AUDIT FOR THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM - ATHI CLUSTER |
| REOI No. AWWDA/KTSWSSP/CS/24/2026 | |

- The Government of Kenya through the various water works agencies is implementing the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) funded by African Development Bank (AfDB) for the construction and rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation infrastructure (including expansion into informal settlements) for improved water and sanitation services; and ii) capacity development of water service providers, the sector regulator for improved service efficiency and women and youth for increased employment opportunities in 15 towns under the Athi Cluster.
- The consulting services ("*the Services*") involve undertaking Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) compliance completion audit to evaluate the project's level of compliance with applicable E&S requirements for the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program – Athi Cluster.

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

- Review and Planning:** Examine all relevant AfDB environmental and social requirements, national regulatory frameworks, permits, project documents, and previous reports; then prepare an Inception Report outlining the audit methodology, work plan, and audit criteria.
 - Field Verification and Stakeholder Engagement:** Conduct site inspections, field assessments, and consultations with key stakeholders to assess environmental and social risks, impacts, compliance, and mitigation measures.
 - Reporting and Validation:** Hold opening and closing meetings with AWWDA and AfDB project teams, present and validate findings, and prepare the required audit deliverables, including a summary synthesis report, a comprehensive Environmental and Social Audit/ESMP Completion Report, and a RAP Completion Audit Report.
- The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 6 Months
 - 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:
 - The firm should demonstrate a general Experience of minimum 10 years in consulting services.
 - Specific Experience Relevant to Assignment having prepared at least 3 No environmental and social audit of water and sanitation projects including large infrastructure projects, and implementation of ESIA's, ESMP's, RAP's of projects financed by AfDB or other DFI for Donor-funded programmes for the last 5 years
 - Experience in Similar Conditions Working in Sub-Saharan Africa / developing countries and Experience with donor-funded projects (preferably AfDB)
 - Availability of appropriate skills amongst staff e.g. Environmentalist, Health and Safety Expert, Social Safeguards Expert, RAP Expert for the REOI Stage.
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 - 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 **22nd July 2026** at **12:00 noon EAT**.
 - Clarifications may be requested no later than 14 days prior to the submission deadline in writing addressed to address below.
 - Those submitted by package should be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for **Consultancy Services for Environmental and Social Compliance Completion audit for the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program -Athi Cluster**"

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Conservationists push for protection of rain forest

BY GEORGE KAIGA AND GODFREY WANG'ANYA

Conservationists are pushing to enhance protection of the 19,792 hectares of the Kakamega Rain Forest against illegal logging and encroachment.

Led by the Environment, Climate Change and Forestry CS Dr. Deborah Barasa, Kenya's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ida Odinga, Kakamega Governor Fernandez Barasa and key partners, they noted that the forest provides an important water catchment source, biodiversity preservation with local livelihoods.

Dr. Barasa outlined the policy measures the Ministry has put in place to safeguard the country's forests, among them the National Forest Policy of 2023, the National Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Strategy, the National Agroforestry Strategy, the Bamboo Strategy and the National Climate Change Policy and Act, terming them covenants with future generations rather than mere documents.

Speaking at the Lwaningu Forest Block, the CS said Kenya Forest Service (KFS) is being strengthened with new personnel, training, equipment and deployment to protect forests from illegal logging,

encroachment and fires. She said KFS has been directed to develop comprehensive guidelines to confront the invasive guava menace threatening Kakamega Forest.

Dr. Barasa said the Kakamega rain forest which is an extension of the Congo Tropical Rainforest, sustains life far beyond its boundaries, with rivers that flow from the forest feeding all the way into Lake Victoria.

The CS called on every Kenyan to plant trees, particularly indigenous and fruit trees, in homes, schools, churches, farms and public spaces, saying this would restore soil health and provide sustainable income for communities as well as

providing nourishment to children.

Kenya's Permanent Representative to UNEP, Ida Odinga said her office was committed to courses that advance sustainable forest conservation because of the vital role they play in livelihood sustenance, biodiversity protection and environmental stabilization.

Mrs. Odinga encouraged the planting of indigenous trees to help accelerate forest restoration and enhance climate resilience.

Governor Barasa said that his administration has invested over Sh30 million in tree planting activities across all sub counties in Kakamega County



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ADDENDUM TO ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Reference is made to the advertisement for the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital published in the daily newspapers on 16th June 2026.

Please note that the closing date for submission of applications was inadvertently omitted by the Government Advertising Agency (GAA).

Accordingly, applicants are hereby informed that the deadline for submission of applications is **14th July 2026 at 5.00 p.m.**

All interested and qualified candidates are requested to submit their applications within the stipulated period.

All other terms and conditions contained in the original advertisement remain unchanged.

State deploys 13 milk coolers to cut dairy losses in Kirinyaga



Principal Secretary for Livestock Development Jonathan Mueke (second left) and Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru (third left) flag off one of the 13 bulk milk coolers during the handover ceremony in Gichugu, Kirinyaga County.

BY DAVID WANDETO (KNA)

More than 17,500 dairy farmers in Kirinyaga County are set to benefit from improved milk preservation, reduced post-harvest losses, and higher earnings following the distribution of 13 bulk milk coolers worth Sh90 million by the national government.

The milk coolers, which have a combined daily storage capacity of 35,000 litres, are expected to strengthen the dairy value chain by improving milk quality, enhancing storage capacity, and enabling cooperative societies to access better markets.

Speaking during the handover ceremony in Kirinyaga County, Principal Secretary for Livestock Development Jonathan

Mueke said the investment demonstrates the government's commitment to supporting dairy farmers through modern infrastructure aimed at increasing productivity and profitability.

Mueke said the project was implemented following a request made by Governor Anne Waiguru to President William Ruto during the President's recent development tour of the county. He noted that inadequate milk

BY THE NUMBERS

35,000

The milk coolers, which have a combined daily storage capacity of 35,000 litres, are expected to strengthen the dairy value chain

storage facilities have for years contributed to significant post-harvest losses, forcing farmers to dispose of spoiled milk or sell it at low prices.

"The milk coolers will enable cooperative societies to preserve milk for longer periods, improve product quality and negotiate better prices through collective marketing," he said.

The Principal Secretary urged farmers to embrace the Quality Based Milk Payment System, explaining that the programme rewards producers who deliver clean, hygienically handled and high-quality milk.

He said farmers currently earning an average of Sh43 per litre could receive up to Sh60 per litre under the quality-based payment model.



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PRE-QUALIFICATION/REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2028

TENDER NO: UOE/PRE-Q/REG/01/2026-2028

University of Eldoret invites interested and competent firms to submit sealed applications for consideration for the supply and delivery of goods and services as categorized below for the period 2026/2028 financial years. Women, Youths and Persons with disability are encouraged to apply:

| PRE-QUALIFICATION/REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS | | | |
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| Category | Category Description | Type | Closing/Opening Dates |
| Category- A | Supply of Goods and Provision of Services | Reserved for Youth, Women and Persons with Disabilities | Tuesday, 21st July, 2026 |
| Category - B | Supply of Goods | Open | Wednesday, 22nd July, 2026 |
| Category - C | Provision of Services | Open | Thursday, 23rd July, 2026 |
| Category- D | Provision of Works | Open | Friday, 24th July, 2026 |

Complete application documents may be obtained from Procurement Office during normal working hours (Monday-Friday) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. free of charge. The same can be downloaded from the University of Eldoret website www.uoeld.ac.ke or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Application documents in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and reference be submitted in the manner prescribed and addressed to:

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P.O Box 1125-30100
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Shall be deposited in the **Tender Box 'A'** located at the Reception of the Administration Block University of Eldoret so as to be received on or before **Tuesday 21st Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th, July, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. respectively.**

Applications for pre-qualification/registration will be opened immediately thereafter at the Forestry Complex Boardroom in the presence of bidders who choose to attend.

Late applications shall not be accepted.

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Infrastructure boost as Northern Corridor states approve new development budget



South Sudan's Minister for Transport Rizik Zakaria Hassan (right) flanked by Burundi's Minister for Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport and Equipment, Egide Niyimbere (Left) speaking during the 38th NCTTCA Council of Ministers meeting in Nairobi.

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Northern Corridor member states have approved a budget of \$6.83 million (Sh884.6 million) for the 2026/2027 financial year to accelerate regional infrastructure development, enhance cargo movement and strengthen trade facilitation as cargo movements from the Port of Mombasa continues to rise.

The approved budget of \$6,832,626 represents an increase of about \$2.2 million (Sh284.94 million) from the previous year's allocation of \$4,548,926, underscoring member states' commitment to improving transport and logistics infrastructure across the region.

Key priorities for the coming financial year include the construction of roadside stations, automation of weighbridges, development of the Naivasha Inland Container Depot into a bankable logistics hub, opening new cross-border transport links, and implementing 32 priority regional projects aimed at enhancing trade facilitation.

The resolutions were adopted during the 38th Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA) Council of Ministers meeting held in Nairobi, where leaders reaffirmed their commitment to investing in transport infrastructure, railway connectivity, border efficiency and modern logistics systems to sustain the corridor's competitiveness.

Three ministers from

Burundi, Kenya and South Sudan attended the meeting physically, while representatives from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda and Uganda participated virtually.

Those in attendance included Burundi's Minister for Infrastructure, Social Housing, Transport and Equipment, Egide Niyimbere; Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Davis Chirchir; and South Sudan's Minister for Transport, Rizik Zakaria Hassan.

Joining virtually were DRC Secretary General for Transport and Ways of Communication Nke Sana Moko, Rwanda's Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Infrastructure Canoth Manishimwe, and Uganda's Permanent Secretary for Works and Transport Bageya Waiswa.

The meeting was chaired by Egide Niyimbere, the current Chairperson of the NCTTCA Council of Ministers. In a joint communiqué, the Council commended member states for their continued collaboration in implementing programmes and projects aimed at facilitating the free movement of goods along the Northern Corridor.

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The ministers also lauded the corridor's improved performance, citing increased cargo throughput at the Port of Mombasa, growth in transit cargo volumes and enhanced collaboration with development partners in implementing regional programmes.

The Council further directed the Secretariat to strengthen efforts to monitor and eliminate non-tariff barriers along the corridor to improve cargo movement and operational efficiency.

On technical programmes, the Council applauded the progress made by member states in improving regional transport infrastructure, including roads, the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), inland waterways, ports, roadside stations and Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

It urged member states to continue investing in infrastructure development to enhance regional connectivity and improve road safety.

The Council also directed the Secretariat to implement strategies that promote logistics hubs and cargo consolidation centres to increase intra-regional trade and boost regional exports.

Additionally, the Secretariat was tasked with strengthening the capacity of relevant agencies in identifying, profiling and developing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects across member states to support the transformation of the Northern Corridor into a vibrant economic development corridor.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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| Country: | Kenya |
| PROJECT: | THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM |
| ASSIGNMENT TITLE: | CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS PLANS FOR WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS UNDER THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM -ATHI CLUSTER |
| REOI No. AWWDA/KTSWSSP/CS/22/2026 | |

- The Government of Kenya through Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) is implementing the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) funded by African Development Bank (AfDB) for the Construction of Water and Sanitation projects in order to improve the access, quality, availability and sustainability of water supply services in 15 towns under the Athi Cluster.
- The consulting services (*"the Services"*) involves undertaking the development of Business Plans for Water Service Providers under the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program – Athi Cluster namely Kikuyu, Limuru, Kiambu, Gatundu, Murang'a South, Machakos, Kitui, Yatta, Mwala and Malindi.

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

- Business and Financial Planning:** Review existing business plans, financial statements, and operational reports of the ten WSPs, and develop realistic business plans and financial models.
 - Performance and Market Assessment:** Evaluate current operational and financial performance, and the impact of the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project on WSP operations.
 - Capacity Building and Implementation Support:** Prepare comprehensive business and management plans, conduct staff training and workshops, and provide technical assistance to support implementation of the business plans.
- The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 6.5 Months
 - 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:
 - The firm should demonstrate a general Experience of minimum 10 years in consulting services.
 - Specific Experience Relevant to Assignment having prepared at least 3 business plans for water utilities for the last 5 years
 - Experience in Similar Conditions Working in Sub-Saharan Africa / developing countries and Experience with donor-funded projects (preferably AfDB)
 - Availability of appropriate skills amongst staff for the assignment e.g. Water Supply and Sanitation Engineer, Financial Analyst/Economist and legal expert for the REOI Stage
 - Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with Guidelines for recruitment of Consultancy firms under the *"Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations"* dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
 - Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
 - A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
 - 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.
 - Expressions of interest in English 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 **23rd July 2026 at 1200EAT**.
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Health ministry begins transition to new SHA digital health system

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Ministry of Health has commenced the transition from the Social Health Authority (SHA) Provider Portal to the new SHA Health Management Information System (SHA HMIS), marking a significant milestone in Kenya's efforts to strengthen digital healthcare under the Taifa Care programme.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale chaired a high-level consultative forum that brought together healthcare provider associations, the Social Health Authority (SHA), the Digital Health Agency (DHA), and other sector stakeholders to discuss the transition strategy.

The meeting focused on reviewing the migration framework, implementation timelines, healthcare provider preparedness, and the roadmap for nationwide integration.

Participants also addressed concerns raised by healthcare providers and agreed on measures aimed at ensuring a seamless transition without disrupting service delivery.

According to the Ministry of Health, the SHA HMIS will serve as an integrated digital platform linking healthcare service deliv-



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale speaking in Nairobi when he chaired a high-level consultative forum bringing together healthcare provider associations, the Social Health Authority (SHA), the Digital Health Agency (DHA) and other sector stakeholders.

ery with health financing. The system will support real-time patient verification, electronic claims processing, digital provider authentication, and secure health information exchange.

Officials say the platform is expected to improve operational efficiency, accelerate claims reimbursement, enhance accountability, and curb fraud

and administrative inefficiencies within the health sector.

The ministry highlighted significant progress in Kenya's digital health agenda, revealing that 11,034 healthcare facilities have so far been accredited by the Social Health Authority. Of these, 6,228 public health facilities representing 93 per cent have completed their digital

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transformation. Additionally, 5,078 healthcare facilities are already using the SHA HMIS, while 2,978 facilities are actively submitting claims electronically through the platform, indicating strong readiness for the system's nationwide rollout.

Speaking during the forum, Duale assured healthcare providers that the migration would be implemented in phases to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services. The Cabinet Secretary further pledged continued government support through technical assistance, user training, provider onboarding and sustained stakeholder engagements to facilitate successful implementation of the new system.

The transition is expected to strengthen the Government's broader Taifa Care agenda by creating a more integrated, transparent and efficient digital health system while expanding access to quality, affordable and equitable healthcare services across the country.

The meeting was attended by PS for Medical Services Dr. Ouma Oluga, Kenya Healthcare Federation Chairperson Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe, Social Health Authority Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mercy Mwangangi.

IRA takes insurance awareness campaign to Narok residents

BY WINNIE ROTICH (MYGOV)

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) has intensified efforts to boost insurance uptake by taking its consumer awareness campaign to Narok County, where more than 1,000 residents received information on insurance products, consumer rights and claims services during the latest Insurance Open Day.

The forum, officially opened by Narok Deputy Governor Tamalinye Koech, brought together over 20 insurance companies and financial sector regulators to educate residents, address consumer concerns and improve access to insurance services at the grassroots.

Koech said the initiative provides an important platform for stakeholders to discuss the growth of the insurance sector, strengthen collaboration and enhance public awareness of insurance services.

He urged residents to embrace insurance as an essential risk management tool that protects individuals, businesses and com-



Narok County, Deputy Governor, Tamalinye Koech (left) cuts ribbon to officially open the Insurance Open Day at the William Ole Ntimama Stadium as Insurance Regulatory Authority, Corporate Communications and PR Deputy Director, Joanne Wanjala (right) looks on

munities from unforeseen losses.

Residents interacted directly with insurers and regulators, receiving guidance on available insurance products, policyholder rights and responsibilities, claims processing and other insurance-related services.

Narok becomes the fourth county to host the Insurance Open Days after similar forums in Uasin Gishu, Meru and Makueni. More than 5,000 people have been reached through

the initiative.

The county outreach programme is part of IRA's strategy to bridge information gaps that continue to hinder insurance penetration in Kenya.

It also enables insurers and regulators to respond to region-specific risks, including agriculture, livestock, transport, health and climate-related challenges, while strengthening consumer confidence and collaboration with county governments and local communities.



KENYA FOREST SERVICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR PUBLIC VIEWS ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRSTRIP IN KITHOKA BEAT IN MERU FOREST STATION, MERU COUNTY

The Kenya Forest Service (KFS) proposes to construct an airstrip and ancillary infrastructure at Upper Imenti Forest (Meru Forest Station) to enhance aviation access for forest management, emergency response, and regional economic development. The Preliminary site surveys and wind assessment have found the proposed site as suitable for the proposed project. The proposed airstrip and ancillary infrastructure will occupy approximately 11 hectares. The project site is characterized by sparse vegetation cover and is therefore expected to result in minimal ecological disruption.

In compliance with the Constitution of Kenya, relevant statutory laws, regulations, and guidelines on public participation, the Kenya Forest Service invites members of the public and other stakeholders to submit their views, comments, concerns, and recommendations regarding the proposed construction of an airstrip including the runway, apron, and ancillary infrastructure.

Stakeholders are requested to submit their written views to the County Forest Conservator Office, Meru Town or download the public participation questionnaire from KFS website (www.kenyaforestservice.org) and submit to the above office or email: director@kenyaforestservice.org. Your comments and submissions will be treated with utmost confidentiality and should be received on or before **21st July, 2026**.

For further information or clarification regarding the proposed project, Please contact Kenya Forest Service through Telephone No. **+254 202502508** /or email director@kenyaforestservice.org

Chief Conservator of Forests
Karura, off Kiambu Road
P.O Box 30513- 00100
Nairobi, Kenya





PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATELY INITIATED PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSMISSION LINES BY PABARI INVESTMENT LIMITED, ENCOMM POWER RENTAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED AND AEE POWER VENTURES S.L.

1. BACKGROUND

The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO) is a state-owned corporation established to plan, design, construct, own, operate and maintain high voltage electricity transmission grid and regional power interconnectors.

In line with the Government's commitment to expanding reliable electricity transmission infrastructure and enhancing access to affordable electricity, KETRACO continues to explore innovative financing mechanisms, including Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), for the development of strategic transmission projects.

The Public Private Partnerships Act, 2021 provides for the participation of the private sector in the financing, development, operation and maintenance of public infrastructure through both competitive procurement and Privately Initiated Proposals (PIPs).

As part of its mandate and in line with the Public Private Partnerships Act, 2021, KETRACO has received Privately Initiated Proposals (PIPs) for the development of strategic electricity transmission infrastructure as set out in Table 1.

These projects form an integral part of the Transmission Master Plan 2025 - 2044 and have been considered for implementation under the PPP framework in line with national infrastructure development priorities.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS

| Project | Project Name | Objectives | Private Parties Involved | Projected Completion Timelines |
|---------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 220kV Kiambere - Rabai LILO (Mutomo) | Segment long 220kV line, improve reliability of supply and extend high voltage network to Mutomo. | Project proposal received from: 1. Pabari Investment Limited 2. ENCOMM 3. AEE Power | 2029/30 |
| | 70km 132kV Mutomo-Makindu | | | 2029/30 |
| 2 | Voi 400/132kV substation and 132kV intertie to existing network | Segment long 400kV line, improve reliability of supply and reinforce 132kV system along Mombasa - Nairobi transport corridor | Project proposal received from: 1. Pabari Investment Limited 2. ENCOMM 3. AEE Power | 2030/31 |
| | 110km Voi- Taveta 132kV | Extend 132kV network to Taveta and increase system reliability for load currently supplied via long 33kV lines through establishment of a new 132/33kV substation at Taveta | | 2030/31 |
| 3 | 150km Rumuruti-Maralal 132kV | Extend 132kV network to Maralal and increase system reliability for load supplied via long 33kV lines through establishment of new 132/33kV substation at Maralal. | Project proposal received from: 1. Pabari Investment Limited 2. ENCOMM | 2029/30 |
| 4 | 50km Sotik-Kilgoris | Extend 132kV network to Kilgoris and increase system reliability for load supplied via long 33kV lines. Establish 132/33kV substation at Kilgoris | Project proposal received from: 1. Pabari Investment Limited 2. ENCOMM | 2028/29 |

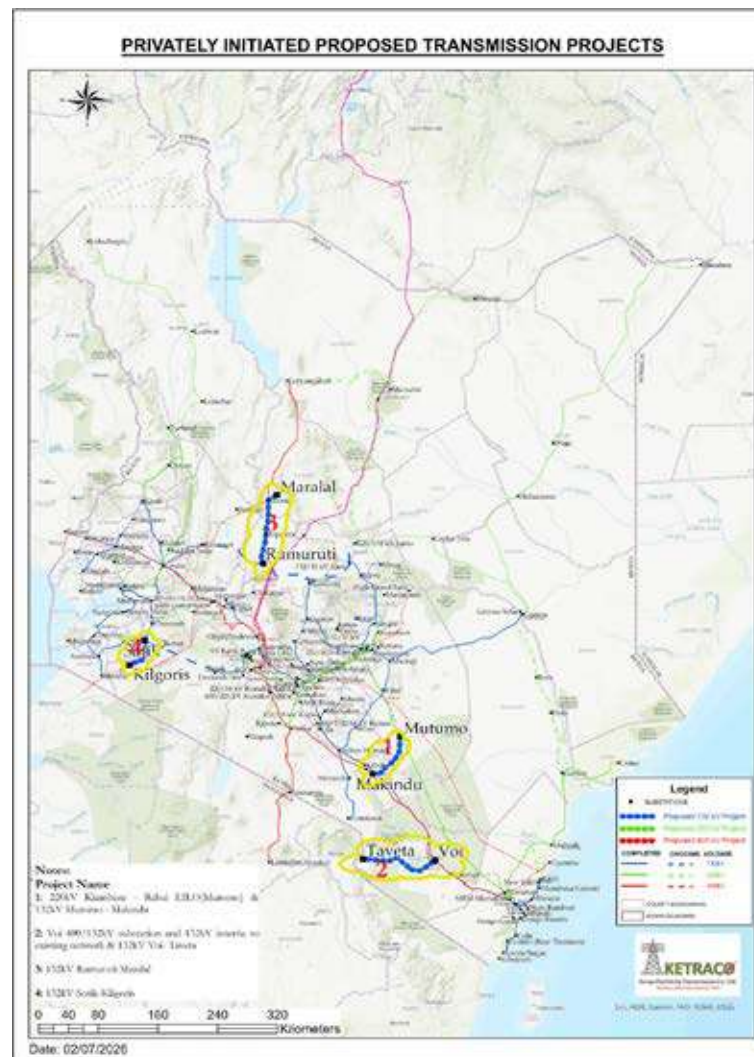


Figure 1: Privately Initiated Proposed Transmission Projects

3. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

The total project cost is estimated to be between Ksh.50 Billion and Ksh.65 Billion. These costs are preliminary and for the scope extent as shared by the proponents.

The final project cost shall be subject to:

- a) A transparent & competitive price discovery for the EPC costs
- b) detailed resettlement action plan (RAP) report as per final route alignment for the Land & ROW cost

These including any other related projects costs shall be subjected to affordability and value for money assessments at the end of the project development report (PDR) phase

The same will be tried up at financial close and only projects that meet the affordability and value for money criteria as required by the PPP Act cap 2021 shall be considered for further processing.

4. STAKEHOLDERS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED OR IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT

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| 1. KETRACO staff | 11. EPRA | 21. NEMA | 31. Political leaders in project areas. |
| 2. KETRACO Board Members | 12. Kenya Power | 22. KWS | 32. Media |
| 3. Project Affected Persons | 13. GDC | 23. KFS | 33. Parliamentary Committee on Energy. |
| 4. Local communities | 14. KENGEN | 24. KCAA | 34. Senate Committee on Energy. |
| 5. Host Communities | 15. REREC | 25. NLC | 35. Large power consumers |
| 6. National Government | 16. NuPEA | 26. National Museums of Kenya | 36. General Public |
| 7. County Governments | 17. Water Resources Authority | 27. Community Based Organizations (CBO) | 37. Civil Society |
| 8. National Treasury | 18. Ministry of Agriculture | 28. Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) | 38. KEPSA |
| 9. Office of the Attorney General | 19. Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning | 29. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) | 39. Contractors |
| 10. Ministry of Energy and Petroleum | 20. Professional Bodies (EBK, EIK, LSK, ISK, SIMAK) | 30. Development Partners/Financiers | 40. Sub-Contractors |
| | | | 41. Consultants |

5. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Public Private Partnerships Act, 2021 and the Circular dated 24th April 2025 on Public Disclosure Requirements for PIPs - https://pppkenya.go.ke/ova_doc/circular-on-public-disclosure-of-privately-initiated-proposals-pips/, this disclosure is made to notify members of the public that KETRACO has received the above Privately Initiated Proposals.

The proposals will undergo the statutory processes prescribed under the PPP Act, including evaluation of the proposal, project development activities, stakeholder engagement and negotiations.

6. DISCLAIMER

This public disclosure does not constitute approval of the PIPs. The proposals shall only proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Private Partnerships Act, 2021 and all other applicable laws.

Further, any other private party interested in submitting a similar proposal for any of the above projects is invited to submit a written expression of interest to KETRACO within **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

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Mining reforms to target booming artisanal sector

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The State Department for Mining has launched a nationwide public participation exercise on proposed bills, policies and regulations aimed at transforming Kenya's mining sector by attracting investment, strengthening occupational safety and environmental protection, and improving the welfare of miners and communities living near mining operations.

The proposed legislative reforms include the Draft Explosives Bill, 2026, the Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy, the Explosives (Fees) Regulations, and the Mine Health, Safety and Environment Regulations. The reforms are intended to modernise the mining industry, strengthen governance, and align the sector with emerging global standards and best practices.

Speaking during a public participation forum in Mombasa, the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs' Director of Licensing, Compliance and Enforcement, Gregory Kituku, said the proposed Mine Health, Safety and Environment Regulations, 2026, will replace outdated regulations made under the repealed Mining Act (Cap. 306).

Kituku said the new regulatory framework has been developed to address the evolving needs of the mining sector, particularly the rapid growth of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), while promoting safer operations



State Department for Mining Director of Licensing, Compliance and Enforcement Gregory Kituku briefs KNA on the sidelines of a public participation forum on proposed mining legislation and regulations in Mombasa County.

and more environmentally sustainable mining practices.

According to the State Department, the ASM sector currently employs an estimated 14,000 people directly and supports the livelihoods of more than 800,000 Kenyans through mining-related economic activities.

Despite its contribution to livelihoods, the largely informal sector continues to face significant health, safety and environmental challenges, with frequent accidents exposing miners to occupational hazards that have resulted in injuries and fatalities.

Kituku said the proposed regulations seek to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of all persons working in mines, as well as anyone accessing mining sites. They also provide measures to ensure that exploration, prospecting

and mining activities are undertaken safely, responsibly and in accordance with acceptable environmental standards.

He noted that the regulations further protect neighbouring communities from health and environmental risks associated with mining operations while strengthening the monitoring of occupational safety, environmental management and compliance across the industry.

"These regulations are geared towards enhancing the safety of the workers and operators of the large-scale mines, the small-scale mines and artisanal miners," said Kituku.

He expressed confidence that the proposed legal framework would significantly reduce accidents and improve compliance once implemented.

The Director said the regulations introduce a new chapter on mine rehabilitation, including the creation of a rehabilitation licence that did not previously exist. The new requirement will ensure mining sites are restored after exploration and extraction activities are completed, reducing long-term environmental

degradation.

Kituku said the Draft Explosives Bill, 2026, seeks to repeal the existing Explosives Act, Cap 115, which has been in force for more than a century and no longer adequately addresses current technological and operational realities in the management of commercial explosives.

The proposed law provides for the establishment of the Directorate of Commercial Explosives and Inspections to regulate, supervise and monitor the manufacture, storage,

transportation, sale and use of commercial explosives across the country.

He said the Bill also introduces modern approaches to investigating complaints relating to blasting activities, including claims of property damage caused by explosives, while establishing clearer procedures for assessing and resolving such disputes.

The proposed legislation further introduces revised licence fees for explosives, with Kituku noting that the existing charges are outdated and no longer reflect

the actual cost of regulation and service delivery.

The Director said the government is also reviewing the current Mineral Policy to make it beneficiation-focused and align it with Africa Agenda 2063, the Africa Mining Vision and the Africa Green Minerals Strategy.

He explained that the Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy seeks to promote value addition through downstream mineral processing, enhance technology transfer.



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The Managing Director,
Chemususu Water Company Limited
P.O.Box 826-20103, ELDAMA RAVINE.

Not later than Monday 20th July 2026 at 11.30am Kenyan time
(NB: -Should be one (1) separate document for each category)

Should be deposited in the Tender Box at head office Chemususu Water Company Limited, Kamelilo offices so as to be received on/before Monday 20th July 2026 at 11.30am. The bids documents will be opened thereafter. Tenderers or their representatives are free to attend.

New system to improve inspection and maintenance of bridges across Kenya

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Ministry of Roads and Transport has launched the Bridge Management System (BMS) Manuals, marking a significant milestone in strengthening the inspection, maintenance, and management of bridge infrastructure across Kenya.

Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir said the new framework will enhance bridge safety, improve maintenance planning, and extend the lifespan of critical transport infrastructure.

He noted that Kenya's road network spans more than 240,000 kilometres across national and county roads,

with over 5,100 box culverts supporting connectivity along major transport corridors.

"However, ageing infrastructure, inadequate inspection coverage, fragmented records, limited maintenance resources, and increasing climate-related risks have exposed bridge assets to deterioration and structural vulnerability," the CS said.

In a speech read on his behalf by Principal Secretary for Roads Eng. Joseph Mbugua in Nairobi, Chirchir said the launch marks a major milestone in modernising Kenya's bridge asset management through the adoption of a standardised, data-driven, and preventive approach to inspection, maintenance, and



Principal Secretary for Roads Eng. Joseph Mbugua speaking in Nairobi during the launch of the Bridge Management System (BMS) Manuals.

preservation.

"The eight manuals provide comprehensive guidance for road agencies to safeguard critical infrastructure, enhance public safety, optimize resource utilization, improve value for money and strengthen climate resilience," said Chirchir.

He highlighted that Kenya has more than 3,100 bridges that

support connectivity, trade and economic growth.

Developed with support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the manuals establish standardized procedures for bridge inspection, condition assessment, maintenance planning and repair interventions, enabling road agencies to prioritize investments

and improve the resilience of bridge assets.

On his part, the Principal Secretary commended the Government of Japan and JICA for their continued technical support, noting that the partnership has strengthened institutional capacity and advanced sustainable bridge asset management in Kenya.

The bridge management system enables systematic collection of inspection data, standardized condition ratings and objective prioritization of maintenance interventions allowing road agencies to allocate resources efficiently, improve safety outcomes and maximize value for public investment.

The launch underscores the Government's commitment to sustainable infrastructure development under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), ensuring that Kenya's bridge network continues to support economic growth and serve present and future generations.

Kenyatta Dam rehabilitation to expand irrigation on 1,200 acres in Mau Forest

BY PENINA KIHKA (PCO)

The State Department for Irrigation will rehabilitate Kenyatta Dam within the Mau Forest Complex to enhance irrigation and improve livelihoods under the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MFC-ICLIP).

The rehabilitation project is expected to benefit about 1,800 households by supporting smallholder irrigation on approximately 1,200 acres of land, boosting food production while reinforcing conservation efforts in the country's largest water tower.

The State Department's intervention will include the construction of a solar-powered pump house, rehabilitation of the dam embankments, construction of a 300-cubic-metre water storage tank, installation of a water reticulation system covering 1,200 acres, and provision of drip irrigation kits for school kitchen gardens. The project is estimated to cost Sh480 million.

Director of Land Reclamation and Climate Resilience for Water and Food Security, Thandi Githae, announced the government's support during First Lady Rachel Ruto's visit to several project sites in Kuresoi North Constituency, Nakuru County.

During the visit, the First Lady adopted a 33-hectare section of Baraget Forest in the Marindas Block, where she will spearhead tree planting and forest nurturing activities as part of the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme.

She also launched a Fruit Orchards Project at Baringo



First Lady Rachel Ruto (right) is received by Director of Land Reclamation and Climate Resilience for Water and Food Security Thandi Githae at Baraget Forest, Marindas Block, in Kuresoi North Constituency. PHOTO: BENEDICT WASICHE/KNA

Primary School. Principal Secretary for Environment Eng. Festus Ng'eno said the project would serve as a model learning centre where farmers can acquire practical skills in environmental restoration and sustainable livelihoods.

The adoption of the 33-hectare forest block forms part of the government's broader strategy to restore the Mau Forest Complex. The restoration initiative was conceived in July 2025 and officially launched in October of the same year, with Eng. Ng'eno serving

as patron of the conservation and livelihood improvement programme.

Addressing residents, the First Lady urged Kenyans to plant more trees to increase forest cover and strengthen food security.

She commended local communities for cultivating Irish potatoes in designated forest restoration areas, saying the initiative was improving livelihoods while complementing conservation efforts.

She emphasized that communities living adjacent to the Mau Forest Complex should remain at

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the centre of restoration activities because the ecosystem is a critical water catchment that supports thousands of livelihoods across the country.

The First Lady said sustained community participation would ensure the long-term success of restoration efforts while safeguarding water resources, biodiversity and agricultural productivity for future generations.

In his remarks, Eng Ng'eno said the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme is working with the "Mama Doing Good" initiative to establish school kitchen gardens aimed at improving nutrition among learners while promoting environmental conservation.

He noted that the programme recognises school children as important environmental ambassadors who can help instil conservation values within their families and communities.

Under the initiative, fruit orchards will initially be established in 108 schools within the Mau Forest Complex, with each school receiving 40 avocado seedlings. The programme will later be expanded to all 534 schools located within the forest ecosystem.

The government expects the school orchards and kitchen gardens to improve nutrition, provide practical agricultural learning opportunities and strengthen environmental stewardship among learners.

Among those who attended the event were Ambassador Idah Odinga, Cabinet Secretaries from the Ministries of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry and Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage among others.

Kericho Dairy Co-op gets Sh10m boost to scale milk processing

BY KELOX MUTAI (KNA)

A major boost is set to transform dairy farming in Kericho after the Cherobu Farmers' Dairy Cooperative Society in Cheboin Ward, Bureti Sub-County, received a Sh10 million Enterprise Development Programme (EDP) grant under the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP).

The funding will strengthen milk processing, expand value addition, and improve earnings for hundreds of smallholder farmers.

According to Kericho Governor Dr Erick Mutai, the cooperative currently aggregates more than 15,000 litres of milk daily from surrounding farmers and has the potential to scale up to over 25,000 litres once its processing infrastructure is fully upgraded, positioning it as a key driver in the county's dairy transformation agenda.

He noted that the grant will

enable the cooperative to expand value addition, reduce post-harvest losses and improve access to higher-value markets, ultimately increasing profitability for farmers across the dairy value chain.

While addressing residents and stakeholders during the issuance of the grant in Cheboin Ward, Dr. Mutai explained that the county government is deliberately shifting focus from raw milk sales to value addition through investment in processing infrastructure and strengthened cooperative systems.

"This investment is aimed at strengthening value addition so that farmers are not only producers of raw milk but active participants in processing, enabling them to earn more stable and significantly higher incomes from value-added dairy products that attract better market prices," Dr. Mutai stated.

He emphasized that the intervention is expected to improve



Kericho County Governor Dr. Erick Mutai addresses residents during the issuance of a Sh10 million EDP grant to Cherobu Farmers' Dairy Cooperative Society in Cheboin Ward, Bureti Sub-County. PHOTO: KELOX MUTAI

milk handling efficiency, reduce post-harvest losses, and create more sustainable income streams for farming households. Dr. Mutai added that cooperatives remain central to rural economic

transformation and farmer empowerment.

The Governor also highlighted that the county government has continued to equip dairy cooperatives with essential

infrastructure including milk cooling plants, feed mixers, tractors, and other equipment aimed at enhancing productivity and maintaining high quality standards.

"We are building a complete dairy value chain where milk is not only produced but properly handled, cooled, processed, and marketed in a way that maximizes returns for farmers while minimizing losses along the chain," Dr. Mutai explained.

He revealed that more than 10 dairy cooperatives across Kericho County have already benefited from similar interventions under ongoing agricultural support programmes aimed at strengthening cooperative enterprises and increasing milk productivity.

"We are committed to ensuring that every cooperative is empowered because they form the backbone of rural livelihoods and play a critical role in driving economic growth at the grassroots," Dr. Mutai noted.

FEATURE: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

How farming transformed the lives of former chang'aa brewers in Elgeyo Marakwet County

BY ALICE WANJIRU AND JUNE JEBET (KNA)

Dressed in their official uniform of white tops and black skirts, members of the Women for Change group exude order and discipline as they go about their new source of livelihood.

Watching them till the land with zeal and enthusiasm, it is difficult to imagine their troubled past, when their lives were repeatedly disrupted by police raids on illicit liquor dens—places marked by chaos, where intoxicated patrons staggered about in drunken stupors.

Today, these women have found a renewed sense of purpose and direction. Yet, for many years, they relied on brewing illicit alcohol, including chang'aa, as their only means of survival.

For decades, they remained trapped in the belief that brewing chang'aa was their only viable source of income. Ironically, they later discovered that they had been sitting on a goldmine all along—fertile land capable of feeding their families and providing a sustainable livelihood through farming. What they lacked was the knowledge, guidance, and mindset needed to unlock its potential.

The story of Ruth Chepkok reflects the experiences of many women in the group, whose members are spread across Elgeyo Marakwet County. Soon after getting



Members of the Women of Change who are former brewers of illegalliquor during the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking celebrations at Metkei location in Keiyo South Sub-County.

married, Mrs. Chepkok was introduced to the illicit brewing trade in her matrimonial home, where it served as the family's sole source of income.

For 15 years, she spent her days boiling drums of toxic alcohol. Despite the constant risk of arrest and the grueling nature of the work, she had nothing to show for it.

The trade did more than impoverish her financially—it devastated her family. Both she and her husband not only sold the illicit brew but also consumed it. In 2011, her

husband died from alcohol-related health complications.

"After his death, things spiralled completely out of control," she recalls. "The terrifying realization that I had to face life alone, with no one to lean on, pushed me deeper into depression. I drank even more, and my life went from bad to worse."

During those dark years of alcoholism, Mrs. Chepkok neglected even her most basic personal hygiene and rarely bathed. Desperate to sustain her addiction, she began selling her household belongings one by one. Eventually, she disposed of nearly everything she owned, including the family's mattresses, forcing herself and her children to sleep on the cold, hard floor.

Her turning point came in 2015, following a strategic shift by the Elgeyo Marakwet County Government and Nacada. Realizing that purely punitive law enforcement was not yielding long-term results, the county leadership decided to actively engage the brewers in a bid to change them from within for a greater, lasting impact. This led to a formal partnership with Empowering Lives International (ELI), throwing Mrs. Chepkok a much-needed lifeline.

Today, her life has experienced a complete spiritual turnaround as she is currently studying to become a pastor, and though she is yet to be ordained, she is already actively using her painful testimony to deliver other women from the

same shackles of addiction and illegal brewing.

Mrs. Peris Kiprop shares a similarly harrowing journey as her 10 years as an illicit brewer left her completely worn out by the trade with her life having deteriorated so drastically due to the toll of brewing and heavy consumption that area residents mockingly referred to her as a "scarecrow."

Like Mrs. Chepkok, Mrs. Kiprop found redemption through the program and chose a dedicated spiritual path. She has already been fully ordained as a pastor and serves as the official chaplain of the group.

Together, Mrs. Chepkok and Mrs. Kiprop act as emotional and spiritual anchors leveraging their lived experiences to offer authentic counseling and hope to those still trapped in illegal distilleries.

Remarkably, their impact has crossed gender boundaries, realizing the immense success of the agricultural and table banking models, local men have also not been left behind and have joined them stepping away from illegal consumption and partnering with the women to transform their ancestral lands into profitable farms.

Among them is Justus Korir, who was lost to chronic alcoholism for 24 painful years whereby during the more than two decades of addiction, Korir frequently spent his nights collapsed in the freezing cold in a drunken stupor.

Nyamira County to establish renal units in sub-county hospitals

BY DEBORAH BOCHERE (KNA)

Nyamira County Governor Amos Nyaribo has assured residents that the county is set to establish renal units in sub-county health facilities to provide dialysis services closer to the people and decongest the County Referral Hospital.

Speaking at Nyamira Referral Hospital during the launch of a new dialysis unit at Doctor's Plaza, Governor Nyaribo encouraged patients with kidney-related conditions to make use of the available machines and services.

"I am commissioning 10 dialysis machines for Nyamira Referral Hospital. Plans to procure 30 more are at an advanced stage.

Of the 30 to be procured, 10 will be allocated to Keroka Sub-County Hospital, 10 to Ekereny Sub-County Hospital, and the remaining 10 will be placed here at Nyamira Referral Hospital. Nyamira had three machines before today's commissioning of 10; therefore, it will eventually have a total of 23, as it receives more patients, some of whom are drawn from neighboring counties," the county boss said.

"I appeal to patients with renal complications and other related health conditions to seek treatment and manage this condition, which is currently affecting people of all ages," Nyaribo added.

The newly launched machines at Nyamira Referral Hospital



Nyamira county Governor Amos Nyaribo opens a new renal unit at Nyamira referral hospital and addresses patients waiting to undergo dialysis sessions. PHOTO: DEBORAH BOCHERE

will enable health practitioners to conduct 26 dialysis sessions per day.

Nyamira Referral Hospital's renal unit was transferred from the general wards to a newly opened site that is spacious with a nursing station and other essential amenities.

"My administration will buy more dialysis reagents and

employ more medical staff to meet patients' needs and sustain quality and efficiency. Don't lose hope as you come for dialysis. This procedure can prolong your lives as you find ways of getting a kidney transplant," the Governor encouraged.

A patient, Mr. Joseph Omwando, expressed relief that he will not be worried about long

hours on the queue for his turn to undergo dialysis anymore.

"We've been struggling to get to the hospital by 4:00 AM latest so that you manage to be registered and be scheduled on the queue because of fewer machines. I appreciate the governor's thought to add machines and his future plans to add dialysis machines to sub-County facilities so we don't have to travel all the way to Nyamira to seek dialysis services which are very critical for our sustenance," Omwando said.

Another patient, Mr. Julius Bosire, narrated how he suffered while he sought for dialysis services from outside the County.

"I used to travel all the way to Nairobi, but now I can get the services closer home which is cost effective," he added.

Dr. Jared Oeba, the County Director for Medical Services confirmed that the County has already financed training of two renal clinicians to ensure specialized care for patients.

KPDA launches developers' handbook

BY EUGINE OTIENO

The Kenya Property Developers Association (KPDA) has launched a Developers' Handbook aimed at equipping industry players with practical guidance on navigating Kenya's evolving regulatory and taxation landscape following the enactment of the Finance Act, 2026.

Speaking during the event, KPDA Chairman Ken Luusa said the handbook would serve as a practical reference for both new and established developers by consolidating key regulatory requirements, industry best practices and compliance obligations in one publication.

He noted that the property sector is operating in an increasingly dynamic environment, making it essential for developers to remain informed and adapt to legislative changes affecting the industry.

"The biggest challenge we face is a lack of understanding. With new laws, regulations and policies continually being introduced, developers need to understand the operating environment so they can position themselves to seize opportunities while mitigating emerging risks," he said.

Luusa said the publication is intended to simplify complex development processes by providing a single point of reference for regulatory requirements, enabling developers to make informed decisions while reducing time spent navigating multiple agencies.

"Knowledge is power. We felt it was important to document the lessons and experiences we have gained over the years into a handbook that can guide everyone operating in the real estate sector," he said.

The KPDA Chairman observed that while the Government has prioritised affordable housing, some provisions contained in the Finance Act, 2026 could increase construction costs and affect the sector's ability to deliver housing at affordable prices.

Among the concerns raised by the Association is the removal of tax exemptions on certain construction materials, a move Luusa said is likely to increase development costs and ultimately affect homebuyers.

He called for continued engagement between the Government and the private sector to create an enabling environment that supports investment while advancing the national housing agenda.

"We shall continue engaging Government on taxation affecting construction inputs because if we are to achieve the housing agenda, developers require a supportive policy environment," he said.

KPMG East Africa Associate Director for Tax and Regulatory Services Lydia Abala described the Finance Act as more than a revenue collection instrument, saying it signals government policy priorities and should guide investment decisions across the property sector.

"The Finance Act is a policy document that tells us where government priorities lie. Developers must ask themselves whether the cost of development has changed, whether industry risks have shifted and what opportunities now exist," she said.



DISCLOSURE ON THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR GILGIL – NAKURU – MAU SUMMIT (A8) PPP ROAD PROJECT

A: BACKGROUND:

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) received a Privately Initiated Proposal (PIP) from Shandong Hi-Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd (SDRBI) for the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) of the Gilgil - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) Road i.e. approximately 94 Km of the A8 Highway between Gilgil and Mau Summit. The Project road traverses two counties namely Nakuru and Baringo. The PIP was granted conditional approval to proceed to Project Development Phase (PDP) by the PPP Committee after which the Project Proponent undertook Project Development Phase (PDP) activities/ Feasibility Studies and submitted a Feasibility Study Report.

Pursuant to the submissions, the Contracting Authority evaluated the Project Development Phase documentation in accordance with the provisions of Section 43(9) of the PPP Act, Cap 430. The Evaluation Report, prepared in compliance with Section 43, identified Shandong Hi-Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd (SDRBI) as the Preferred Proponent to undertake the project road section, as per Section 55(1)(d) of the PPP Act. The PPP Committee subsequently delivered its decision during its 48th Extraordinary PPP Committee meeting held on 10th November, 2025 to the effect that the Committee adopted the recommendations of the Evaluation Report, which identified SDRBI as the Preferred Proponent for the Gilgil - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) Road, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions outlined in the Evaluation Report.

The Contracting Authority commenced negotiations with the Proponent and subsequently submitted the Project and Financial Risk Assessment Report together with the initialled Project Agreement to the PPP Directorate for its recommendations, and thereafter to the PPP Committee for approval in accordance with Section 58 (1) and 58 (2) of the PPP Act, Cap 430.

B: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

In this regard, the Contracting Authority (KeNHA), the PPP Directorate, and the PPP Committee have undertaken the necessary processes and procedures in line with the provisions of the PPP Act, Cap 430 in processing the Privately Initiated Proposal and hereby notify the public of the following:

The PPP Committee delivered its decision during its 56th Ordinary meeting held on 25th November, 2025 to the effect that the Committee:

- Approved** the Project and Financial Risk Assessment Report and the execution of a Project Agreement between the Contracting Authority and the SDRBI pursuant to section 59 (2) of the PPP Act, Cap 430.
- Directed** the Contracting Authority to publish a disclosure notice disclosing all information permitted for publication under the PPP Act, the PPP Regulations and applicable confidentiality provisions.

Following the initialled Project Agreement, the Contracting Authority (KeNHA) signed an Early Works Agreement and has subsequently executed the Project Agreement with the Project Proponent (SDRBI) to enable the commencement of the Works.

The Project Agreement, as highlighted in the background above, covers a total of 94 kilometers on the A8 Road. The project will be delivered by Shandong Hi-Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd (SDRBI) under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain, and Transfer (DBFOMT) PPP arrangement for a period of thirty (30) years.

Summary of Key Project Features:

| Feature | Project Information |
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| Nature of the Project and Key Terms of the Project Agreement | The Project is being implemented as a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the development of the Gilgil - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) Road. The Project Agreement provides for the design, financing, construction, operation, maintenance and eventual transfer of the Project assets to Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) at the end of the concession period. |
| Works to be Developed / Public Services to be Performed | The Project comprises the design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of approximately 94 kilometers of the A8 Road, including associated interchanges, viaduct in Nakuru City, bridges, drainage structures, tolling infrastructure, road safety features, and other ancillary facilities required to provide a safe and efficient highway service. |
| Successful Bidder / Project Proponent | Shandong Hi-Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd (SDRBI) |
| Amount of Public Funds Committed to the Project | The Government's financial commitments under the Project Agreement are limited to those expressly provided for therein. The Project is primarily financed by the Private Party, with any Government support being subject to the provisions of the Project Agreement and applicable law. |
| Project Tariff | The Project will operate as a toll road. Applicable toll tariff is KES 8.50, and any future adjustments shall be implemented in accordance with the Project Agreement and applicable Government approvals and regulatory requirements. |
| Government Support Measures | Government support measures, where applicable, are provided in accordance with the Project Agreement and the PPP Act, Cap 430, and may include contractual undertakings necessary to facilitate implementation of the Project and manage agreed project risks. |
| Social and Economic Benefits | The Project is expected to improve road safety, reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs, enhance connectivity between Nairobi and the Rift Valley region, facilitate trade and tourism, create employment opportunities during construction and operation, and stimulate regional economic growth and investment. |
| Duration of the Project | Thirty (30) years, inclusive of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance period, after which the Project assets will be transferred to KeNHA in accordance with the Project Agreement. |
| Expected Asset Quality at Handback | Upon expiry or termination of the concession, the Project assets shall be transferred to KeNHA in the condition and quality prescribed under the Project Agreement, having regard to the applicable handback requirements, performance standards and remaining asset life. |
| Project Monitoring and Reporting | The Project will be monitored by KeNHA throughout the concession period in accordance with the Project Agreement. Monitoring will include compliance with design and construction standards, operational performance indicators, maintenance standards, safety obligations, environmental and social requirements, financial reporting obligations and other contractual performance requirements. The Private Party will be required to submit periodic reports as stipulated in the Project Agreement. |

This disclosure is made pursuant to Section 69 (1) of the Public Private Partnerships Act (Cap 430) to notify members of the public of the PPP Committee's decision approving the Project and Financial Risk Report, and the subsequent execution of the Project Agreement between the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) and the Shandong Hi-Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd (SDRBI).

Further, this disclosure is made in line with The National Treasury Circular dated 24th April, 2025 on Public Disclosure on Privately Initiated Proposals (https://pppkenya.go.ke/ova_doc/circular-on-public-disclosure-of-privately-initiated-proposals-pips/) and in line with Government of Kenya's desire for transparency in all its initiatives.

KeNHA remains committed to strictly adhering to the provisions of the PPP Act, Cap 430 and further assures the public that it will endeavor to abide by the provisions of the PPP Act Cap 430. The Government of Kenya, similarly remains committed to

delivering critical infrastructure to Kenyans.

Any clarifications or feedback may be channeled through the following contact details:

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709 trainees graduate from Nyamira TVETs in push for skilled workforce

BY DEBORAH BOCHERE (KNA)

Nyamira County Government has strengthened its skills pool by graduating 709 vocational trainees from 26 Vocational Education and Training Centres across the county.

Speaking during the grand joint graduation ceremony at Sironga Grounds in West Mugirango Constituency, Governor Amos Nyaribo challenged the graduates to embrace vocational skills as a pathway to addressing unemployment and accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) growth, noting that the training is designed to be skills-to-job oriented.

The County boss observed that job opportunities are limited and called for a paradigm shift from training solely for the job market to promoting self-employment and society-responsive innovation. He advised young people against rushing to join universities, noting that this does not necessarily guarantee access to jobs.

“Training for the job market is expanding more than 10 times the growth of the economy. Focus on employing yourself,” Nyaribo said. Governor Nyaribo committed to continue supporting technical and vocational training



An electrical engineer graduate (second left) receiving a tool kit courtesy of KCB foundation from Governor Amos Nyaribo (second right) and KCB Foundation 2jajiri Programmes Manager Joblin Omari (left). Looking on is Kisii University Vice Chancellor Prof. Nathan Ogechi (far right) during the trainees' graduation at Sironga grounds. PHOTO: DEBORAH BOCHERE

to empower youth and drive socio-economic transformation in the country.

“We will train more students and incorporate more competitive courses to guarantee a better future for our youth,” he said.

The 709 trainees who graduated received full and partial scholarship from the County Gov-

ernment in partnership with the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Foundation. For the trainees who received full scholarship, the County Government of Nyamira committed Sh15 million, which was matched by the KCB Foundation. KCB Foundation Team, led by Programmes Manager Joblin Omari assured that at least Sh10

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million has been committed to support full scholarships for the second cohort and the county government will match the amount. He appealed to youths who are interested in gaining skills and have not managed to enroll to do so immediately so that they are considered for scholarship.

In delivering his keynote address, Kisii University Vice Chancellor Prof. Nathan Ogechi said TVETs and VTCs are key centres for problem-solving innovations, hence the need for more technical and financial support for quality outcomes.

He guaranteed that Kisii University is ready to partner with Nyamira County in promoting quality research and training.

The VC added that the University is planning to expand its scope of training into engineering to meet the growing demands of such skills. Further, he committed to work with the leadership of the County Government of Nyamira in delivering Nyamira University, which will start as a constituent college of Kisii University.

During the event, the top 149 best performing trainees from different trainings received tool-kits worth up to a maximum of Sh40,000 to start them off in entrepreneurship.

Garissa power substation upgrades to curb outages

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

Garissa town is now set to enjoy uninterrupted power supply following the upgrading of the local Kenya Power substation to a 38 megavolt-ampere (MVA) up from 15 MVA.

The substation, which was first commissioned in May 2016, was originally built with a single 7.5MVA and additional 7.5MVA later, has been unable to keep up with the rapid urbanization, and surging local demand causing frequent power outages, that often result in huge on businesses that require refrigeration due to high temperatures in the region.

Worse affected were the remote areas like in Dadaab and Balambala sub counties which relied heavily on off grid diesel mini grids for power supply, making the access to electricity both expensive and unreliable.

Speaking after inspecting the progress of the installation of the new 23 MVA transformer, Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira said that the perennial power outages in Garissa and continued suffering for the residents was coming to an end with the new equipment.

Wachira said that the

people of Garissa could only use a maximum of 15MVA, thus constraining the power supply, leaving the people with either low voltage or frequent power outages.

“We are here to inspect the progress of the commissioning of an additional 23 MVA transformer. This transformer was promised by the president because of the suffering the people of Garissa have been having. We have only had two transformers of 7.5MVA making a total of 15MVA, meaning the maximum power the people of Garissa would absorb was only 15 megawatts,” Wachira said.

“We have seen serious growth in demand for power in Garissa, and the available transformer was overloaded and had caused a lot of suffering to the people of Garissa. By the end of day tomorrow, we are going to commission a 23MVA transformer, which is three times of what we originally had and because we are retaining one of the 33KV transformer, we are going to have a total of 30.5MVA, which means that Garissa and its environs will be able to absorb power up to 30 megawatts and ensure that Dadaab sub county is finally connected to the grid,” he added.



Energy PS Alex Wachira speaks at the Garissa Kenya Power substation after inspecting the progress of the commissioning of a new 23 MVA transformer.

At the same time, the PS said that the country was continually experiencing hikes in power demand, associating the rise to increased economic activities across the country.

“Within this week, we have seen a new country peak of 2,502 megawatts, up from 2,444 megawatts. This is a serious demand for power. In the last three years alone, we have seen demand for power increase by over 282 megawatts, that means there is serious transformations and serious demand for power

that is going on, which means there is increased economic activity,” he said.

Garissa Township MP Dekow Mohamed on his part expressed his gratitude to President William Ruto, for keeping his promise made a few months ago on upgrading the Garissa power substation to meet the increasing demand of the people.

Dekow said that the investors who were shying away from the county due to low power supply will now have an opportu-

nity to invest and boost the economic activities of the county, leading to improved livelihoods through creation of jobs.

“We thank President William Ruto, just two months ago, he promised the people of Garissa that the suffering of lack of power within the county would come to an end. As we all know, Garissa has faced serious challenges in power supply despite the fact that we are connected to the national grid. It is because the transformer that we had before, was

overloaded because Garissa is one of the fastest growing towns in the country,” Mohamed said.

“Now the suffering is ending. As from tomorrow evening, we hope that the new equipment will pick up well. For us in Garissa County, we are delighted that the challenges we have had over the years will end. Many of the investors who wanted to come and invest in Garissa County could not do it because of the power supply issues, as the demand was more than the supply,” he added.

State invests in modern correctional facilities to improve rehabilitation

BY BERNARD MUNYAO (KNA)

The government is investing in modern prison infrastructure and strengthening partnerships with non-state actors to transform correctional facilities into centres of rehabilitation, State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco has said.

Speaking while commissioning a new administration block, five office units, and a refurbished accommodation block at Murang'a Women GK Prison, State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco said the ongoing reforms are aimed at creating correctional institutions that promote rehabilitation, dignity and successful reintegration into society.

Dr. Beacco said the government is moving away from a purely punitive approach to one that focuses on rehabilitation and restorative justice, noting that improved infrastructure plays a critical role in achieving this objective.

"The Government remains committed to modernizing correctional institutions to ensure they effectively support rehabilitation while providing secure, humane and dignified environments for both inmates and officers," she remarked.

The PS noted that the department is increasingly leveraging public-private partnerships to accelerate reforms, acknowledging the contribution of development partners and civil society organizations in improving prison facilities and inmate welfare.

Among the projects commissioned was a refurbished mixed accommodation block designed



Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco (left) and other officials visit renovated Murang'a GK Prisons.

under state custody. During the same occasion, Freedom Within Kenya Director Dr. Mary Waceke said the organization partnered with the State Department for Correctional Services to support the rehabilitation of incarcerated mothers and improve the well-being of children living within correctional facilities.

She stated that creating condu-

to provide a more child-friendly environment for children who accompany their incarcerated mothers.

The upgraded facility offers larger, well-equipped rooms, enabling mothers to care for their children in a safer and more

dignified setting while serving their sentences.

Dr. Beacco said such investments recognize the unique needs of women inmates and their children, adding that correctional facilities must uphold the rights and welfare of all persons

Safe custody remains your foremost responsibility. Every person committed to our custody must remain secure, protected and accounted for

cive living spaces for mothers and their children enhances emotional wellbeing, strengthens family bonds and contributes to successful rehabilitation and eventual reintegration into society.

Echo Network Africa Chief of Party Sarah Muhoya on her part underscored the importance of collaboration between government and non-state actors in advancing correctional reforms.

She observed that empowering women, including those in correctional institutions, has far-reaching benefits that extend beyond prison walls.

"When women are empowered, the impact is felt across families and communities, creating more inclusive, resilient and dignified societies," She added.

While commending the facilities at the Murang'a Women GK Prison, the Principal Secretary challenged correctional officers to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and discipline.

She reminded officers that the success of correctional reforms depends not only on improved infrastructure but also on the dedication and commitment of the personnel entrusted with managing the institutions.

"Each officer carries a solemn responsibility bestowed by the Constitution, the laws of Kenya and the public trust. Safe custody remains your foremost responsibility. Every person committed to our custody must remain secure, protected and accounted for throughout their period of incarceration," added the PS.

The event was attended by Probation and Aftercare Service Acting Secretary Shadrack Kavutai, Director of Reforms at the Kenya Prisons Service SACGP Ali Athman among others.

Rehabilitated Arera Borehole eases water shortages in Garissa

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), in partnership with the County Government of Garissa, has commissioned the rehabilitated Arera Borehole in Shanta Abaq Sub-County, significantly improving access to safe, reliable and sustainable water for local communities and their livestock.

The project was implemented in response to growing pressure on the existing Arera water source, which had left residents vulnerable to recurrent water shortages, livestock losses and declining livelihoods during prolonged dry spells.

Completed at a cost of Sh1.7 million, the rehabilitated borehole is expected to strengthen pastoral livelihoods by providing

a reliable water supply for households and livestock while easing pressure on nearby water sources that often become overstretched during periods of drought.

Speaking during the commissioning, NDMA Chief Executive Officer Hared Adan said the project is part of the government's long-term strategy to strengthen drought resilience through investment in durable water infrastructure that reduces vulnerability and lessens response measures.

"During the recent drought, we received repeated appeals from the community to rehabilitate this borehole after livestock were forced to drink from hand-dug troughs, resulting in significant water losses and inefficient use of an already



NDMA CEO Hared Adan (second right) and Garissa County Chief Officer for Water Mohamed Ibrahim (second left) jointly commission the rehabilitated Arera borehole in Shanta Abaq Sub-County.

scarce resource," Adan said. He explained that NDMA mobilised resources to rehabilitate the borehole and improve water storage and livestock watering systems to ensure a more efficient and sustainable supply of

water. The intervention included construction of a fabricated steel water tower, installation of two elevated 10,000-litre water storage tanks, increasing total storage capacity to 20,000 litres, construction of four livestock

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watering troughs, and installation of pipelines and associated fittings. The upgraded system replaces previously used hand-dug watering points, significantly improving water efficiency, reducing wastage and enhancing livestock access to clean water. Adan noted that investing in resilient water infrastructure is central to reducing the human and economic impacts of drought in arid and semi-arid regions.

"Our focus is to reduce the cost of responding to drought by investing in long-term solutions that strengthen community resilience before crises occur. Every resilience investment protects livelihoods, safeguards development gains and reduces future expenditure on emergency response," he said.

Cruise ship from Asia docks in Mombasa with 717 tourists

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Kenya's cruise tourism has reached a momentous milestone with the arrival of MS Viking Yi Dun, the first-ever cruise vessel to sail directly from Asia to the Port of Mombasa. The ship brought 717 tourists and 450 crew members in a breakthrough voyage that signals the country's growing prominence as a global cruise destination.

The vessel's arrival brings the total number of cruise ships that have docked at the Port of Mombasa's modern cruise terminal to nine during the October-to-June cruise season, with 4,889 tourists on board. This represents an increase of 684 visitors compared to the previous cruise circuit.

During the last cruise season, five vessels called at the port, carrying 4,205 tourists. Before the end of 2026, Kenya is projected to receive a total of 20 cruise vessels.

The nine-year-old Norway-flagged luxury liner arrived at the Port of Mombasa carrying excited tourists, the majority from the People's Republic of China, alongside visitors from 16 other nationalities.

Stretching 228 metres in length and towering 10 decks above the waterline, the magnificent cruise ship cut an impressive silhouette against the Port of Mombasa skyline as it gracefully sailed into the modern cruise terminal. The vessel has a passenger capacity of 930. The tourists received a colourful welcome



MS Viking Yi Dun vessel Captain Alex Sehlstedt (Left) receives a gift of first call from Kenya Ports Authority Managing Director Capt. William Ruto (second right). PHOTO: SADIK HASSAN/KNA

from Mijikenda cultural performers, whose traditional music and dances showcased Kenya's rich coastal heritage before the visitors embarked on excursions to some of the country's iconic tourist attractions. The vessel's Captain, Alex Sehlstedt, said the

cruise began in Shanghai, China, and is sailing around Africa to South Africa before concluding its voyage in Tarragona, Spain.

"The weather has been beautiful so far, and the weather is perfect today. Not too warm for me as a polar bear, so this is very

nice," stated Capt. Sehlstedt.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Managing Director (MD) Capt. William Ruto described the maiden arrival of the cruise vessel from Asia as a testament to Kenya's growing appeal as a global cruise tourism destination and increasing confidence in the Port of Mombasa as a strategic gateway to East Africa.

"This is something that we have been looking forward to for a long time. You are all aware that most of our cruise ships have been coming from Europe, but this one is the first one coming from Asia," said Capt. Ruto.

He assured visitors that the Port of Mombasa remains safe and reaffirmed KPA's commitment to guaranteeing the security and comfort of all cruise tourists. He noted that the authority is leveraging the modern cruise terminal to attract more international cruise liners.

"I think this year we are really blessed. This is the ninth cruise ship visiting the Port of Mombasa," revealed Capt. Ruto.

FEATURE: MINING

New mining policy targets end of raw mineral exports

BY GODFREY WANG'ANYA AND PAUL NYOKECH (KNA)

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs has unveiled the draft Minerals, Mining and Beneficiation Policy 2026, a comprehensive framework aimed at transforming Kenya's mining sector from its current contribution of about one per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to a projected 10 per cent by 2030.

The policy marks a major milestone in the country's efforts to unlock the full potential of its mineral resources and reposition mining as a key driver of industrialisation, job creation and export earnings.

Speaking during a stakeholders' meeting held at Magharibi Hall in Kakamega, Mines Inspector Philip Kirui said the policy builds on the foundation laid by the Mining Act, 2016, but introduces critical reforms to address emerging challenges and opportunities in the sector.

"The government recognises that mining has the capacity to contribute significantly to economic development, and this policy provides the roadmap to achieve that vision," said Kirui.

The meeting brought together miners, investors, community representatives and government officials

from the State Department for Mining to discuss the draft policy and provide input ahead of its final adoption.

The proposed policy, titled Transforming Livelihoods through Sustainable Development and Utilisation of Mineral Resources, outlines eight thematic areas: policy and legal framework; mineral resource endowment; mining and mineral management; mineral value addition and beneficiation; artisanal and small-scale mining; mineral promotion and marketing; sector enablers and sustainability; and emerging cross-cutting issues.

A key feature of the policy is the formalisation and integration of artisanal and small-scale mining into the mainstream economy, supported by structured mechanisms aimed at improving safety, productivity and incomes for small-scale miners.

Mines Inspector Jeff Muchiri said the policy places strong emphasis on in-country value addition and mineral processing, noting that Kenya has for long exported raw minerals with minimal benefits.

"Currently, Kenya exports the bulk of its minerals in raw form, fetching low returns on the international market. The government is committed to reversing this trend by promoting local processing and beneficiation to create jobs and retain value within the country," said Muchiri.

He added that Kenya cannot continue exporting raw minerals while other countries reap



1. A pictorial view of the Sh5.8 billion Kenya's first gold refinery being constructed at Iguhu in Ikolomani Constituency, Kakamega County. The facility is expected to enhance mineral value addition and eliminate middlemen in the gold trade.
2. An artisanal miner descends into a gold mine at Rosterman in Kakamega County as Kenya advances reforms aimed at formalising and modernising the mining sector.

the benefits of value addition, noting that the new framework seeks to correct this imbalance.

A major highlight of the policy is the gazette of 14 strategic minerals considered essential for key industrial sectors, including renewable energy, electric vehicle manufacturing and advanced technology industries.

The government says prioritising these minerals will position Kenya as a regional hub for mineral exploration, processing and value addition.

The forum also revealed that the government has completed a nationwide airborne geophysical survey covering the entire terrestrial landmass of Kenya. The survey identified 970 geophysical

anomalies, which will undergo ground-truthing to confirm mineral potential and provide reliable geological data for investors.

Brian Bundi, the Ground Chief Mining Officer for Busia County, urged stakeholders to provide constructive feedback, noting that public participation would shape the final policy.

"This is your opportunity to be heard. The government has developed this policy in a consultative manner, and we want to ensure it reflects the aspirations of all stakeholders," said Bundi.

Participants raised concerns about implementation, particularly access to geological data, fair distribution of mining benefits and royalties, and the participation of local communities in mining revenues.

Investor Henry Shikanga shared his experience of losing over Sh1 million in mining ventures due to lack of reliable geological information, calling for improved access to data.

FEATURE: CONSERVATION

Inside Europe's Bioeconomy revolution and what Kenya can learn



PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

As the world searches for sustainable pathways to economic growth, the bioeconomy is rapidly emerging as one of the defining development opportunities of the 21st century.

It is an economy powered by renewable biological resources, transformed through science, research, technology and innovation into food, medicines, industrial materials, chemicals, energy and environmental solutions. Unlike the traditional extractive economy, the bioeconomy is regenerative, circular and knowledge-driven, creating wealth while protecting ecosystems and addressing climate change.

Global bioeconomy economic value is estimated at US 4 trillion. While Africa possesses one of the world's richest biological resource bases with about 60% of uncultivated arable land – hence huge potential.

My recent visit to the University of Hohenheim in Germany offered a compelling demonstration of what the future could look like. An example of Bioeconomy Agri-Food-Health Hub which integrates agriculture, biotechnology, genomics, health sciences, engineering and digital technologies into a single innovation ecosystem. Multidisciplinary approach in

addressing pressing challenges societal issues. Equally impressive are its modular on-farm biorefineries, where agricultural biomass is converted into proteins, biomaterials and industrial chemicals. Farmers become active participants in value addition rather than suppliers of raw materials, significantly increasing rural incomes while minimizing waste through circular production systems. We have at least 18 Universities offering agricultural courses that we can target in a cluster approach.

The integrated approach reflects the broader vision of the European Union, where the bioeconomy has become a strategic pillar of the European Green Deal and industrial competitiveness. Through Horizon Europe, the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking and other funding mechanisms, Europe is investing billions of euros in biotechnology, biomanufacturing, sustainable food systems and circular industries. These investments are creating high-value industries, quality jobs and climate-smart solutions while reducing dependence on fossil resources. Similar approaches in Africa includes Africa bioscience initiative, Bioeconomy strategy which should be enhanced and implemented.

Africa possesses some of the world's richest biological resources, extraordinary biodiversity and a youthful scientific population. Yet the continent continues to export raw agricultural commodities while importing expensive finished products. The next phase of Africa's development must focus on transforming biological resources into high-value products through science, innovation and industrialization.

For Kenya, the bioeconomy should extend far beyond agriculture. It should encompass

biotechnology for improved crops and livestock, genomics and precision breeding, biosensors for disease surveillance and food safety, synthetic biology, bioinformatics, biosecurity systems for emerging biological threats, biosafety frameworks for responsible innovation, biopharmaceuticals, vaccines, industrial enzymes, bio-based chemicals, renewable biomaterials, waste-to-wealth technologies and sustainable marine bioresources. These are the industries that will define future competitiveness and economic resilience. In so doing we should create a strong partnership with private sector towards local manufacturing of various health products.

A successful bioeconomy cannot be built through isolated research projects. It requires a Grand Challenge approach that brings together government, universities, research institutions, industry, farmers, investors and development partners around clearly defined national priorities. Grand Challenges have demonstrated globally that mission-driven research accelerates innovation by focusing scientific excellence on solving society's biggest problems. The state department of science, research and Innovation with National Research fund in partnership with Science Foundation for Africa is planning a launch. Such challenge-driven programmes would mobilize multidisciplinary teams, attract private investment and ensure research delivers

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measurable socioeconomic impact.

An important foundation for this transformation already exists through the Bio-KE (Bioeconomy Education and Policy for Kenya) Project. Bio-KE is strengthening higher education, research capacity, entrepreneurship and policy development to accelerate Kenya's transition towards a knowledge-based bioeconomy. The next phase should expand Bio-KE into a national bioeconomy innovation platform linking universities, research institutions, the National Research Fund, county governments and the private sector through thematic innovation clusters and living laboratories. Inspired by the Hohenheim model, these platforms can establish demonstration biorefineries, biotechnology hubs, genomics centres, biosensor laboratories, biosafety and Biosecurity and startup incubators that rapidly translate scientific discoveries into commercial products and thriving enterprises.

Financing remains the critical enabler. Government investment in science, research and innovation, will therefore be complemented by robust public-private partnerships and increased private sector participation. International partners including the Gates Foundation, Wellcome Trust, the European Union, the African Development Bank, the World Bank, CGIAR centres and other philanthropic organizations have played a transformative role in supporting health, agriculture and biotechnology research across Africa. The next frontier should be collaborative investments in integrated bioeconomy platforms that bridge discovery science, innovation, commercialization and industrial scale-up.

Universities and research institutes must become engines of economic transformation rather

than producers of academic publications alone. They should work closely with industry to develop market-ready technologies, protect intellectual property, nurture startups and create globally competitive bio-based enterprises. Government will support this ecosystem through enabling biosafety regulations, biosecurity preparedness, intellectual property protection, tax incentives, innovation financing and supportive procurement policies.

Equally important is investment in human capital. Kenya and Africa must expand post-graduate training in biotechnology, genomics, computational biology, bioengineering, biosafety, regulatory science, artificial intelligence and data science. Future scientists must be equipped to work across disciplines, combining biology, engineering, digital technologies and entrepreneurship to solve complex development challenges.

The future belongs to countries that transform biological resources into knowledge, innovation and industrial value.

As a country we possess scientific institutions, talented researchers, entrepreneurial youth and policy ambition to become Africa's leading bioeconomy hub. By embracing a Grand Challenge approach, strengthening Bio-KE, investing in research and innovation, and deepening partnerships among government, academia, industry and development partners, Kenya can lead Africa towards a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

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Kenya eyes 2m jobs in new Sh1.08 trillion agriculture blueprint

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

The Government has launched the National Agri-food Systems Investment Plan (NASIP) 2026-2030.

The ambitious Sh1.081 trillion blueprint is expected to transform agriculture, strengthen food security, create more than two million jobs, and unlock private investment across Kenya's agri-food sector.

Speaking during the opening of the 2026 Financing Agrifood Systems Sustainably (FINAS) Summit at the Kenyatta Interna-

tional Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the plan signals a shift towards financing agriculture as a competitive and investable sector.

In a speech read on his behalf by Livestock Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke, Kagwe said NASIP provides a fully costed investment framework covering crops, livestock, fisheries, irrigation, agro-industrialization, digital agriculture, climate resilience, research, innovation, and agricultural finance.



Livestock Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke officially launches the National Agri-food Systems Investment Plan (NASIP) 2026-2030. On his left is the Chairman of Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) Eng. John M. Mruttu.

The CS said the Government and counties will finance 35 per cent of the plan, while the private sector is expected to contribute 45 per cent, with development partners providing the remaining 20 per cent.

“NASIP is not simply about financing agriculture. It is about financing Kenya's future by building resilient food systems, modernizing agricultural value chains, creating jobs, increasing farmer incomes, and positioning Kenya as a regional hub for sustainable agri-food investment,” Kagwe said. He said the investment plan builds on the recently launched AgriConnect Compact, which outlines Kenya's commitments under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Kampala Declaration.



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30th June 2026



THE NATIONAL TREASURY

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026, THE DRAFT PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2026, AND THE DRAFT PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PROJECT MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The National Treasury, through the State Department for Public Investments & Assets Management, the Public Private Partnerships Directorate, calls for review and comments from the public on the:

- Public Private Partnerships (Amendment) Bill, 2026;**
- Draft Public Private Partnerships (General) Regulations 2026; and**
- Draft Public Private Partnerships (Project Management) Regulations 2026, hereinafter referred to collectively as "draft PPP Regulations".**

The National Treasury has scheduled a series of Public Participation Consultation Forums across various regions, commencing on Monday, 13th July 2026, to sensitize the public and solicit their views on the draft documents.

Public participation will be carried out as scheduled below:

| S/No | CLUSTERED COUNTIES | VENUE | DATE | TIME |
|--|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Nyanza/ Western Region | Kisumu, Siaya, Kakamega, Vihiga | Kisumu Hotel Kisumu | 13 th -14 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Bungoma, Transnzoia, Busia | Kibabii University | 13 th -14 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Kisii, Migori, Homabay, Nyamira, | Kisii University Kisii | 13 th -14 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| Coast Region | Mombasa, Lamu, Kilifi, Tana River, | Kenya School of Government Mombasa | 16 th -17 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Kwale | Diani Pride Inn Diani Kwale | 16 th -17 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Taita Taveta | Taita Taveta University | 16 th -17 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| Rift Valley | Uashin Gishu, Nandi, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kericho, West Pokot, Turkana | Eldoret Polytechnic Eldoret | 20 th -21 st July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Nakuru, Narok, Bomet, Nanyuki | Kenya Wildlife Services Naivasha | 20 th -21 st July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Kajiado | County Commissioners Office Kajiado | 20 th -21 st July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| Eastern/ Central | Embu, Meru, Tharaka Nithi | Kenya School of Government Embu | 23 rd -24 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Muranga | Dedan Kimathi University, Nyeri | 23 rd -24 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| | Kitui, Machakos, Makeni, | Agriculture Institute Kitui | 23 rd -24 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |
| Nairobi/ North Eastern Region | Nairobi, Kiambu, Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Samburu | Kenyatta International Convention Centre Nairobi | 28 th -29 th July 2026 | 9.00am - 5.00pm |

Members of the public are requested to submit representations and written memoranda on the Amendment Bill and draft Regulations.

The draft documents can be found on the National Treasury website <https://www.treasury.go.ke/public-notices/> or at the Public Private Partnerships Directorate website <https://www.PPPkenya.go.ke>.

The representations and written memoranda may be submitted by email to info@PPPkenya.go.ke, addressed to the Principal Secretary, Public Investments & Assets Management.

Hand-delivered memoranda and representations should be addressed to the Director General, Public Private Partnerships Directorate and delivered to the PPP Directorate's offices on **the 6th Floor Kenya Reinsurance Plaza on Taifa Road.**

All representations and memoranda should be received within 21 days following the publication of this advert.

Surveying training set for major overhaul

BY CATHERINE MUINDI
(PCO)

Kenya's surveying and geospatial training is set for a major overhaul following a consultative meeting between the Land Surveyors' Board and Universities, which agreed on the need for a harmonized training framework, clear professional pathways and legal reforms to align the profession with emerging technologies and industry needs.

The meeting held at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies, brought together universities offering Surveying, Geomatics Engineering and Geospatial Engineering programmes, alongside representatives from the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA), the Council of Governors (CoG), the Director of Surveys, Board Members and the Secretariat to deliberate on the future of geospatial education and professional Practice in Kenya.

Opening the meeting, the Chairman of the Land Surveyors' Board, Mr. Maritim Weldon, commended universities for their critical role in producing the next generation of geospatial professionals and reaffirmed the Board's commitment to strengthening collaboration with institutions of higher learning.

"The surveying profession today extends far beyond land subdivision. Surveyors and geospatial

professionals are at the centre of land administration, infrastructure development, environmental conservation, urban planning, natural resource management, disaster risk management and national development. Our responsibility is to ensure that graduates entering the profession possess the knowledge, skills and ethical standards required to serve the country effectively," said Mr. Maritim.

He noted that land, as defined under the Constitution of Kenya, encompasses the surface of the earth, subsurface resources, water bodies, marine areas, natural resources and airspace, making surveying and geospatial engineering indispensable to Kenya's development agenda.

The Chairman further explained that while the Commission for University Education (CUE) is mandated to accredit and assure the quality of university programmes, the Land Surveyors' Board is responsible for recognizing programmes for professional registration and licensing, regulating professional practice and safeguarding public interest.

He called for closer collaboration between universities, regulators and industry to ensure students are adequately supported from admission through to professional registration.

The Director of Surveys underscored the growing importance of geospatial technologies in driving national transformation.

"Surveying is no longer confined to measuring boundaries. Today, geospatial information powers infrastructure development, digital land administration, disaster preparedness, environmental management and climate resilience. As technology continues to evolve, our universities must produce graduates who are innovative, globally competitive and equipped with practical skills to solve real national challenges," he said.

Representing the participating universities, Dr. Malachi Odongo of the Technical University of Kenya welcomed the consultative approach adopted by the Board, describing it as a significant step towards strengthening professional education.

"Curriculum development cannot happen in isolation. Continuous engagement between academia, regulators and industry ensures that graduates possess competencies that meet professional standards while responding to emerging technologies and the evolving needs of society," he said.

Among the key resolutions was the need to harmonise the naming of Surveying, Geomatics Engineering and Geospatial Engineering programmes across universities. The proposed association will submit recommendations within three months for consideration by the Board as part of the ongoing legal and policy reforms.

State targets menstrual economy to drive growth

BY ANITA KARIUKI AND
LILLIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

The Government has called for increased investment in the menstrual health sector, saying Kenya has the potential to transform it into a vibrant industry that creates jobs, promotes innovation and accelerates economic growth.

State Department for Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana, while officially opening the Kenya Menstrual Economy Conference in Nairobi, said the country must move beyond viewing menstruation solely as a health issue and recognize it as an economic

opportunity that cuts across agriculture, textiles, manufacturing, research, innovation, logistics, waste management and financial services.

"We must move beyond seeing menstruation as simply a biological function and prioritise initiatives that build a vibrant menstrual economy, which creates jobs, expands manufacturing, supports innovation and ensures that every woman has access to affordable, safe and quality menstrual health products," he said.

The PS said the government remains committed to creating an enabling environment for local manufacturers through industrial policies, enter-

prise development programmes and protection of innovations to strengthen the production of menstrual health products.

He urged innovators to safeguard their intellectual property before commercializing their products and challenged entrepreneurs to focus on scaling up production rather than merely showcasing products at exhibitions.

State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe said menstrual health is a matter of dignity, gender equality and human rights, urging manufacturers to make sanitary towels more affordable to reduce period poverty.

State moots amendments to cybercrime law to confront emerging AI threats

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI
(KNA)

The Government has mooted amendments to the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act to close gaps exposed by Artificial Intelligence-driven threats and confront new forms of fraud, identity manipulation and misinformation.

Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Dr Raymond Omollo, said cases of cyber-attacks targeting government institutions had risen in recent years, with the state estimating losses running into billions of shillings annually.

Speaking during the official opening of the sixth annual Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) Conference in Naivasha, the PS said the government was committed to ensure that threats posed by AI and cybercrime were addressed promptly.

"We need to make amendments to some of the

regulations, including the Act, and I want to assure all that the government is fully committed to delivering a secure cyberspace," Dr Omollo said.

Dr. Omollo said AI presented both opportunities and risks, warning that the country faced heightened exposure to AI-generated disinformation and manipulation of public opinion ahead of the next general election.

"As we get ready for the next general elections, we are seeing a lot of increased risks associated with AI-generated defects and manipulation of public opinion online," he said.

On digital service delivery, Dr Omollo said the eCitizen platform now supports more than 24,000 government services, serves over 15 million users, and processes roughly 500,000 transactions daily.

He added that a major digital push was under way in the health sector, including digitisation of health records supported by the Digital Health

Authority and Social Health Authority.

He said measures are already in place, including enforcement of the existing Act, the operationalisation of the National Computer and Cybercrimes Coordination Committee (NC4), and the rollout of the Critical Information Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity Management Regulations, 2024.

Dr Omollo welcomed Parliament's recent approval of the National Cybersecurity Agency, saying it would strengthen coordination and improve the country's readiness against evolving threats.

The PS urged local investment in cybersecurity innovation, saying Kenya should aim to export, not just import, cybersecurity solutions.

On his part, the Director National Computer and cybercrimes coordination committee (NC4) Dr James Kimuyu said that the country had made strides in dealing with cyber threats.

Samurai's Sh 13.1 billion loan facility to upskill 15,000 automotive technicians

BY ANNE SABUNI (PCO)

About 15,000 technicians will be trained under the National Automotive Sector Development Project, under the State Department for Industry, to address industrial skills gaps and technological constraints.

Under the technical training and technology transfer component, the project that has benefitted from the Shs.13.1 Billion Samurai Loan Facility, will see benefiting Technical and Vocational Education and Training Institutions supported through curriculum updates and instructor capacity building.

In collaboration with Japanese automotive training institutions, the capacity building that targets youth and women will see a number gain skills through apprenticeships with Original Parts Manufacturers.

The fund is also expected to enhance capacity of the training institutions, and establishment of Research and Development laboratories focused on hybrid and clean technologies.

The National Automotive Sector Development Project

Implementation Unit, led by Project Coordinator Paul Kinyanjui and Director for Industries Gideon Oele, sitting at Nakuru based Kenya Industrial Training Institute (KITI) noted that the funds management framework under development would form a guide to the funds administration.

The team, that has collaborated with the National Treasury, is also expected to develop the Operation Manuals for the project, that rolls out this financial year.

"The funds are meant for short courses and skill upgrading. The beneficiaries will also be assisted to undertake Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certification tests and examinations," added Mr. Oele.

KITI Director Eng. Simiyu Wabwile lauded the rollout of the funds, noting that the institution was strategically positioned to serve as a center of excellence in automotive innovations and studies.

"We need to encourage local manufacturing of parts to go into assembly. The Original Equipment Manufacturers also need to set base here in this country for us to feel the changes in

the automotive sectors as making of cars in Kenya is possible and is happening," he noted.

President William Ruto has already assented to the Shs.22.1 billion deal with the Japanese Government, with the lion's share of Shs.13.1 Billion being channeled for the revamping of the automotive sector.

The Sh13.1 billion funding will support among others: expansion and modernization of vehicle assembly operations; development of local automotive parts manufacturing; financing for approved purchasers of locally assembled vehicles; support for dealers transitioning from imported used vehicles to locally assembled new vehicles; and growth of local supplier networks and value chains.

Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana, announced the rollout noting that "Kenya's automotive industry has recorded substantial growth over the last five years. Annual vehicle production has increased from approximately 7,000 units to over 20,000 units, while motorcycle production now exceeds 200,000 units annually."

Pastoralist communities receive Sh655m in carbon credit earnings

BY DAVID NDURO (KNA)

Pastoralist communities from four counties in northern Kenya have received Sh655 million in carbon credit earnings under a community-led rangeland conservation programme.

The beneficiaries are members of community wildlife conservancies in Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu and Laikipia counties, working in partnership with the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT).

The funds were disbursed through the Northern Kenya Rangelands Carbon Project (NKRCP), which allocates carbon credit revenues to participating conservancies.

Speaking during the cheque presentation ceremony in Isiolo, NRT Chief Operations Officer Osman Hussein, representing Chief Executive Officer Vimal Shah, said nearly 60 per cent of the funds would be paid directly to designated community groups within the conservancies.

He said the remaining 40 per cent would be shared equally between rangeland conservation and management activities and the conservancies' operational costs. Hussein noted that conservancies in the four counties have received more than Sh3 billion in carbon credit revenues since 2022.

NKRCP Board Chairman Andrew Dakhole said the



Pastoralist communities from four counties in northern Kenya have received Sh655 million in carbon credit earnings under a community-led rangeland conservation programme. The community leaders are pictured here during the presentation of a dummy cheque in Isiolo County.

cheques, received on behalf of the communities, represent earnings generated through the protection and restoration of grazing lands. He added that the communities' conservation efforts have made a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions.

Although the carbon credit programme began in 2013, participating communities only started receiving financial returns in 2022.

According to Dakhole, the programme experienced a setback last year after Verra, an organization that administers standards for climate action and sustainable developments suspended carbon credit issuance over concerns about governance,

integrity and transparency in fund management. "We were not able to sell our carbon credits from January last year because of the suspension. However, after thorough investigations and governance reforms, we have been readmitted to the market," Dokhole said.

The conservancies are now undergoing a three-year transition to become fully autonomous in managing the carbon project, with NRT

providing technical support and capacity building during the period. Earlier this year, NRT began aligning the conservancies with Kenya's carbon market laws by transferring governance of the carbon project to a community-owned Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a corporate structure that will manage the programme independently.

The transition follows amendments to the 2021 Project Implementation Agreement, giving conservancies full responsibility for managing carbon credit activities while ensuring compliance with the 2023 Climate Change (Amendment) Act and the 2024 Carbon Market Regulations.

“ We were not able to sell our carbon credits from January last year because of the suspension

LBDA harvests first rice crop at Ondago Swamp

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) has launched the first-ever rice harvest at Ondago Swamp in Karachuonyo Constituency, marking a major milestone in efforts to boost local rice production and reduce Kenya's reliance on imports.

Speaking during the launch, LBDA Managing Director Wycliffe Ochiaga said the authority began rice cultivation at the site about

five months ago, culminating in the successful harvest.

More than 200 acres are now ready for harvesting, while over 5,000 acres have been placed under production across the wider Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme.

Ochiaga said the authority plans to expand production to more than 20,000 acres within the next year once the irrigation scheme becomes fully operational.

"The Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme has enormous potential to support more



Lake Basin Development Authority launches the harvesting of rice at Ondago swamp in Homa Bay County.

than 20,000 acres under rice cultivation. At an average yield of between 3.5 and 4 tonnes per acre, the project will significantly boost local rice production and help bridge the gap between domestic demand and imports," he said.

He noted that rice had

never been cultivated in Ondago before, making the project the area's first commercial rice farming initiative. Beyond increasing food production, the project has created employment opportunities for youth, women and men while improving household incomes.

BRIEFS

KEMRI boosts Ebola preparedness at border

BY ELIZABETH AKINYI AND JANE KEFRICA

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) has donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the Malaba One Stop Border Post and Kocholia Sub-County Hospital to strengthen preparedness and help prevent the spread of the Ebola virus.

The donation includes aprons, face shields, N95 respirators, surgical masks, gumboots, thermometers, tents, and other essential equipment for screening, initial isolation, and sample collection.

Malaba is one of Kenya's busiest transit points along the Northern Corridor, serving thousands of traders, truck drivers, and other travellers crossing into Uganda before continuing to the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), making it a critical point for disease surveillance and border health security.

According to Malaba Port Health Officer Dr Everlyne Walela, more than 1,500 people cross the border daily, including about 800 international

travellers and 700 local commuters.

She said the high volume of cross-border movement increases the risk of Ebola transmission following reported cases in the DRC. However, she noted that health authorities have intensified screening at the border, with the KEMRI donation significantly enhancing the country's preparedness.

"A tent erected at the Malaba One Stop Border Post will serve as a temporary holding area for any suspected Ebola case before the patient is transferred to Alupe Sub-County Hospital for further management," said Dr Walela.

She urged residents and travelers to remain vigilant until the outbreak is officially declared over, noting that neighbouring DRC is still battling the disease.

KEMRI representative Solomon Lang'at said the donated protective equipment is aimed at strengthening national preparedness by ensuring all travelers entering Kenya are properly screened.

Clean water finally flows to 1,000 Taveta homes

BY ARNOLD MASILA

More than 500 learners and over 1,000 households in Riata, Taita Taveta County, are set to benefit from improved access to clean and safe water following the commissioning of the Sh21 million Riata Kubwa Water Project by the County Government of Taita Taveta in partnership with World Vision.

The renewable energy-powered project, which runs on solar energy, is expected to transform education, public health, sanitation and livelihoods by ending years of chronic water shortages that forced residents and schoolchildren to travel long distances in search of water. Implemented in two phases, the project involved drilling a borehole, installing and equipping pumping systems, solarising the water supply system, conducting test pumping, constructing a 100,000-litre masonry water tank,

establishing four community water points, and extending a six-kilometre pipeline to serve households, schools and public institutions.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony at Riata Primary School, Governor Andrew Mwadime said the project demonstrates his administration's commitment to expanding access to clean and safe water across the county.

He said a reliable water supply would significantly reduce the burden on households while improving school enrolment and attendance, noting that many learners had previously missed classes because they spent hours searching for water.

"The Riata Kubwa Water Project will greatly reduce the distance residents travel to fetch water. School attendance will improve because learners will no longer spend learning time searching for water," said Mwadime.

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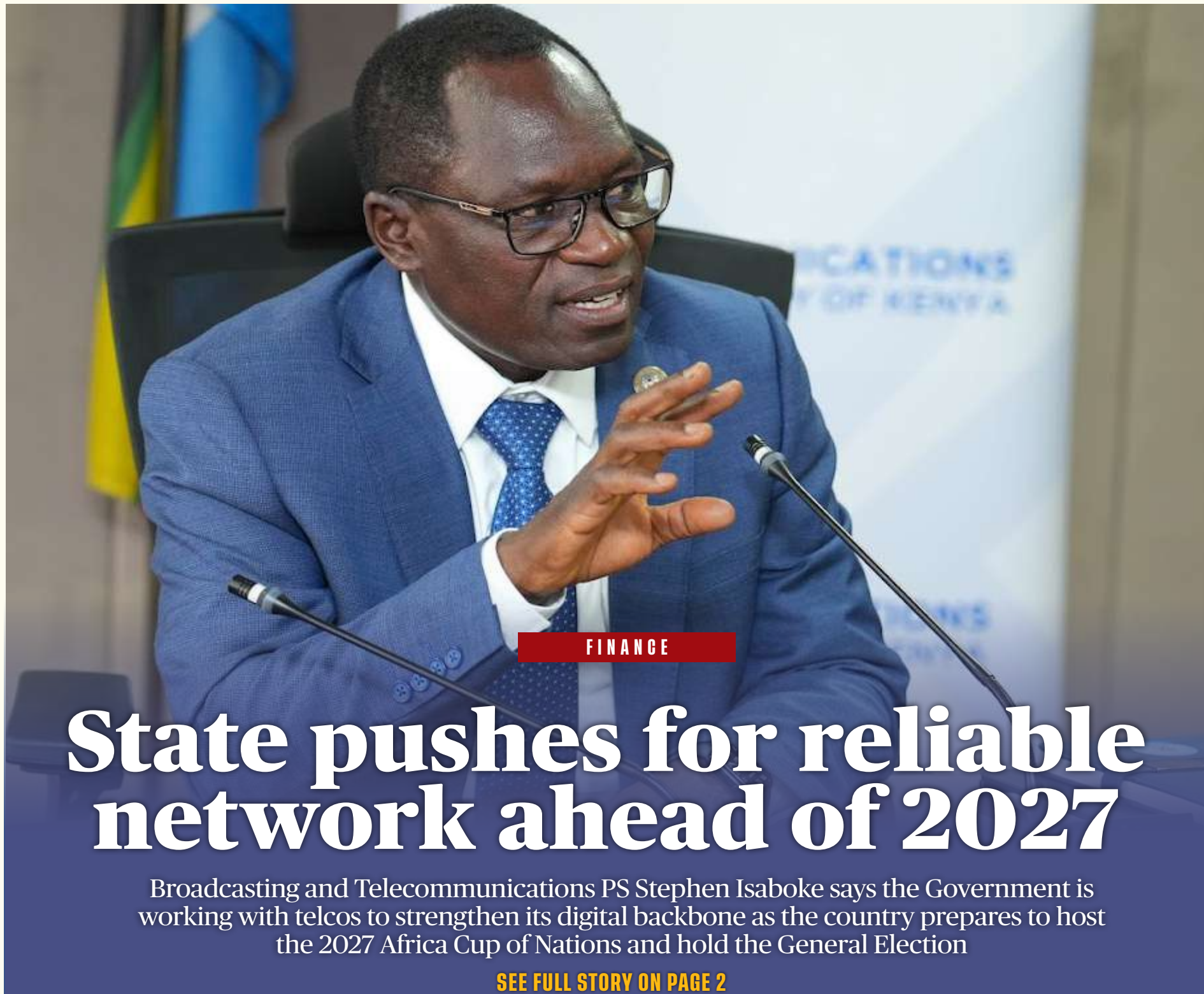


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FINANCE

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CONNECTIVITY

State eyes better telecom service quality as country readies for AFCON, polls in 2027

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Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS Stephen Isaboke (centre) during a meeting with Communication Authority Director-General David Mugonyi and Chief Executive Officers of leading telcos namely Mr Peter Ndegwa (Safaricom), Mr Djibril Tobe (Airtel Kenya) and Mr Mugo Kibati (Telkom Kenya), among other officials.

The Government has committed to strengthening telecom service quality as Kenya prepares for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, the next General Election and grows its digital economy that is increasingly dependent on reliable connectivity.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke said the Government will work with mobile operators, focusing on expanding coverage, improving network reliability and ensuring affordable access, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Mr Isaboke spoke during a meeting attended by Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) Director General David Mugonyi and Chief Executive Officers of telecommunication firms namely Mr Peter Ndegwa (Safaricom), Mr Djibril Tobe (Airtel Kenya) and Mr Mugo Kibati (Telkom Kenya).

Mr Isaboke noted that reliable connectivity is not a private convenience but it is central to national development.

Connectivity, he added, facilitates mobile money, digital lending, e-commerce and the Government's own drive to move public services online.

"A weak signal in a rural trading centre or a congested urban network is increasingly a barrier to digital inclusion. We will do everything to ensure that Kenyans receive the services they deserve. Where there are gaps, especially as technology evolves, we will work together to address them," he said.

The leaders deliberated on whether Kenya's Quality of Service (QoS) framework still fits a country now awash with AI-driven applications, heavier data use and rising customer expectations.

Participants were informed that a draft performance assessment framework has already been developed and operators were urged to keep investing in network planning so infrastructure does not fall behind demand.

Industry leaders pressed the Government for concrete timelines, calling for the partnership to move from broad commitments to a firm implementation calendar.

PS Isaboke urged early coordination



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between the State Department and the Ministry, regulators and industry on upcoming infrastructure projects, arguing that involving operators from the outset spares the country



the cost of retrofitting connectivity later.

On the 2027 electoral process, he said quality communication services will be critical for citizens accessing Government platforms and voter registration systems, and that operators carry statutory obligations that will come under increased scrutiny.

"Elections place unique demands on our networks, from voter registration to results transmission. Operators have clear obligations in that process," he said, adding that participants had also flagged the need for a dedicated communication strategy for the election period, given the heightened public sensitivity and network surge that voting season typically brings.

The PS said the ICT Ministry will work with the Ministry of Sports to enhance connectivity in stadiums, transport corridors hotels and fan zones during the AFCON 2027, which Kenya is hosting with Uganda and Tanzania.

"AFCON is not just a sporting event; it is a chance to show the world what Kenya's digital infrastructure can do," he said.

Mr Mugonyi said the Authority is

safeguarding service quality and protecting consumers as he pressed operators to enhance customer experience ahead of major continental events.

He noted that there was mounting concern from consumer over dropped calls, slow internet and fluctuating network performance and asked the telcos to address the issues.

Mr Ndegwa said quality of service is central to competitiveness, not just a licence requirement.

"Quality of service is not something we do because the licence demands it; it is central to how we compete and how we keep the trust of our customers," he said, as he cited challenges such as rapid urbanisation and high-rise buildings affecting signal.

He affirmed that his firm will continue to invest in fibre, 4G and 5G networks, adding that satellite connectivity is a technology that could push Kenya towards near-universal coverage.

"Satellite technology will allow us to reach customers wherever terrestrial networks cannot," he said. He observed that operators rely on customer feedback and the Universal Service Fund (USF) to target localised service gaps in remote and difficult terrain.

Mr Tobe called for sustained investment, noting that closing coverage gaps in underserved areas remains a shared priority for operators rather than a point of competition.

"Whether it is a village in the north or a growing estate here in Nairobi, Kenyans expect the same quality of service," he said.

Mr Kibati said that Telkom is upgrading its network to ensure it aligns with national timelines.

"We are working closely with the Ministry and the Authority to make sure our network can carry the load that AFCON and the elections will place on it," he said.

Mr Isaboke thanked the telcos for their commitment in improving service quality, which he said was not unique to Kenya as Uganda and Tanzania face similar challenges.

"This is exactly the kind of engagement we need, one where we can challenge each other honestly and still walk away with practical solutions," he said. ■

INFOBOX

FACTS AND FIGURES: KENYA'S TELECOMMUNICATION SECTOR

- * **Mobile Connectivity**
77.5 million mobile connections active by late 2025, equivalent to 134% of the population (multiple SIM ownership common). SIM subscriptions continue to grow, with Safaricom leading market share, followed by Airtel and Telkom.
- * **Internet and Broadband**
23.4 million internet users (40.5% penetration). Mobile broadband remains dominant, with 4G widely available and 5G rollout underway in Nairobi and other urban centers. Fixed broadband subscriptions are limited but growing, especially in Nairobi and Mombasa.
- * **Social Media and Digital Adoption**
18.4 million social media identities (31.8% of population). Platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and Instagram dominate usage. Social media penetration is highest among youth aged 18–35.
- * **Mobile money**
Kenya's mobile money sector is massive: over 94 million registered accounts, 53.4 million active subscriptions, and more than Sh41.6 trillion (\$322 billion) in transaction value annually. Safaricom's M-Pesa dominates with nearly 89% market share, supported by over 600,000 agents nationwide.
- Agents & Accessibility**
564,330 active agents (Central bank of Kenya (CBK), May 2026). 602,470 registered agents (CA, March 2026), showing rapid expansion into rural areas. Agents are the backbone of cash-in/cash-out services, moving KSh 680.99 billion monthly.
- Transaction Volumes:**
46.41 billion transactions processed in FY 2025/26. Total value: Sh41.68 trillion (\$322 billion).
- Kadogo (micro) transactions** account for 36.8% of all activity, highlighting mobile money's role in everyday commerce.
- Market Share**
Safaricom's M-Pesa: 89.1% of subscriptions. Airtel Money and Telkom play smaller roles but are growing. M-Pesa remains indispensable for businesses—accepting it is "not optional."
- Challenges**
Cybersecurity risks: Fraud and scams remain a concern. Competition: Smaller providers struggle against Safaricom's dominance. Regulation: Balancing innovation with consumer protection is critical.

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook supports environment conservation efforts

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These projects blend forest restoration with community driven activities like cycling and marathons and the betterment of livelihoods.

KYEB is amplifying the message that conservation is not only about protecting trees but also about strengthening livelihoods and



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lillian Kimeto plants a tree in Cherangany.



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fostering national pride.

Ms Lillian Kimeto, KYEB's Chief Executive Officer, said that the institution is currently partnering with KICP to showcase how communities can blend restoration with livelihoods,

sports and national pride.

She noted that KYEB's role is to amplify environment stories and ensure Kenyans are aware that conservation not just as protecting trees, but as safeguarding their future.

Besides the editorial work, KYEB is actively participating in tree planting campaigns as part of its performance contracting and in line with the Government's 15 billion tree campaign.

KYEB is mandated to document Government initiatives, programmes and projects, ensuring that citizens have access to accurate, comprehensive and timely information on national development. ■

Kaptagat Forest restoration initiative kicks off with cycling challenge

Event held last week is among a series of activities lined up ahead of the July 11 main celebration, which will be graced by President William Ruto

About Sh2 million was up for grabs as the Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme (KICP) cycling challenge was held on July 4, 2026 in Elgeyo Marakwet County.

The cycling bonanza kicked off annual activities under KICP, with the cyclists racing down valleys and climbed hills for the environment.

The 80km race attracted participants from across the region, including from neighbouring Uganda and Congo.

Besides the cyclers, the event brought together Government officials led by KICP Patron Dr Chris Kiptoo, who is also the PS National Treasury, environmental groups, local leaders, various partners and the community, all united to conserve the environment.

The event featured various categories namely junior, para-cyclists, elite and veterans. Kendra Masika and Lawrence Larot emerged tops in the men and women elite categories, each pocketing Sh200,000.

Charles Adimo was one of the cyclists who participated in the men elite category.

Adimo, who has been racing for over 10 years and has participated in Olympics and world championships, said the race provided him the challenge he needed.

"Today's course was special because of the high altitude of up to 2,700 feet above sea level. This comes with its own challenges if you are used to training in other places but I endured all to come second," said Adimo.

The racer participated in the competition not only to build his career but also to support the Kaptagat Forest conversation efforts.

His colleague, Billy Mangwana, said he took part in the race after training in Kaptagat, which he noted is one of the best places to train because of the high altitude.

"Last year the weather was not friendly because it was too cold and I didn't perform well. This time round we had a perfect weather and I did my best emerging third," said the cyclist, who is based at Murang'a Kenya Cycling Federation camp.

Mangwana said his love for cycling and environmental conversation made him register for the Kaptagat cycling challenge.

He has represented Kenya in international events, including in Trinidad and Tobago and African Championships in Nigeria, where he came fourth.

Masika said she was proud to win at her "home ground" since she lives and trains in Kaptagat.

"I am happy that I haven't let down my community. They encourage me when they see me cycling during training," she said.

Dr Kiptoo said KICP is using the event

CONSERVATION



Mining PS Harry Kimutai flags off the Kaptagat Cycling Challenge alongside Dr Chris Kiptoo, PS National Treasury and Mr Mugambi Gitonga (PS Forestry) and other leaders in Elgeyo Marakwet County last Saturday. Below: Left, Kendra Masika, winner of women's elite race and right: Lawrence Larot (centre), winner of men's elite race.



to promote cycling in the region. "We are restoring forests as well as encouraging sports in this region for better livelihoods. Kaptagat and Elgeyo Marakwet in general is well known for athletics, this is an opportunity to make this area popular with cycling," he said.

He added that this year marks 10 years since the programme was started. "As I look



back, I thank everyone who has been part and parcel of this programme, including the community," he said.

Mr Gitonga Mugambi, the PS Forestry, said the Department supports the programme and is using it as a model for other parts of the country.

"We have partnered with Dr Chris Kiptoo

to learn and replicate the success across the country. Currently, such restoration efforts are going on in 32 other sites across the country," he said.

Mr Harry Kimutai, the PS Mining who was the chief guest, said he was happy to see the trees planted 10 years ago now fully grown.

"This is fulfilling. I am happy to see the community taking part and embracing the project. Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme is key in achieving the 15 billion trees planting campaign," he said.

Other upcoming activities under KICP are a tree planting event on July 10, 2026 followed by a marathon the following day, with President William Ruto expected to grace the event. ■

University of Eldoret to hold annual trade fair from Sep 24

The University of Eldoret will host its annual Agribusiness Trade Fair (ABTF) 2026 from September 24-26 at its main campus.

The event will bring together thousands of farmers, agribpreneurs, researchers, investors and policymakers.

Themed "Promoting innovative climate-smart farmer-centred agribusiness for sustainable inclusive development," the fair has grown into one of Kenya's premier platforms for showcasing agricultural innovation, technology transfer and enterprise development.

Over 10,000 participants are expected to engage in

exhibitions, product demonstrations and knowledge-sharing sessions.

Highlights will include cutting-edge technologies, climate-smart solutions, youth entrepreneurship showcases and forums linking industry, Government, and academia.

Exhibitors and sponsors will gain direct access to farmers and agribusiness stakeholders, boosting visibility and unlocking new business opportunities.

Over the years, ABTF has evolved into a dynamic marketplace where farmers, agribpreneurs, researchers,

investors, County Governments and development partners converge to showcase technologies, exchange knowledge and build partnerships.

The university notes that exhibitors and sponsors at the trade fair will gain unparalleled opportunities to connect with Kenya's vibrant agricultural ecosystem.

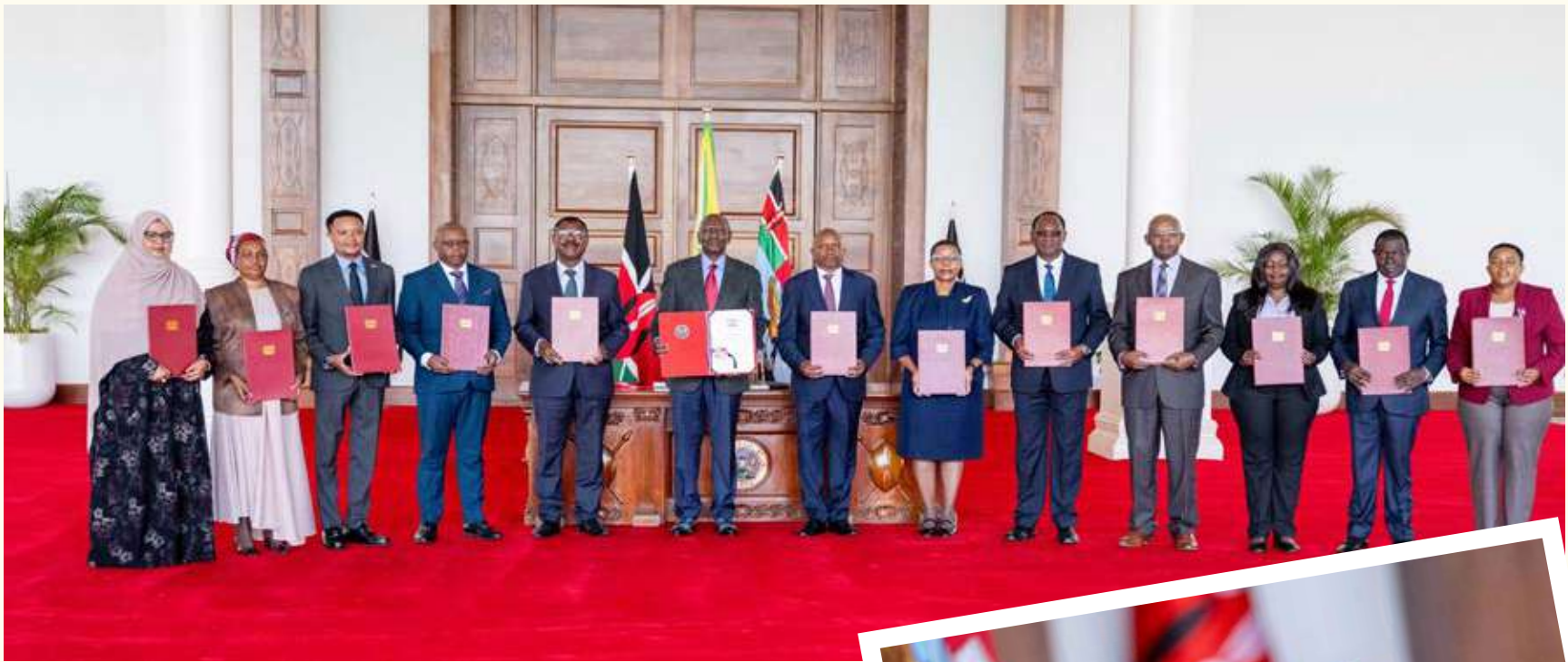
The fair offers direct access to thousands of farmers, agribpreneurs and industry stakeholders, creating a ready market for products, services and innovations.

It is a powerful platform to showcase technologies, increase brand visibility and strengthen market presence

among key players in agribusiness. The event also provides a stage to launch and demonstrate products to potential users and buyers, while opening doors to investment, collaboration and market expansion opportunities.

Agribusiness fairs play have become critical in promotion of various value chains, including value addition. They provide a dynamic platform where farmers, agribpreneurs, researchers, investors, and policymakers converge to exchange knowledge, showcase innovations and explore new opportunities. ■

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President William Ruto with his Deputy Kithure Kindiki and other leaders at State House Nairobi after he assented the Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2026, ushering in sweeping reforms aimed at strengthening the CBK's capacity to safeguard financial stability, improve banking oversight, and modernise the country's monetary policy framework. Below: He signs the Bill into law.



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo (right) with Mr Hatem Yousri Hosni, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Kenya, who paid him a courtesy call. The two held talks on strengthening cooperation between the two countries in the digital sector.



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, at the Women in Healthcare Kenya Convention in Nairobi. The convention brought together women leaders, healthcare professionals, policymakers, innovators, development partners, academia, students and young professionals from across Kenya's health sector to celebrate the contribution of women to healthcare delivery while strengthening networks, mentorship and collaboration.



Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen (right) when he joined the Prime Cabinet Secretary and CS for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, during a bilateral dinner hosted by the Embassy of Italy. The occasion reflected and celebrated the ties between the two nations and marked the successful conclusion of the working visit to Kenya by Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi.