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National Ambulance Dispatch Centre to revolutionise emergency response

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Government launches first emergency ambulance hub

New national dispatch centre has deployed 1,243 responders and 200 ambulances to cut response times and deliver lifesaving care across all 47 counties.

BY MARGOT WASHIALI (PCO)

The launch of the National Ambulance Dispach Centre is expected to cut emergency response times, strengthen coordination between health facilities, and improve access to emergency and critical care services for all Kenyans. The initiative, launched alongside the SHA 922 Lifeline, will transform emergency medical services across the 47 counties.

Unveiled by President William Ruto at the Social Health Authority (SHA) Headquarters in Nairobi, the Centre establishes the country's first centralized emergency medical dispatch hub designed to coordinate rapid response services in the country.

To make the system operational, the Government has deployed 1,243 emergency medical service providers nationwide, significantly expanding the country's emergency response workforce and reinforcing the delivery of coordinated pre-hospital care.

More than 200 ambulances accredited by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council

President William Ruto, speaking during the launch of the National Ambulance Dispatch Centre and the SHA 922 Lifeline at the Social Health Authority (SHA) Headquarters in Nairobi.

(KMPDC) have already been onboarded, with additional public and private providers expected to join the network as integration continues.

President Ruto anchored the initiative on the Constitution, reminding Kenyans that Article 43(2) makes a clear declaration: no person shall be denied emergency medical treatment.

He noted that for too long, this constitutional guarantee had remained beyond reach, with families often left to fend for themselves in critical moments such as childbirth complications, road accidents, or sudden illness.

"In a medical emergency, every minute matters. Doctors call the first 60 minutes the golden hour because what happens during that brief window can determine whether a patient lives, recovers fully, or suffers permanent injury or death," he said.

President William Ruto (centre), flanked by Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale(second right) and Mercy Mwangangi, the SHA Chief Executive Officer(second left) launch of the National Ambulance Dispatch Centre.

The President underscored that the fate of Kenyans in emergencies should never again depend on money in their pocket, where they live, or whom they know.

"That is not the equality promised by our Constitution. It is a lottery with human life. Today, we begin to change that," he declared.

President Ruto said Kenya has one national emergency medical number: 922, which is more than a telephone number, he said, calling it a national lifeline.

"It connects a citizen in distress to emergency medical assistance, an available ambulance, an appropriate health facility and the public financing required to pay for that intervention," he said.

Calls to 922 will be free on every network, accessible even without airtime, he said, adding that a trained emergency dispatcher will answer, establish the caller's location, assess the emergency and remain on the line to provide guidance while identifying the nearest available ambulance and the most suitable health facility.

He said that ambulance evacuation and the first 24 hours of emergency treatment will be paid for through the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund at approved tariffs.

"No deposit. No guarantee. No negotiation. No relative sent running for money while a patient's life hangs in the balance. In an emergency, the first question must never be whether a patient can pay. The first duty is to save life," the President affirmed.

He reiterated that no person requiring emergency medical treatment shall be denied, delayed, referred, or transferred because they cannot pay, because their cover cannot immediately be confirmed, or because a form is incomplete.

This, he said, is not just Govern-

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ment policy but a constitutional requirement.

The President highlighted the broader health reforms implemented since 2023, noting that 32.2 million Kenyans are now registered with SHA, eight million have received treatment, and Sh178.5 billion has been paid to hospitals, health centres, and dispensaries.

He pointed out that 107,000 Community Health Promoters have been deployed to households, while the Primary Healthcare Fund has disbursed KSh23.3 billion to more than 10,000 facilities.

More than 50,000 Kenyans have received cancer care, nearly 21,000 are on dialysis, and the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund has been financed with Sh8 billion to protect Kenyans when every other safety net runs out.

"The 922 Lifeline now brings these reforms together. The call, the dispatch of an ambulance, the admission of the patient, the treatment provided and the payment made will form one coordinated digital process. The money will move through the system. It will not move through the patient's pocket," he said.

President Ruto acknowledged that the success of the service depends on collaboration with counties, faith-based organisations, the Kenya Red Cross Society, St John Ambulance, and private providers.

KIAMIS ushers in evidence-based farming

We now have accurate data that enables us to plan better, target interventions effectively and ensure government resources reach the right farmers at the right time

BY DR. MUCHELULE YUSUF AND ABSALOM NAMWALO (PCO)

The Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS) is set to replace outdated surveys and manual records with real-time farm-level intelligence, ushering in a new era of evidence-based agricultural planning.

Speaking ahead of the Annual Kaimosi Agricultural Research and Training Centre Expo, Agriculture Principal Secretary, Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, said that KIAMIS has given government planners a powerful tool to target interventions, allocate resources efficiently and ensure farmers receive support when and where they need it most.

"Agriculture is increasingly knowledge-driven and technology-based. Through KIAMIS, we now have accurate data that enables us to plan better, target interventions effectively and ensure government resources reach the right farmers at the right time," Dr. Ronoh said.

He emphasized that reliable agricultural data is central to implementing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which positions agriculture as the foundation of economic growth, food security, employment creation and poverty reduction.

"Digital platforms such as KIAMIS are helping us move from assumptions to evidence-based planning. This is how we build resilient food systems and empower farmers through informed decision-making," he added.

The latest KIAMIS records reveal the scale of Kenya's agricultural strength, with 168,894 registered farming households spread across seven sub-counties and 33 wards. Of these, 106,036 are male farmers and 60,788 females, underscoring a robust workforce.

More than 1.35 million people are enrolled in farmer groups and cooperatives, a testament to the country's long-standing tradition of collective farming and cooperative development.

Crop production dominates the landscape, with 137,692 farmers engaged in crop farming and 127,762 households using certified seed, a milestone in the government's push for productivity through quality inputs.

Maize remains the dominant crop, covering 313,366 acres, followed by beans, tea, and bananas. The data further shows that 78,071 households straddle subsistence and commercial farming, 71,214 farms mainly for household consumption, while 48,661 run fully commercial enterprises.

Agricultural experts say these figures reflect a sector steadily shifting from subsistence to agribusiness, while still safeguarding household food security.

He said Kenya boasts 95,501 registered livestock farmers managing over 1.1 million animals across 68 value chains. Cattle dominate with 269,236 head, anchoring thriving dairy and beef industries.

While modern technologies are gaining ground, free-range grazing remains the most common system, followed by tethering and rotational grazing. Yet the data also highlights policy gaps.

Men account for nearly 64 per cent of registered farmers compared to 36 per cent women, pointing to the need for stronger Gender Equality and Social Inclusion programmes.

Another striking statistic is that 99 per cent of farms still depend on rainfall, with fewer than 900 farms under irrigation. Experts warn this exposes the sector to climate shocks and underscores the urgency of expanding irrigation and climate-smart technologies.

County agricultural officers confirm that real-time data has already improved planning. Departments can now pinpoint areas needing certified seeds, fertilizer support, irrigation projects, livestock vaccination, or extension services without relying on outdated surveys.

The dashboards also enhance accountability in public expenditure and help development partners design interventions that respond to actual needs.

While experts caution that digital dashboards cannot replace investments in infrastructure and inputs, they agree that accurate information is one of modern agriculture's most valuable ingredients.

The Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak (fourth from left) flanked by other government officials during the 9th Young Scientists Kenya National Science and Technology Exhibition at Moi Girls School Nairobi.

Kenya AI policy commended for promoting ethical use of artificial intelligence

BY PILI CHIMERAH (PCO)

The Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, has commended the Draft Kenya Artificial Intelligence and Other Emerging Technologies Policy, describing it as a crucial framework for guiding the ethical development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the country.

The draft policy, spearheaded by the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, is currently undergoing public participation, with the deadline for submitting public comments extended to today (11th August 2026).

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Speaking during the 9th Young Scientists Kenya National Science and Technology Exhibition at Moi Girls School Nairobi, Prof. Shaukat emphasized the importance of the policy in ensuring that AI is applied responsibly to solve societal challenges, improve productivity, and ease workloads.

He encouraged young innovators to embrace digital technologies responsibly and ethically, noting that the country's AI Policy will provide the necessary framework for the safe and responsible development and use of Artificial Intelligence.

"I urge the younger generation to use digital skills responsibly, especially Artificial Intelligence, to create a positive impact in society," he said.

The Principal Secretary further underscored the need to nurture young people's creativity and innovation, describing them as the driving force behind Kenya's future economic growth and global competitiveness.

"I have a lot of confidence in our younger generation. You are the ones who will shape this nation into a better and more prosperous country," he added.

Representing the Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy, Eng. John Tanui, the Director for Digital Skilling, Elizabeth Birgen, said the State Department recognizes the creativity, determination, and innovation demonstrated by young people as they leverage digital skills to address societal challenges.

She noted that young Kenyans across the country are identifying real-world problems and applying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to develop practical and impactful solutions.

"This is exactly the kind of problem-solving mindset that will drive Kenya's future economy," she said.

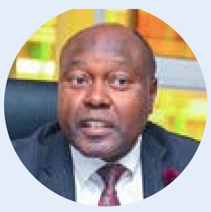
The exhibition brought together more than 300 students and their teachers from across the country, who showcased 154 innovative science projects designed to address local and global challenges.

Held under the theme, "Shaping Kenya's AI Future Using STEM," the exhibition comes at a time when Kenya is increasingly embracing Artificial Intelligence as a key driver of socio-economic transformation.

Birgen described the theme as timely, noting that equipping young people with AI knowledge and digital skills will position Kenya as a regional leader in digital innovation.

"Around the world, Artificial Intelligence is transforming how we learn, work, deliver services, and solve complex challenges. Kenya has an opportunity to position itself as a leader in this digital transformation, and that journey begins by investing in our young people," she said.

She reaffirmed the State Department's commitment to equipping young innovators with digital skills that foster innovation, creativity, and problem-solving, particularly in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.



Building a values-driven Public Service for Kenya's productivity agenda

BY FRANCIS MEJA

The recently concluded National Productivity and Performance Conference 2026 will be remembered as a defining milestone in Kenya's quest for a modern, efficient, and citizen-centred public service. More than a forum for dialogue, it signalled a national commitment to transform productivity from aspiration into a measurable driver of governance, economic growth, and service delivery.

Among the resolutions adopted, Resolution Four stands out as the most transformative. It commits all public institutions to build a productive, values-driven, and high-performance public service by strengthening human capital development, organisational culture transformation, and change management. The ambitious target is to raise compliance with constitutional values and principles from the current performance index of 46.5 per cent to at least 75 per cent by June 2028.

This is not simply another reform target. It represents a shift in how productivity is understood in government. Productivity is no longer about doing more with fewer resources; it is about creating institutions where integrity, innovation, accountability, and professionalism define how public servants work and how citizens experience government.

The conference affirmed a truth increasingly evident worldwide: sustainable public sector transformation begins with people. Technology, policies, and systems remain essential, but they cannot substitute for competent, ethical, and motivated public servants. Organisational culture ultimately determines whether reforms succeed or fail.

Under Article 234 of the Constitution, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is mandated to establish and abolish offices, appoint and promote officers, exercise disciplinary control, develop human resource standards, promote public service values, and evaluate compliance across institutions. Resolution Four therefore reinforces the Commission's constitutional responsibility to build a professional, ethical, and high-performing public service.

The PSC's role extends far beyond recruitment. It is entrusted with shaping the quality of leadership and human capital across government. Every merit-based appointment, competency framework, leadership development initiative, and compliance assessment contributes to building a public service capable of meeting the expectations of a rapidly changing society.

The conference also underscored that productivity must become part of organisational culture rather than remain an annual reporting exercise. High-performing institutions are distinguished by leadership that inspires innovation, rewards excellence, upholds integrity, and embraces continuous improvement. They encourage learning, adapt to change, and place citizens at the centre of decision-making. These are the values the PSC continues to champion.

Indeed, the journey towards implementing Resolution Four began long before the conference. The Commission has strengthened competency-based recruitment and promotion, mainstreamed productivity across institutions, invested in leadership and human capital development, supported digital transformation and AI skills, advanced diversity and inclusion, reinforced integrity systems, and promoted continuous learning throughout the public service. These initiatives are designed to embed productivity into everyday government culture rather than treat it as a compliance exercise.

Equally important is accountability. Achieving 75 per cent compliance with constitutional values by 2028 will require deliberate measurement, evidence-based decision-making, and sustained institutional commitment.

The PSC will continue working with Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Constitutional Commissions, and County Governments to strengthen human capital, monitor compliance with Articles 10 and 232, promote organisational transformation, and support reforms that improve service delivery. Its constitutional responsibility to evaluate and report on compliance provides a vital mechanism for ensuring institutions remain accountable for progress. Productivity must be measured not only by outputs but also by the quality, integrity, and responsiveness of services delivered to citizens.

During the conference, His Excellency President William Ruto challenged the PSC to ensure that merit, fairness, and performance remain the foundation of recruitment, promotion, and career progression, while constitutional values become the living standards of every public officer. That call reinforces a simple but profound reality: the future of Kenya's public service depends on a workforce that is competent, values-driven, and committed to excellence.

However, achieving the aspirations of Resolution Four cannot be the responsibility of the PSC alone. Every public institution must embrace this agenda. Accounting officers must champion organisational transformation. Managers must invest in their people. Public servants must commit to lifelong learning, innovation, and ethical leadership. Productivity is ultimately a shared responsibility.

Ultimately, every Kenyan should experience the benefits of a productive public service through faster services, transparent institutions, responsive government, and greater confidence that public resources are creating public value.

The writer is the Chairperson, Public Service Commission

Water supply system rehabilitation to improve supply for 260,000 Kenyans

The rehabilitation of the Nolturesh Water Supply System will support the residents of Makueni, Kajiado, Machakos and Kitui. More than 260,000 Kenyans will benefit from the project that seeks to restore ageing and vandalised infrastructure

BY CHARLES MATACHO, PCO

The Government has launched the rehabilitation of the Nolturesh Water Supply System, a major intervention aimed at improving water security and guaranteeing reliable water supply for more than 260,000 residents across the counties of Kajiado, Machakos, Makueni and Kitui.

The rehabilitation programme seeks to restore the efficiency of one of Kenya's strategic water supply systems, which has for years been affected by ageing infrastructure, vandalism, illegal water connections and high non-revenue water, resulting in nearly 80 per cent of treated water being lost before reaching consumers. The intervention aligns with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) by strengthening water infrastructure to support agriculture, livestock production, industrial growth, trade and improved livelihoods.

The programme was officially launched during a public participation forum held in Mbirikani, Kajiado County, led by the Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation, Julius Korir. The forum brought together Tanathi Water Works Development Agency Chief Executive Officer Sammy Naporos, the Tanathi Water Works Development Agency Board of Management led by Chairperson Hon. Regina Ndambuki, Geoffrey Tanui Deputy County Commissioner Loitokitok, representatives from the County Governments of Kajiado, Machakos, Makueni and Kitui, officials from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, water sector agencies, community leaders and residents.

Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation officials Led by PS Julius Korir (in reflective vest), inspect key sections of the Nolturesh Water system during a fact-finding mission to assess the extent of vandalism and plan the rehabilitation works.

Conducted in accordance with Article 10 of the Kenya's Constitution, the public participation exercise provided stakeholders with an opportunity to present their views and recommendations, reaffirming the Government's commitment to transparency, accountability and inclusive decision-making in the implementation of national development projects.

Speaking during the forum, PS Korir announced immediate measures to fast-track implementation of the rehabilitation programme.

"We will immediately deploy a team of engineers from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation to undertake a comprehensive technical assessment of the entire Nolturesh pipeline and recommend priority interventions. We will also immediately deploy police from Water Police Unit to protect this critical infrastructure, curb vandalism and illegal water connections, and safeguard water meant for wananchi," said PS Korir.

The Principal Secretary further announced that the Government will facilitate the regularisation of consumers through legal and properly metered water connections as part of efforts to reduce non-revenue water, improve accountability and enhance service delivery.

PS Korir noted that the Nolturesh Water Supply System, commissioned in 1990 through a partnership between the Governments of Kenya and Italy, was designed to serve a much smaller population whose primary livelihood was pastoralism. However, rapid population growth and the transition to agro-pastoralism have significantly increased water demand, making rehabilitation and expansion of the system imperative.

"The population has increased significantly since the project was established, and economic activities have changed from pastoralism to agro-pastoralism. We must therefore expand this water system to meet current and future demand," he said.

KICD promotes CBC innovations and creativity in learning institutions

BY ERICK OMULO (PCO)

Wheat and rice farmers may soon find lasting relief from the destructive quelea birds, thanks to an innovative solution developed by learners from Agoro Sare High School in Homa Bay County. The learners, working alongside their Agriculture and Biology teacher, have also developed an Automated Solar-Powered Water and Seed Sower Machine designed to make farming more efficient and cost-effective.

The two innovations attracted widespread interest from farmers, researchers, educators and other stakeholders during the Kaimosi Agricultural Expo 2026, where the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) sponsored the school's participation and provided a platform to showcase the innovations.

Promoting innovation and transforming creative ideas into practical solutions is critical to Kenya's industrialisation agenda and its aspiration to compete with advanced economies such as Singapore and South Korea. Achieving food security requires embracing modern agricultural technologies that enhance productivity while reducing production costs.

The innovations by Agoro Sare High School demonstrated how competency-based learning equips learners to provide practical solutions to societal challenges. Their exhibition at the Kaimosi Agricultural Expo drew significant attention from farmers, researchers, educators and visitors, highlighting the transformative potential of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in driving technological advancement and sustainable development.

KICD sponsored the school's participation as part of its commitment to promoting learner-centred innovations that address real-life challenges. The initiative aligns with the Institute's mandate of developing a 21st-century curriculum that nurtures creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills.

The Automated Solar-Powered Water and Seed Sower Machine was among the outstanding innovations presented during the 2026 Kenya National Science and Engineering Fair.

The innovation was developed by Mr. Danielle Winyo, an Agriculture and Biology teacher at Agoro Sare High School, together with learners Godwins Ouma and Vincent Omwamba, under the leadership of the school's Chief Principal, Dr. Isack Okeyo Ogol. Their inventions demonstrate the practical application of knowledge and competencies acquired through CBC in addressing community challenges.

The Automated Solar-Powered Water and Seed Sower Machine is designed to improve agricultural productivity by reducing labour requirements and saving time. The machine performs multiple farming operations simultaneously, including ploughing, harrowing, seed dispensing and covering, irrigation, and fertilizer application. It also features a security coding system that allows users to programme its operations while protecting it from unauthorised use and damage.

The school also showcased another innovation dubbed "Sparrow", a robotic bird-control device developed to protect rice and wheat farms from destructive quelea birds. The machine detects birds, scares them away and sprays deterrent chemicals, thereby minimising crop losses and enhancing food security.

Prof. Charles Ong'ondo, KICD Chief Executive Officer encouraged learning institutions to be more innovative and come up with solutions to address societal challenges.

He noted that the Competency Based Curriculum is equipping learners with the knowledge, practical skills, values and innovative mindset needed to solve real-life challenges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT

(No. 13 of 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act 2019 of the laws of Kenya, the owner of parcel No. **L R. 4665/43 (Mombasa/ Mainland South/Block 1/228)**, situated in Likoni, along Likoni-Ukunda Road, Mombasa County, wishes to renew its lease subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa.

Individuals, institutions and members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice dated Tuesday – 11.08.2026 to:

The CECM, Lands, Urban Planning, Housing and Serikali Mtaani
County Government of Mombasa
P.O. Box 81599-80100 G.P.O

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act 2019 of the laws of Kenya, the owner of parcel No. SONGHOR/SONGHOR BLOCK II (LION HILLS)/111, situated in Songhor/Soba Ward (within Tinderet Sub-County), Nandi County, along Senetwo-Malaba Road, wishes to change use from Agricultural to Light industrial (electrical substation) subject to approval by the County Government of Nandi.

Individuals, institutions and members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice dated Tuesday – 11.08.2026 to:

The CECM, Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Climate Change
County Government of Nandi
P.O BOX 802 - 30300, Kapsabet, Kenya.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale and senior government officials inspect key infrastructure projects and modern medical equipment during a tour of Kenyatta National Hospital aimed at strengthening specialised healthcare services.

Ministry and partners strengthen specialized healthcare services

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Strategic investments by the Government and strong public-private partnerships are transforming specialized healthcare services at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), strengthening the country's efforts to deliver quality, affordable healthcare under the Taifa Care Model.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale toured the country's largest national referral hospital to assess progress on key infrastructure projects and the installation of modern medical equipment aimed at improving patient care and expanding access to specialized treatment.

Speaking during the inspection, Duale said the ongoing investments reflect the government's commitment to modernising national referral hospitals through infrastructure development, innovation and strategic partnerships.

He noted that the initiatives are expected to enhance access to quality specialized healthcare while accelerating the realization of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) under the Taifa Care Model.

"The government remains committed to strengthening referral health facilities through sustained investment in modern infrastructure and medical technology to ensure Kenyans receive quality and affordable healthcare," said the Cabinet Secretary.

Among the projects inspected was the refurbished Renal Unit, which has significantly improved dialysis services for patients with kidney disease.

Duale also reviewed the installation of four new ultrasound machines acquired under the National Equipment Service Programme (NESP), which have enhanced the hospital's diagnostic capacity by enabling clinicians to serve at least 30 patients daily.

At the Mammography Unit, he observed modern imaging equipment that is improving the early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer, allowing patients to access timely treatment and better health outcomes.

The Cabinet Secretary toured newly renovated inpatient facilities on the 5D, 6th and 7th floors.

The upgrades, supported through partnerships with The Co-operative Bank of Kenya and the Nakumatt Fire Victims Fund, have increased the hospital's capacity by approximately 150 beds, helping address the growing demand for specialized healthcare services.

The visit highlighted the increasingly important role of the private sector in supporting Kenya's healthcare system.

Through the M-PESA Foundation, Safaricom has financed the refurbishment of the GFB Antenatal and Postnatal Ward and the Main Newborn Unit, improving maternal and newborn healthcare services at the hospital.

In the Radiology Department, Duale inspected advanced diagnostic equipment installed under the National Equipment Service Programme, including modern CT scan, mammography and ultrasound machines.

The equipment is expected to improve diagnostic accuracy, shorten waiting times, support timely clinical decision-making and ultimately enhance patient outcomes.

The tour concluded at the hospital's In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Centre of Excellence, which is now 98 per cent complete.

Once operational, the centre will provide affordable fertility treatment and specialized reproductive healthcare services, reducing the need for Kenyans to seek costly treatment abroad while expanding access to advanced reproductive medicine within the country.

Duale said the facility will mark a major milestone in strengthening specialized reproductive health services and supporting couples seeking fertility care.

The Cabinet Secretary was received by KNH Board Chairperson Dr. Abbas Gullet, Chief Executive Officer Dr. Richard Lesiyampe and members of the hospital's Board of Directors, who briefed him on the progress of the ongoing projects and the hospital's efforts to improve service delivery.

OPINION: LEADERSHIP

From Vision 2030 to Vision 2060: Kenya Must Now Build for the Next Generation

BY PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

Kenya Vision 2030 has served our country well. Launched in 2008, it gave Kenya a long-term national compass: to become a globally competitive, newly industrialising middle-income economy offering a high quality of life. As 2030 approaches, the question is not whether Vision 2030 succeeded or failed. The more useful question is: what have we learnt, what remains unfinished, and what kind of Kenya do we want by 2060?

The evidence shows substantial progress. Vision 2030 delivered transformative projects including the Standard Gauge Railway, expansion of the Port of Mombasa, LAPSSET, Nairobi Expressway, Konza Technopolis, renewable-energy investments, national fibre infrastructure, digitisation of government, devolution and major improvements in roads, education, health and financial inclusion. These investments created the physical and institutional foundation upon which the next transformation must be built.

The latest implementation assessment presented under Vision 2030 is equally instructive. Progress is estimated at 88.2% for the political pillar, 61.6% for foundations and enablers, 59.5% for the social pillar and 55.5% for the economic pillar. The message is clear: Kenya has made progress, but economic and social transformation must accelerate – we must leapfrog to catch up with the rest.

Some indicators are encouraging. GDP per capita has risen from about US$840 in 2007 to above US$2,300, diaspora remittances have increased from roughly US$570 million to over US$5 billion annually, and international tourist arrivals have recovered to around 2.6 million. Water access has expanded significantly, while health-insurance registration has risen to more than 32 million people. These gains demonstrate national capacity to transform when policy, institutions and investment are aligned.

Yet Vision 2030 has also revealed important delivery gaps. These include weak continuity across political cycles; fiscal and financing constraints; fragmented policies and legal mandates, Silo mentality; dispersed institutional responsibility; procurement and logistical delays; inadequate outcome-based monitoring; and vulnerability to pandemics, climate change and geopolitical shocks. Flagship projects have sometimes competed for resources and political attention rather than forming one coherent national transformation programme.

This is precisely why the timing for Vision 2060 is right. The Fourth Medium Term Plan runs from 2023-2027. The next planning cycle can provide the bridge from Vision 2030 into a new long-term framework, avoiding a strategic vacuum while carrying forward unfinished programmes.

Vision 2060, however, should not simply be Vision 2030 with another date. Listening to President William Ruto, I see this to represent a paradigm shift from predominantly government-driven planning to a genuinely people-driven national compact. Citizens, counties, young people, women, universities, researchers, industry, MSMEs, professional bodies and the diaspora will participate from conception through implementation and evaluation. Public participation will not be ceremonial; it will establish public ownership. Vision 2030 itself recognised people-centred and accountable governance; Vision 2060 should deepen that principle.

Secondly, Vision 2060 will be anchored in law, with defined institutional responsibilities, financing mechanisms, five-year implementation plans and mandatory independent performance reporting. That would help insulate national development priorities from electoral cycles. This will be a game changer.

Thirdly, science, technology and innovation must become the engine rather than merely an enabler. Artificial intelligence, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, robotics, clean energy, digital finance and data will determine competitiveness over the next three decades. An innovative capacity constrained by insufficient investment, infrastructure and human capital has stagnated the sector.

My anticipation is that Vision 2060 will adopt bold KPIs: such as 7–10% sustained economic growth; R&D expenditure of at least 2% of GDP; manufacturing at 20% or more of GDP; universal digital connectivity; substantially higher tertiary and technical enrolment; and progression into the world's top 50 innovation economies.

Above all, the youth and women must be co-authors of this future. Kenya's population is about 56 million, and our youthful population can become either our greatest competitive advantage or our greatest missed opportunity.

Vision 2030 built the foundations. Vision 2060 must build the nation we want those foundations to support: productive, innovative, inclusive, resilient, globally competitive and prosperous for every Kenyan. We must believe is possible and believe in ourselves to craft collectively and implement it.

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Kenya Shipyards revives Homa Bay Pier as Lake Victoria's trade gateway

We are creating infrastructure that supports trade, tourism, fisheries and regional integration while strengthening Kenya's position within the Blue Economy

BY BELINDA OSORO (PCO)

Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL) has rehabilitated the Homa Bay Pier as a gateway to restore Lake Victoria's lost maritime glory, setting the stage for a revival of regional trade and integration.

"The rehabilitation of Homa Bay Pier is restoring Lake Victoria as an economic highway. We are creating infrastructure that supports trade, tourism, fisheries and regional integration while strengthening Kenya's position within the Blue Economy," says Lt. Col. Brian Omito, General Manager for Civil and Modular Maritime Works at KSL.

His words underscore the significance of a project that is transforming a neglected waterfront into a modern transport hub aligned with Kenya's development agenda and the aspirations of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

For decades, Lt. Col. Omito said, the pier stood as a silent reminder of unrealised promise; once a bustling gateway linking communities and trade routes across East Africa's largest freshwater lake, it had fallen into disrepair.

"Its weakened docking structures could no longer safely receive vessels, while invasive water hyacinth and hippo grass reclaimed the shoreline."

"Traders and fishermen, despite Homa Bay County contributing the largest share of Kenya's fish production from Lake Victoria, were forced to rely on congested road transport, raising costs and eroding competitiveness," he said.

Lt. Col. Brian Omito noted that the government's renewed focus on the Blue Economy has now placed Homa Bay Pier at the centre of a broader national vision to modernise maritime infrastructure.

The redevelopment, he said, implemented by KSL on behalf of the Kenya Ports Authority, is not just about rebuilding a pier but about reclaiming Lake Victoria's role as a sustainable transport corridor.

He said that Phase I of the project has already been completed, delivering a modern pier built with marine-grade steel, reinforced concrete piles and heavy-duty rubber fenders.

"Landscaping and storm-water infrastructure have been installed, creating a safer, more durable docking facility capable of supporting ferries, water buses and artisanal fishing vessels. The new infrastructure is designed to withstand the demanding conditions of inland waterways, ensuring communities can rely on it for decades," he noted.

Lt. Col. Omito stresses that modern port infrastructure is essential for unlocking inland water transport's full potential.

"Our objective is to build resilient maritime infrastructure that stimulates inclusive economic growth, attracts private investment and provides communities with efficient transport systems aligned to Kenya's development agenda and the aspirations of AfCFTA," he explains.

The second phase promises even greater transformation, he added that plans include a modern passenger terminal, administrative offices, an ablution block, improved road access, parking areas, an amphitheatre, ferry ramp and expanded drainage systems.

Together, Lt. Col. Omito, disclosed that these developments will enhance operational efficiency and position Homa Bay as a key regional transport node serving western Kenya and neighbouring East African markets.

Warrant Officer II Josephat Ochieng, who supervises civil works, says the community is already witnessing change.

"For many years this waterfront remained largely idle because vessels could not safely dock here. Today we are building infrastructure that restores confidence among transport operators, traders and fishermen while opening new opportunities for economic activity," he notes.

He adds that lake transport offers significant advantages over road transport, especially for bulky cargo and agricultural produce.

"Safe mooring facilities, better passenger handling and reliable cargo movement will encourage more shipping activity on Lake Victoria. That means lower transport costs, faster movement of goods and new employment opportunities throughout the maritime value chain," said Ochieng.

Aerial view of Homa Bay Pier Project. The new facility is expected to transform Homa Bay into a strategic transport hub to unlock regional trade.

KWS to recruit more rangers to beef wildlife surveillance

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA (KNA)

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening wildlife conservation through increased recruitment of rangers, enhanced training, improved welfare, and greater investment in modern technology to tackle emerging conservation challenges across the country.

Speaking during the national World Ranger Day celebrations held in Taita Taveta County, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano said the government recognizes rangers as the frontline defenders of Kenya's wildlife heritage and will continue investing in their capacity to effectively protect biodiversity and support the country's tourism sector.

Miano said the Ministry is prioritizing the recruitment and professional development of rangers, while also improving their working conditions through better housing, remuneration, and access to modern operational equipment.

"The Ministry is committed to supporting Kenya Wildlife Service in strengthening surveillance, enhancing digital monitoring systems, expanding aerial capabilities, and improving rapid response to wildlife crime and human-wildlife conflict," she said.

She noted that advancing the use of technology alongside better-equipped personnel would enhance the country's ability to combat poaching, address human-wildlife conflict, and safeguard protected ecosystems amid evolving conservation challenges.

The celebrations, held under the theme "Rangers: Guardians of a Changing World," honoured rangers who have lost their lives or sustained injuries in the line of duty while recognizing serving officers for their dedication to wildlife conservation.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Director, General Erustus Kanga paid tribute to fallen rangers, describing them as heroes whose sacrifice has helped protect the country's globally renowned wildlife resources.

Kanga commended serving rangers for their unwavering commitment despite increasingly complex threats facing conservation, including wildlife crime and escalating human-wildlife conflict.

He said KWS will continue investing in modern conservation technologies and strengthening operational support to improve the effectiveness of ranger operations across the country.

According to Kanga, enhanced surveillance systems, improved field equipment, and stronger operational capacity will enable rangers to respond more effectively to emerging conservation threats while safeguarding Kenya's protected areas.

Taita Taveta County Governor Andrew Mwadime urged the national government to increase the recruitment of rangers from communities living adjacent to wildlife conservation areas, saying local participation is vital in promoting peaceful human-wildlife coexistence.

Papyrus restoration project to boost fish production in Lake Naivasha

Restoring the vegetation would help re-establish a balance supporting fishers, birds, hippopotamuses and other species dependent on the lake ecosystem.

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND ORPAH GESARE (KNA)

The Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) has partnered with fishermen to restore the degraded papyrus reeds along the Lake Naivasha shoreline, aiming to boost fish breeding sites, improve water quality, and curb pollution.

The project, funded by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), targets the restoration of 30 acres, with an eventual goal of expanding papyrus cover by an additional 100 acres within the next two years.

According to Edna Waithaka, in charge of KMFRI Naivasha, the lake's ecosystem has been adversely affected by the destruction of the papyrus, with waste and silt openly flowing into the lake.

"This weed is critical in protecting the lake from effluents from nearby estates, farms and hotels and thus the need to rejuvenate it so that we can stop serious forms of pollution," she said.

Waithaka said fish landings had fallen sharply, from a peak of about 3,400 metric tonnes in 2019 to roughly 1,050 metric tonnes last year, with some of the fish species being depleted.

She attributed the decline to a combination of increased fishing pressure, illegal fishing, poor fishing practices and the degradation of papyrus and other aquatic vegetation that sustain the lake's food web.

Waithaka said about 70 per cent of the lake's papyrus cover had been lost over the past two decades to illegal cultivation, encroachment on riparian land and use as livestock feed, leaving only scattered vegetation along parts of the shoreline.

She said the plant acts as a natural filter against effluents from nearby estates, farms and hotels, and its loss had allowed waste and silt to flow unchecked into the lake, contributing to declining water quality.

"Papyrus are critical as nesting grounds for some birds and are also critical as breeding sites for fish," Waithaka said, adding that restoring the vegetation would help re-establish a balance supporting fishers, birds, hippopotamuses and other species dependent on the lake ecosystem.

Tourists enjoy a boat ride around Lake Naivasha. The natural resource has been affected by rising water levels, with the vegetation needing restoration. Photo by Erastus Gichohi

On her part, KMFRI senior official Salima Otieno said papyrus was particularly important for fish breeding, as fish lay their eggs and attach them to the roots of the plant.

She said restoring the vegetation would support efforts to revive fish species whose populations have been severely reduced by disruption to the lake's food web, and called for reduced fishing pressure and the adoption of closed seasons to allow stocks time to regenerate.

Grace Nyambura, representing the Naivasha Oloiden Fishers Community Based Organisation (NAOFO), said the restoration idea originated with local fisher-folk after they observed an alarming drop in catches.

She said years of papyrus being burnt or cut down by pastoralists and private individuals had damaged both water quality and fish stocks, calling on multi-stakeholders to restore the lake and enhance sustainability.

Nyambura noted that the lake borders five of Naivasha's eight wards, meaning a significant share of residents depend on it for their livelihoods, and that it remains under heavy pressure from illegal fishing.

Digital literacy bootcamp empowers 800 learners and youth in Wajir

BY HAMDI BUTHUL (KNA)

A facilitator guides participants during a practical digital literacy session at the Digital Literacy Bootcamp held at Wajir Girls Secondary School in Wajir County.

More than 800 learners and out-of-school youth in Wajir County have acquired digital skills through a week-long bootcamp aimed at preparing them for opportunities in the digital economy.

The Digital Literacy Bootcamp, held at Wajir Girls Secondary School, was implemented by the Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) in partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), UNICEF, the Raspberry Pi Foundation, Action Foundation and Kenya Connect under the Inclusive Quality Education and Digital Learning Programme.

The initiative trained 600 junior school learners during the first phase before concluding with 200 out-of-school youth, who received practical training on foundational digital skills, artificial intelligence (AI), digital marketing, online safety, entrepreneurship, employability and responsible use of technology.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, FCDC Education and Governance Sector Lead Abdullahi Hassan Maalim said the programme was designed to bridge the digital divide affecting learners and youth in Kenya's frontier counties by equipping them with skills required in the fast-growing digital economy.

Maalim said FCDC, a regional bloc comprising Tana River, Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Isiolo, Turkana, Samburu and West Pokot counties, continues to implement programmes addressing common development challenges, including historical marginalization, insecurity and climate change.

"We are living in a digital era where technology is transforming every sector. ICT has become one of the most important skills of the 21st century, and we must ensure our learners are equipped to compete globally," he said.

He observed that many children in marginalized communities encounter computers for the first time in school due to limited access to digital devices at home, making schools critical centres for digital learning.

"We cannot expect our learners to compete with their peers in other parts of Kenya and the world if they are not exposed to technology early. Digital integration is no longer optional; it is essential," he added.

Maalim said learners were introduced to foundational digital skills, online safety and Scratch coding aligned with the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), while youth participants received practical training on artificial intelligence, digital entrepreneurship and online employability.

He said FCDC, through UNICEF's Last Mile Connectivity of Schools (LMCS), had already trained 76 ICT champion teachers serving 76 schools in Wajir and Marsabit counties to strengthen classroom-based digital learning.

Ministry calls for multi-sectoral approach to tackle effects of climate change

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA AND SANDRA OMONDI (KNA)

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr. Deborah Barasa has said strengthening agricultural reforms will help mitigate effects of climate change.

Speaking at Maridadi Primary School in Kwanza Sub-County, Trans Nzoia County during a climate action and improved livelihood sensitization program Barasa said climate change mitigation measures require an integrated multi-sectoral approach for tangible results to be achieved.

"We have seen what is happening with our climate and our agricultural sector. We need to ensure that farmers and the public at large prepare and understand the need to fully join climate change mitigation measures,' she said.

Barasa said 1.9 billion trees have so far been planted countrywide and encouraged Kenyans to continue with the exercise as it will go a long way in environmental protection and conservation.

"I urge all Kenyans to prepare to plant more trees during the upcoming rainy season. We have planted 90 million mangrove trees already, a far number from the previous 4 million. We are growing green and receiving global recognition," she encouraged.

During the exercise, the CS donated 10 computers to Maridadi Primary school and handed over assistive devices to the persons with disabilities, including wheelchairs, all in a bid to ensure inclusivity.

Under the theme 'Building Climate Resilience, Restoring Nature, Empowering Communities, the program will strengthen partnerships for climate action, sustainable livelihoods and inclusive community development.

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr. Deborah Barasa addresses the press during the Integrated Climate Action Caravan

FEATURE: INFRASTRUCTURE

KISIP II infrastructure investment boosts livelihoods in Wajir informal settlements

BY HAMDI BUTHUL (KNA)

Infrastructure investments under the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP II) are stimulating economic activity and improving livelihoods across informal settlements in Wajir Municipality.

The Government-funded programme, implemented by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the European Union and the County Government of Wajir, has upgraded infrastructure in the settlements of Shalatey, Hodhan, Halane, Wagberi, Jogoo and Borwaqo.

The investments have reduced transport costs, extended business operating hours, improved access to markets and created employment opportunities for local residents, demonstrating how infrastructure development can support inclusive urban growth.

Wajir County KISIP Coordinator Mohamed Adow Abdi said improved accessibility and enhanced security had transformed the economic landscape of the settlements.

"We have witnessed significant changes since the completion of the infrastructure works," said Adow.

"Businesses now operate for longer hours because the settlements are well lit, while improved roads have reduced transport costs and made it easier for residents to access markets, schools and health facilities."

Adow said residents who previously spent between Sh400 and Sh500 on transport from some settlements to Wajir town now spend about Sh100 following the improvement of road networks.

"That reduction means households have more money available for food, education and other essential needs," he said.

The project delivered more than 8.4 kilometres of roads, nearly 10 kilometres of drainage channels, over 400 solar-powered streetlights and several high-mast floodlights to improve mobility, safety and access to public services.

Project Engineer Blanton Gitau said the infrastructure had addressed long-standing challenges that had limited economic activity within the settlements.

"For many years residents struggled with poor roads, flooding and inadequate lighting," said Eng Gitau.

"The completed infrastructure has improved accessibility, enhanced security and created a better environment for business and investment."

Eng Gitau said the project also introduced vertical drainage systems designed to manage storm water while replenishing groundwater, an innovation suited to Wajir's flat terrain.

1. **Solar-powered streetlights illuminate a road upgraded under KISIP II, improving security and extending business hours in Wajir Municipality.**

2. **Roadside food vendor Fatuma Aliada explains how improved street lighting under KISIP II has enabled her to operate longer hours and increase her income in Borwaqo Settlement.**

He attributed the successful implementation of the project to the participatory approach adopted during planning and execution.

"Communities identified roads, drainage and street lighting as their priority needs, and that ownership contributed significantly to the successful delivery of the project," he said.

Women operating small businesses say the improved infrastructure has increased customer traffic and enabled them to extend their business hours.

Fatuma Aliada, who operates a roadside food business in Borwaqo Settlement, said the installation of solar-powered street lighting had enabled her to serve customers into the evening.

"I used to close early because of insecurity and darkness," she said.

"Now I operate for longer hours, my income has increased and I can better support my family."

In Halane Settlement, vegetable trader Rukia Abdullai said improved roads and street lighting had made the area more accessible to customers.

"The roads have brought more vehicles and more customers," she said.

"We are now able to continue trading even during power outages because of the solar streetlights."

The improved infrastructure has also strengthened economic activities linked to Wajir's livestock sector.

Daud Mohamed, Chairman of the Borwaqo Livestock Market, said improved roads have made it easier for traders, buyers and transporters to access the market throughout the year.

"Movement of people and goods has improved because the roads are accessible in all weather conditions," he said.

"Livestock traders from neighbouring counties and across the border can now reach the market more easily, which supports business activities."

He added that the upgraded roads have encouraged more residents to use public spaces for recreation, with many taking evening walks along the paved roads under the solar-powered streetlights.

The transport sector has also benefited from the improved infrastructure.

Boda boda operator Jackson said smoother roads had reduced motorcycle maintenance costs while enabling riders to complete more trips each day.

"We spend less on repairs and reach customers much faster than before," he said.

The improved infrastructure has already increased confidence among residents and investors.

Community leaders say areas that previously experienced limited development because of poor accessibility are now attracting new interest from property owners and entrepreneurs.

Shalatey Settlement Chairperson Mohamed Hussein said improved roads, drainage and street lighting have enhanced the attractiveness of the settlement for both residential and commercial development.

"Accessibility has improved significantly, and more people are expressing interest in building homes and establishing businesses here," he said.

"The value of land has also increased because the area is now served by better infrastructure."

Beyond infrastructure development, nearly 500 young people received technical and vocational skills training under the project's socio-economic inclusion programme, with many securing employment during construction activities.

Land tenure regularisation is also progressing across seven settlements, where verification of plot ownership is nearing completion ahead of the issuance of title deeds.

According to Adow, secure land ownership will encourage investment in housing and business development while strengthening sustainable urban growth.

"The title deeds will give residents confidence to invest in permanent developments because they will have security of tenure," he said.

The socio-economic gains recorded in Wajir demonstrate the broader objectives of KISIP II to improve access to basic services, stimulate local economies and enhance living conditions in informal settlements through integrated urban development.

State targets 40,000 Kakamega households in last mile electricity programme

BY JOHN OCHANDA (KNA)

More than 40,000 households in Kakamega County will be connected to the national electricity grid under the Government's Last Mile Connectivity Programme (LMCP), Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi has said.

Speaking after commissioning Imanyika Last Mile Connectivity Project in Imanyika Village, Butere Sub-County, Wandayi said the government remains committed to ensuring every Kenyan has access to affordable and reliable electricity to support socio-economic transformation.

The Cabinet Secretary, who was accompanied by Butere MP Tindi Mwale, also flagged off construction materials for the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC)-funded Ebuhamwa-Emukhaye Last Mile Connectivity Project.

"The Last Mile Connectivity Programme is transforming lives by bringing electricity closer to our people. These projects reflects commitment under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda to expand access to affordable and reliable electricity. In Kakamega County alone, we are targeting the connection of more than 40,000 households to the national grid," Wandayi said.

He noted that increased electricity connectivity would spur economic growth by enabling the establishment and expansion of small businesses, improving learning conditions in schools, enhancing healthcare services and creating employment opportunities for young people.

Wandayi said the projects are being implemented through a partnership involving the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya Power and REREC to accelerate rural electrification and bridge the energy access gap in underserved communities.

He urged residents to take advantage of the expanded electricity network by investing in productive enterprises that would improve household incomes and strengthen local economies.

The CS reaffirmed the Government's commitment to completing ongoing electrification projects across the country, saying access to electricity remains a key pillar in achieving inclusive development and improving the quality of life for all Kenyans.

He added that sustained investment in power infrastructure would continue opening up rural areas to new economic opportunities while supporting the country's long-term development agenda.

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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Request for Bids (Goods)

RFB Reference No.:	**KE-KENHA-556111-GO-RFB**
Tender No.:	**KeNHA/3004/2026**
Project:	**Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP)**
Purchaser:	**Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)**
Country:	**Kenya**
Issued on:	**11th August, 2026**

1. The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) through the Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Horn Africa Gateway Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the **contracts for the Supply, Installation, and Configuration of 25 No. Geospatial Software Licenses, 15 No. Engineering Design Software Licenses, 10 No. Document Management Software Licenses, 10 No. Cloud Storage Licenses, 6 No. Highway Analysis Software Licenses.**

2. The Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport, established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the **Supply, Installation, and Configuration of 25 No. Geospatial Software Licenses, 15 No. Engineering Design Software Licenses, 10 No. Document Management Software Licenses, 10 No. Cloud Storage Licenses, 6 No. Highway Analysis Software Licenses.**

3. The procurement is divided into two (2) lots as follows: **(1) Lot 1: Supply, Installation, and Configuration of (a) 25 No. Geospatial Software Licenses (annual subscription); and (b) 10 No. Cloud Storage Licenses; (2) Lot 2: Supply, Installation, and Configuration of (a) 15 No. Engineering Design Software Suite Licenses (annual subscription); (b) 10 No. Document Management Software Licenses (annual subscription); and (c) 6 No. Highway Analysis Software Licenses.** Bidders may Bid for one or both lots, as further defined in the request for bids document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot/contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.

4. Bidding will be conducted through National Open Competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers First Published July 2016 and Revised September 2025, Seventh Edition ***("Procurement Regulations"),*** and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Director - Supply Chain Manage-ment Kenya National Highways Authority through email **procurement@kenha.co.ke,** and inspect the bidding document during office hours. 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below.

6. A complete set of Request for Bid documents may be obtained by interested suppliers from the Kenya Na-tional Highways Authority website: **www.kenha.co.ke** or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): **www.tenders.go.ke** ***free of charge***. Bidders are encouraged to download RFB documents to minimize physical visits to KeNHA Headquarters.

7. The complete Bid documents must be delivered to the address below on or before **22nd September 2026.** Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor Boardroom, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), off airport South Road, along Mazao Road on **22nd September 2026.**

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of **Unconditional Bank Guarantee of KShs. 250,000.00 for lot 1** and **KShs. 300,000.00 for lot 2.**

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

10. The address referred to above is:

Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
Kenya National Highways Authority,
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Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA),
off airport South Road, along Mazao Road,
P.O. Box 49712 – 00100, Nairobi, Kenya

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

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR & SOCIAL PROTECTION

RECRUITMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

A. Introduction

Pursuant to section 73(5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Public Finance Management (National Government) Regulations, 2015 Section 174(1) and the guidelines for the establishment of Audit Committees in public entities vide Kenya Gazette Notice Vol.CXVIII No. 40 of 15th April 2016, the Ministry of Labour invites applications from qualified and interested persons to fill the following positions of the Audit Committee.

1. **Chairperson**
2. **Four (4) members**

B. Requirements for Appointment

1. Chairperson

To be appointed as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:

i) A degree from a recognized university;
ii) Knowledge and experience of not less than seven (7) years in audit and/or Financial Management/Accounting
iii) Be a ICPAK or IIA and in good standing;
iv) Knowledge and experience in Risk Management; and
v) Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010

2. Member

To be appointed a member of the Audit Committee, one must have the following:

i. A degree from a recognized University
ii. Work experience of not less than five (5) years'
iii. Be a member of a professional body and in good standing;
iv. Knowledge in public service /government operations and experience in Risk and
v. Be a person of integrity and in compliance with requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010

All interested applicants who meet the above requirements should submit their applications together with detailed curriculum vitae, copies of academic and professional certificates, copy of Identity card and testimonials in a sealed envelope clearly marked for Chairperson or Member of Audit Committee addressed to:

The Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
P.O. Box 40326-00100
NAIROBI

OR

Hand delivered to NSSF Building Block A, 5th Floor, Central Registry Eastern Wing by **25th August, 2026** during the working hours.

Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Cards, Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts, clearance from the National Police Service, HELB, KRA, EACC and clearance from any accredited Credit Reference Bureau during the interview.

Please note that:

i. Candidates should not attach original documents to the application;
ii. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted; and
iii. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification
iv. The appointment to the Committee shall be for a period of three (3) years

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REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/CONTRACTORS/ SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026 – 2029

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology invites prospective Suppliers, Contractors, Service Providers and Consultants who would wish to provides goods, works and services for the financial years 2026/2027, 2027/2028 and 2028/2029. Existing suppliers registered with us must also apply and submit up-to-date information requested in the registration form. Available categories are as indicated below;

Category A. Framework Agreements: Special group AGPO (Youth, Women and People with Disabilities) are encouraged to apply the categories listed 'Open'.

S / No.	Category Number	Category Description	Eligibility
1	JKUAT/1(a)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Stationery.	Reserved only for AGPO
2	JKUAT/1(b)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Toners and Cartridges.	Open
3	JKUAT/1(c)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Architectural Materials.	Reserved only for AGPO
4	JKUAT/2(a)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Dry Groceries.	Reserved only for AGPO
5	JKUAT/2(b)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Perishable Foodstuff (Vegetable and Fruits).	Reserved only for AGPO
6	JKUAT/2(c)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Perishable Foodstuff (Meat and Meat Products, Poultry, Fish and Eggs).	Open
7	JKUAT/2(d)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Charcoal and Wood Fuel.	Reserved only for AGPO
8	JKUAT/03/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Materials.	Reserved only for AGPO
9	JKUAT/6(a)/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines	Open
10	JKUAT/6(b)/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Medical Laboratory Consumables and Laboratory/Bio-medical Equipment	Open
11	JKUAT/6(c)/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Healthcare Products and Technologies (Dressings, Devices and X-ray consumables)	Open
12	JKUAT/6(d)/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Dental Consumables and Technologies	Open
13	JKUAT/10/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Chemicals (Water Treatment, Swimming Pool and Chemistry Production Center).	Open
14	JKUAT/43/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Hardware Materials (Plumbing Materials, Electrical materials, masonry materials, carpentry materials, building materials, paint and painting materials	Reserved only for AGPO

Category B. Registration of suppliers for in the categories listed below: Special Groups are encouraged to apply.

S / No.	Category Number	Category Description	Eligibility
1.	JKUAT/4/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Engineering tools and Equipment (Teaching and Attachment Materials).	Open
2.	JKUAT/5/2026-2027	Provision of ICT management consulting, Training on ICT Security Solutions and provision of software	Open
3.	JKUAT/7/2026-2027	Provision of Garage Services and Mechanical Works for University Motor Vehicles	Open
4.	JKUAT/8/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Service Parts, Repair and Servicing of Generators and Hydraulic Equipment.	Open
5.	JKUAT/9/2026-2027	Service of Medical Lab Equipment and Service of X-ray Equipment.	Open
6.	JKUAT/11/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Farm inputs (Fertilizers, Certified Seeds, Planting Materials, Agro-chemicals and Manure)	Open
7.	JKUAT/12/2026-2027	Provision of Calligraphy Services	Open
8.	JKUAT/13/2026-2027	Provision of Bio-Medical Waste Disposal Services	Open
9.	JKUAT/14/2026-2027	Provision of Debt Collection Services	Open
10.	JKUAT/15/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Tyres, Tubes and Batteries.	Reserved only for AGPO
11.	JKUAT/16/2026-2027	Provision of Market Valuation Services for Asset (movable/immovable) and Property.	Open
12.	JKUAT/17/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture.	Open
13.	JKUAT/18/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Mobile Toilets.	Open
14.	JKUAT/18(b)/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of Ergonomic Chair/Orthopedic Chair	Open
15.	JKUAT/19/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Tailoring Items, Linen, Provision of Curtains Materials, Curtain Rail, Staff Uniforms and Graduation Attires.	Open
16.	JKUAT/20/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Sports/Games, Uniforms and Equipment.	Open
17.	JKUAT/21(a)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Cooking Oil)	Open
18.	JKUAT/21(b)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Bread)	Open
19.	JKUAT/21(c)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Milk)	Open
20.	JKUAT/21(d)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Soft Drinks)	Open
21.	JKUAT/21(e)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Paint)	Open
22.	JKUAT/21(f)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Cement)	Open
23.	JKUAT/21(g)/2026-2027	Manufactures/Distributors (Steel Metal) (BRC, Deformed, Ribbed)	Open
24.	JKUAT/22/2026-2027	Repair and Servicing of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration items.	Open
25.	JKUAT/23/2026-2027	Repair and Servicing of Farm Machinery	Open
26.	JKUAT/24/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Office Equipment. (Computers, Projectors, Photocopiers, Printers and Paper Shredders)	Open
27.	JKUAT/25/2026-2027	Repair and Servicing of Farm Irrigation Equipment.	Open
28.	JKUAT/26/2026-2027	Provision of Rehabilitation Services, Fabrication and upholstery for University Motor Vehicles).	Open
29.	JKUAT/27/2026-2027	Inspection, refilling and Servicing of Firefighting Equipment.	Open
30.	JKUAT/28/2026-2027	Repair and Servicing of Office Equipment (Photocopier, Printers, Scanners, Projectors and Cash Registers).	Open
31.	JKUAT/29/2026-2027	Provision of Air Ticketing Services.	Open
32.	JKUAT/30/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Veterinary Drugs and Pest Control Chemicals	Open
33.	JKUAT/31/2026-2027	Provision of Car Hire and Related Services.	Open
34.	JKUAT/32/2026-2027	Provision of Publishing and Printing Services.	Reserved only for AGPO
35.	JKUAT/33/2026-2027	Servicing and Calibrating of Laboratory, Hospital and Bio-medical Laboratory Equipment.	Open
36.	JKUAT/34/2026-2027	Provision of Fumigation Services	Open
37.	JKUAT/35/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Farm Machinery and Equipment	Open
38.	JKUAT/36/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Farm Irrigation Equipment	Open
39.	JKUAT/37(a)/2026-2027	General Building Contractors for Major works.	Open
40.	JKUAT/37(b)/2026-2027	General Building Contractors for Minor works.	Reserved only for AGPO
41.	JKUAT/38/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Animal Feeds (Pigs, Cattle and poultry).	Open
42.	JKUAT/39/2026-2027	Provision of Hotel accommodation, Conference, and Team Building Facilities	Open
43.	JKUAT/40/2026-2027	Hiring of Dome Tents and Small Tents, Chairs, Tables and Flowers.	Reserved only for AGPO
44.	JKUAT/41/2026-2027	Provision of Audio Visual Systems Services.	Open
45.	JKUAT/42/2026-2027	Provision of Tertiary Textbooks.	Open
46.	JKUAT/44/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Motor Vehicle Service Parts.	Open
47.	JKUAT/45/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Computer Accessories and UPS's.	Reserved only for PWDs
48.	JKUAT/46/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Spare Parts and Tools for Farm Machinery and Irrigation Equipment	Open
49.	JKUAT/48(a)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Specialized Kitchen Equipment and Appliances	Open
50.	JKUAT/48(b)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Kitchen Utensils, Crockery and Cutlery.	Open
51.	JKUAT/49(b)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Lab Equipment.	Open
52.	JKUAT/49(c)/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Drugs (School of Pharmacy).	Open
53.	JKUAT/50/2026-2027	Provision of Clearing and Forwarding Services.	Open
54.	JKUAT/51/2026-2027	Provision of Legal Services.	Open
55.	JKUAT/52/2026-2027	Provision of press and publicity Services.	Open
56.	JKUAT/53/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Animals and Breeding Stock	Open
57.	JKUAT/54/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Animal Feeds and Feed Ingredients (raw materials)	Open
58.	JKUAT/55/2026-2027	Provision of Farming Services (ploughing, harrowing, planting and harvesting)	Open
59.	JKUAT/56/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Greenhouses	Open
60.	JKUAT/57/2026-2027	Supply and Delivery of Farm Machinery and Equipment	Open

Category C. Registration of suppliers for in the categories listed below: Special Groups are encouraged to apply (Mombasa Campus)

S/No.	Category Number	Category Description	Eligibility
1	JKUAT/58/2026-2027	Provision of Outside Catering Services	Open
2	JKUAT/59/2026-2027	Hiring of Transport Services	Open
3	JKUAT/60/2026-2027	Provision of Publishing and Printing Services	Open
4	JKUAT/61/2026-2027	Provision of Hotel accommodation and Conference Facilities (Gala Dinner)	Open

Registration form with detailed information can be downloaded on the University website **www.jkuat.ac.ke**

The special groups are Women, Youth and Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) who have registered with the National Treasury.

Completed registration form shall be submitted in soft through this email address: **tenders@jkuat.ac.ke** on or before **Tuesday 25th August 2026 11:30 a.m.**

Continuous registration will continue one week after the submission deadline.

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COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

OPPORTUNITIY FOR DRIVER III (JOB GROUP CA11)

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

The Authority is seeking to recruit Seven (7) Drivers on (CA11) on a **fixed term contract of Two (2) Years, (one year renewable once)** subject to satisfactory performance. The positions are intended to support the implementation of ongoing projects across various parts of the country.

No.	Position	Number of Positions		Salary Grade
1	Driver III	7	Regional Offices & Headquaters	CA11

(a) Job Specification

This role require a competent driver who will be responsible for provision of safe and timely transportation of authorized passengers as well as good maintenance of the Authority's vehicle. The officer at this level will work under the guidance and supervision of the Fleet Manager.

The Duties and responsibilities at this level will entail:-

(i) Driving the Authority vehicles as authorized and in accordance with traffic laws and road safety regulations;
(ii) Conducting daily routine vehicle checks and ensuring vehicles are roadworthy before and after every journey;
(iii) Detecting, reporting, and following up on mechanical defects, accidents, incidents and maintenance requirements;
(iv) Maintaining accurate vehicle records,
(v) Ensuring proper custody, security and safety of assigned vehicles, passengers, goods, tools, fuel cards, and accessories;
(vi) Monitoring vehicle service schedules and coordinating timely servicing, repairs, insurance inspections, and statutory compliance requirements;
(vii) Maintaining high standards of cleanliness and presentation of assigned vehicles at all times;
(viii) Ensuring prudent use of fuel, vehicle parts, tyres and other transport resources;
(ix) Reporting accidents, incidents, traffic offences and vehicle breakdowns immediately to the Fleet office and relevant authorities;
(x) Observing confidentiality, professionalism and customer service standards when dealing with staff, Board members, visitors and other stakeholders;
(xi) Ensuring compliance with the Authority's Transport Management Policy, occupational safety requirements and other applicable policies and procedures;

(b) Person Specifications

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For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have:

(i) Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education mean grade o[illegible] Plain) o[illegible] e[illegible]valent qualification from a recognized institution;
(ii) At least two (2) years driving experience;
(iii) A valid category D2 driving license free from [illegible]y c[illegible]nt endo[illegible]ents and with a clean driving record for the last two (2) years;
(iv) Passed the Suitability Test for Drivers Gr[illegible] from [illegible]inistry of Roads and Public Works or its equivalent;
(v) A First-Aid Certificate Course la[illegible]g not les[illegible] one (1) week from St. John Ambulance, Kenya Institute of Highwa[illegible]nd [illegible]ding Tech[illegible]ology (KIHBT), or any other recognized institution;
(vi) Proficiency in comp[illegible]ions.
(vii) Experience in [illegible]g-di[illegible]g and operating vehicles in diverse terrains and Possession of a valid defe[illegible]ivin[illegible] certificate from a recognized institution will be an added advantage.

Applicati[illegible] **MUST** [illegible]panied by a signed Cover Letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV) with contacts [illegible] three (3) referees, a Copy of the National Identity Card, and copies of relevant academic and profe[illegible]nal cert[illegible]ates.

Successful candidates will be required to submit the following documents: -

i. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
ii. Valid Certificate of Clearance from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
iii. Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).
iv. Dully filled and stamped Self-Declaration/Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). The Self-Declaration form should indicate the position being applied for.
v. Valid Clearance Certificate from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

Application Process

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit their applications through the following link: https://forms.gle/K9CYfm1YKxHXgrTT9. Applications should include a detailed curriculum vitae (CV), a cover letter, and contact details for three professional referees.

The deadline for submission is **24th August 2026 at 5:00 pm East Africa Time (EAT).**

Please note that **only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

Director General
Communications Authority of Kenya
P O Box 14448 - 00800
NAIROBI

The Authority is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified Kenyans including persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Canvassing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents shall lead to automatic disqualification.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
(Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country	**Kenya**
Project Name	**Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project**
Credit No.	**6768-KE**
Assignment Title	**Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study and Transaction Advisory Services for the Nairobi – Mombasa Road under a Public Private Partnership Framework**
Reference No.	**KeNHA/3002/2026**

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services.
2. The Consulting Services (**"the Services"**) include Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study and Transaction Advisory Services for the Nairobi – Mombasa Road under a Public Private Partnership Framework.
3. The period of the Services is fifteen (15) months and shall include six (6) months for Phase 1 - Feasibility Studies and nine (9) months for Phase 2 - Transaction Advisory Services. The estimated number of person-months for key professional personnel for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 is 156 person-months comprising 88 person-months for Feasibility Study Phase and 68 person-months for the Transaction Advisory Services Phase.

   The Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found at the following website: **www.kenha.co.ke.**
4. The Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, 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:

   I. Core Business and Years in Business
   The firm(s) shall demonstrate that their core business and principal areas of practice are in: (i) Transportation and highway engineering; (ii) Transport infrastructure planning and advisory; (iii) Engineering feasibility studies; and (iv) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) transaction advisory services; or closely related fields, for a period of at least fifteen (15) years.

   II. Relevant experience
   The firm(s) shall demonstrate successful completion of at least three (3) assignments of similar nature, scope, and complexity, undertaken within the last ten (10) years in a comparable operating environment. The assignments **shall collectively demonstrate experience in the following areas:** (i) Transport infrastructure feasibility studies; (ii) Highway planning and engineering design; (iii) Traffic engineering, transport demand forecasting and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); (iii) Environment and Social safeguards studies for transport infrastructure projects; and (iv) PPP Advisory Services including project structuring, financial analysis, procurement support, and transaction management for the selection of private partners.

   For each assignment undertaken, the Expression of Interest (EOI) shall provide the following information: (i) Client name and address; (ii) Description of the assignment and scope of services; (iii) Contract value; and (iv) Assignment duration (start and completion dates).

   III. Technical and Managerial Capability of the Firm(S)
   The firm(s) shall demonstrate as having the requisite technical capability, which shall entail a description of relevant personnel, equipment, software, etc., and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment.

   Key Experts will **not** be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

   Due to the need for brevity, interested Consultants should only provide sufficient information that will enable the Client to determine the Consultant's capabilities in the field of the assignment. Legal documents such as certificates of incorporations, power of attorney, or translations of standard brochures should not be submitted at this stage. The maximum page limit for the EOI, including any annexes, shall therefore not exceed thirty (30) pages. This limit applies for single entities as well as firms in associations.
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 revised in September 2025 (7th Edition) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address provided herein during office hours, Mondays to Fridays from 0800 to 1700 hours (East Africa Time), excluding public holidays.
9. The Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by email clearly marked **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE NAIROBI – MOMBASA ROAD UNDER A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK TENDER No.: KeNHA/3002/2026** by **27th August 2026 at 1100hrs (East Africa Time).** Expressions of Interest delivered in person shall be deposited in the tender box at Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor.

Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
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ppp@kenha.co.ke; procurement@kenha.co.ke
Email Address for EoI submission: **tender3002@kenha.co.ke**

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

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Commission pushes for deeper integration of national values in Public Service

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI AND BEATRICE WANJIKU(KNA)

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has launched a renewed drive to instill national values across the public service, aimed at enhancing ethical conduct, accountability and efficiency in government institutions.

The Commission noted that promoting national values, such as patriotism, national unity, the rule of law, human rights, transparency, accountability, and good governance, was critical to achieving the country's development agenda and vision.

Speaking during an engagement with Directors of Human Resource Management from national government institutions in Naivasha, PSC Commissioner Dr Francis Owino said the initiative seeks to move beyond compliance reporting to ensure public servants fully internalise and practice the values enshrined in the Constitution.

Dr Owino said the Constitution provides for national values and principles of governance under Article 10 and public service values under Article 232, which should guide the conduct of every public officer.

He noted that while the Commission has consistently met its constitutional obligation to report annually to the President and Parliament on the implementation of national values, insufficient emphasis has been placed on embedding those values within the service itself.

"The Public Service Commission is here on a programme to institutionalise values in the public service and these values ought to guide how public servants behave and carry themselves as they discharge public duty in their various stations of work," Dr Owino said.

He added that the Commission's mandate includes promoting national values and principles of governance, prompting a deliberate shift towards values-based leadership and service delivery.

He said the nationwide programme kicked off with officers from the State Department for Planning, given their role in developing the country's long-term planning framework.

The Commissioner added that the country's aspirations for socio-economic transformation can only be realised through a public service anchored on integrity, accountability and ethical leadership.

Commissioner Boya Mulu, said reforms in public service is a gradual process requiring sustained commitment rather than quick fixes.

"Once public servants deliver their duties according to the values of the Constitution, efficiency, transparency and ethical conduct will improve, and that will ultimately contribute to the efficient public service we are looking for," he said.

Mulu raised concerns over increased cases of mental health issues facing public servants but noted that the Commission, working with the State Department for Public Service, had activated guidance and counselling services staffed by qualified, licensed counsellors across government institutions.

The ongoing engagement with key players in the government institutions speaks to a broader push at the Commission's reform agenda, pledging greater efficiency, accountability and citizen-focused service delivery.

Turkana County, SNV partner to support 10,000 youth in fisheries and aquaculture

Department of fisheries and aquaculture and SNV Netherlands visit a fishing pond in Kanamkemer, Turkana Central Sub-County.

BY ERICK OMULO (PCO)

The Turkana County Government, through its Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, has entered a partnership with SNV Netherlands Development Organization to support 10,000 youth from host and refugee communities, targeting improved food security in the county.

Of the beneficiaries, 7,000 will be drawn from host communities and 3,000 from refugee communities, officials said. The partnership was announced during a courtesy visit by SNV representatives to county fisheries officials in Lodwar, where discussions centered on quality assurance, capture fisheries and aquaculture under SNV's CASHA Project.

Acting Deputy Director for Fisheries and Aquaculture John Bett said aquaculture holds significant untapped potential for the county.

"Aquaculture is an emerging and potentially viable sub-sector in Turkana, and the government is happy to join hands with SNV and other sector players to meaningfully exploit this for the benefit of the Turkana community," Bett said.

Creating Shared Value (CASHA) in the Livestock Sector with Young People in Kenya's ASALs, is a five-year initiative led by SNV aimed at creating climate-resilient jobs for 200,000 youth and women across arid and semi-arid regions.

SNV Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor Ivy Mwihaki said the programme spans 15 counties and covers red meat, apiculture, aquaculture and related value chains, with SNV specifically leading aquaculture and capture fisheries components to open income pathways for young people.

In Turkana, she said, CASHA will prioritize young women, youth with disabilities and refugees across Turkana West, Turkana South, Turkana Central and Loima sub-counties.

The initiative is funded by the Mastercard Foundation and led by the Food and Agriculture Organization, bringing together a consortium that includes SNV, ILRI, BOMA, E4Impact and the Kenya Livestock Marketing Council, with focus areas spanning poultry, beef, fodder production and other agri-food enterprises.

Judiciary launches major justice reforms to strengthen access to justice

"We are going to ensure that every Kenyan can access justice that is fair, timely, efficient, accessible and responsive to their needs,"–CJ

BY MARY MTAWA (KNA)

The Judiciary and the National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ) have launched five major justice-sector reform instruments aimed at improving coordination, efficiency, and access to justice across Kenya.

Speaking during the 38th NCAJ meeting in Mombasa, Chief Justice (CJ) Martha Koome who is also the chairperson of the council, emphasized that no single institution can deliver justice effectively on its own, noting that the challenges facing the country's justice system are complex and interconnected.

"This is why the NCAJ exists to bring together institutions with different mandates around one shared goal of delivering fair, timely, efficient, and people centered justice for every Kenyan," CJ Koome said.

She went on 'we are going to ensure that every Kenyan can access justice that is fair, timely, efficient, accessible and responsive to their needs,'.

The five reform instruments launched are: the Justice Sector ICT Policy and Action Plan, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), People-Centred Justice Guidelines, the People-Centred Justice Study; and Standard Operating Procedures for Service Delivery Initiatives and described the documents as evidence of what coordinated institutional collaboration can achieve.

She said the justice system is experienced by the public not as a collection of separate institutions, but as one interconnected justice chain.

"The effectiveness of investigation, prosecution, adjudication, legal aid, corrections, probation and rehabilitation is therefore deeply interconnected," she said.

The top judicial official further noted that a weakness in one part of the chain inevitably affects confidence in the entire justice system.

On digital transformation, Koome said as technology advances, the Kenya Justice sector should adapt to meet the needs of a digital society. Technology has become essential for improving coordination, with secure information, data governance, and evidence-based decision making across the justice sector.

Koome said progress has been made which includes the integration of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions' Uadilifu System with the Judiciary's Case Tracking System.

Others she said are the creation of digital accounts for the Kenya Prisons Service, integration with the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) for vehicle verification, and ongoing efforts to connect with the Ministry of Lands' Ardhi Sasa platform, the Probation Service, and the Department of Children's Services.

Justice Koome added that confidential digital accounts have also been established for the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), while similar integration is underway for the Witness Protection Agency.

She called for live demonstrations of the digital systems and urged justice institutions to transition fully to electronically authenticated documents to reduce paperwork, improve efficiency, and eliminate unnecessary delays.

"The People-Centred Justice Guidelines and the accompanying People-Centred Justice Study, reforms have shifted the focus from institutional performance and case statistics to the actual experiences of people seeking justice'' she said.

She noted that the new approach prioritizes whether justice services are understandable, accessible, affordable, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of citizens.

"Kenya is positioning itself among jurisdictions that treat people centred justice as a core reform principle," she said.

Justice Koome also underscored the importance of the Standard Operating Procedures for Service Delivery Initiatives, saying they will enable institutions to move beyond one off outreach activities and establish sustained, coordinated programmes that respond to communities' justice needs.

The Chairperson of National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ) Chief Justice Martha Koome addressing members of the council during the 38th meeting on the launch of the five major justice sector reform instruments in Mombasa

She commended NCAJ committees, the Secretariat, justice-sector institutions, and development partners for collaboratively developing the reform documents through extensive consultation.

However, she cautioned that the success of the reforms will depend on effective implementation.

"The public experiences the justice system as one chain, weakness in any part undermines confidence in the whole," she said.

Over the next two days, the council will deliberate on several key policy and legislative issues, including the Draft Sexual Offences Amendment Bill, with particular focus on strengthening responses to femicide, progress on the implementation of instant traffic fines, and enhanced coordination in combating wildlife crime.

The meeting will also discuss preparations for the 2027 general election, strengthened identification parade procedures, national guidelines for interviewing children within the justice system, a legal aid strategy for court users' committees, the open prison model, and recovery treatment courts for offenders battling substance-use disorders.

"Together, through the NCAJ, we must continue to strengthen public confidence in the rule of law, deepen access to justice and build a justice system that is truly people-centred," she said.

Justice Koome further directed the committee on criminal justice reforms to finalize the training manual for criminal justice actors handling youth and informed members that the NCAJ Strategic Plan (2026-2030) is nearing completion and called on institutions to submit their feedback.

"Success will be measured not by the number of policies or meetings held, but by the real improvements experienced by ordinary Kenyans who rely on the justice system every day," CJ Koome said.

Over 160,000 public servants sign up as PSSF registration exercise

BY TIMOTHY MACHI (PCO)

More than 160,000 public servants have signed up on the PSSF member self-service portal following the Government's directive requiring all members to update their pension records by 14 August 2026.

The registration drive, which supports PSSF's pension modernisation agenda and the rollout of the Pension Administration System (PAS), has so far seen 160,544 members create accounts on the online platform, signaling strong momentum in the ongoing pension registration exercise.

However, the Fund has noted that many members are yet to complete the full registration process.

Of those who have signed up, 13,961 members have completed their personal registration (PSSS 1), while 11,017 have completed their beneficiary nomination (PSSS 2), marking full completion of the end-to-end registration process.

PSSF CEO Dr Jonah Aiyabei said the Fund is encouraging members who have already created accounts but have not completed the remaining steps to do so before the deadline.

"Members are required to provide their personal information together with details of their nominated beneficiaries and upload all prescribed supporting documents in the required format to complete the registration successfully," Dr Aiyabei added.

The ongoing exercise follows the Government directive requiring all PSSF members to update their personal and beneficiary information through the PSSF Member Self-Service Portal or the PSSF Mobile Application.

Accurate member records are essential for the successful implementation of the Pension Administration System, which is designed to deliver faster, more transparent and more efficient pension services.

He added that complete and accurate member information remains the foundation of efficient pension administration and timely delivery of retirement benefits.

"Creating an account is only the first step. Members must complete both the enrolment and beneficiary nomination processes and submit the required supporting documents to ensure their records are complete."

"This information enables the Fund to process retirement benefits more efficiently, improve data integrity and ensure benefits are paid to the rightful beneficiaries when they fall due," he said.

Through the Pension Administration System, members can access their pension statements in real time, monitor contributions, view projected retirement benefits, update personal information and beneficiary details, and initiate and track pension claims online.

The system also provides employer institutions with a dedicated Sponsor Portal for electronic submission of payroll information, contribution schedules and member data, significantly improving efficiency and accountability in pension administration.

PSSF is urging all eligible public servants who have not yet registered, as well as those who have only partially completed the process, to finalise their registration before the 14 August 2026 deadline.

PS Isaboke urges youth to acquire IDs, register as voters

BY SADIK HASSAN AND JOAN KINUTHIA (KNA)

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke has called on young people to acquire national identification cards. Speaking after a consultative meeting with more than 60 local administrators from Sameta and Nyamache sub-counties in Nyamache Sub County, Kisii County, PS Isaboke noted the acquisition of the IDs will enable the young people to actively participate in the next General Election and access government services.

"We have agreed with the administrators that they will mop up the youth who have attained 18 years and encourage them to get IDs so that they are not left behind in getting government services and voting," said Isaboke.

He noted that Nyamache and Sameta sub-counties had registered about 10,000 new voters against the Independent and Boundaries Commission's target of 40,000.

The PS reiterated the government's commitment to fast-tracking the issuance of IDs, adding that the process of registration had been automated.

The government has opened several channels for ID registration, including Huduma centres for the youth to register, and we encourage as many youth as possible to come out and register because the process will be hastened," Isaboke added.

The Principal Secretary also underscored the critical role that administrators play in strengthening service delivery at the grassroots level by supporting programmes under the five pillars of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke addressing chiefs and assistant chiefs to sensitise the youth on the importance of acquiring identification cards (IDs) to enable them to register as voters.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO: KECOBO/PRQ/2026 - 2028

PRE- QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE PERIOD 2026- 2027 TO 2027- 2028

The Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), invites interested bidders to submit their application to be enlisted as pre-qualified suppliers for the financial years 2026- 2027 TO 2027- 2028. Previously pre-qualified suppliers shall be required to re-apply to confirm their continued compliance with the qualification criteria.

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at the office of the Supply Chain Management, room (Room 513) at the Kenya Copyright Board, SHA Building 5th Floor, Ragati Road, during office working hours (i.e. 8. 00a.m to 5. 00p.m). The document may be downloaded from KECOBO website **www.copyright.go.ke** or acquired in hard copy at a minimal fee of ksh 1,000 only

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2	KECOBO/G2/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply of Office Equipment	Open
3	KECOBO/G3/2026- 2027/2028	Supply of Cleaning Materials and Detergents	Reserved
4	KECOBO/G4/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply of Uniform, Footwear and Protective Clothing	Reserved
5	KECOBO/G5/2026- 2027/2028	Supply of Airtime/Bundles	Reserved
6	KECOBO/G6/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply of Clean Bottled water	Reserved
7	KECOBO/G7/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply of Fire Fighting Equipment	Open
Category B: Provision of Services			
8	KECOBO/S8/2026- 2027/ 2028	Maintenance of Office Equipment and other assets	Reserved
9	KECOBO/S9/2026- 2027/ 2028	Provision of cleaning services	Reserved
10	KECOBO/S10/2026- 2027/ 2028	Maintenance and Servicing of Motor Vehicles – Approved Garages only	Open
11	KECOBO/S11/2026- 2027/ 2028	Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment	Reserved
12	KECOBO/S12/2026- 2027/ 2028	Repair and Maintenance of Building	Reserved
13	KECOBO/S13/2026- 2027/ 2028	Provision of Events management/ Promotion services	Reserved
14	KECOBO/S14/2026- 2027/ 2028	Repair and Maintenance of Safes/cabinets	Reserved
15	KECOBO/S15/2026- 2027/ 2028	Provision of Legal Services (Non-litigation)	Open
16	KECOBO/S16/2026- 2027/ 2028	Provision of insurance for Board assets	Open
17	KECOBO/S17/2026- 2027/ 2028	Provision of Car Tracking Services	Open
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38	KECOBO/S38/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply, installation and maintenance of access control system and CCTVs	Open
39	KECOBO/S39/2026- 2027/ 2028	Supply, Repair and Maintenance of Servers, Network Equipment and Datacenter infrastructure	Open
40	KECOBO/S40/2026- 2027/ 2028	Repair and maintenance of laptops computers, desktops computers, photocopiers, printers, scanners, UPS and associated ICT Accessories	Open
41	KECOBO/S41/2026- 2027/ 2028	Website maintenance, training and hosting	Open
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Ministry upgrades National Infectious Diseases Centre and Laboratory

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

Health Cabinet Secretary (CS), Aden Duale, has reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to strengthening national preparedness and response to public health emergencies during a joint inspection visit to the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI) and the Infectious Diseases Unit at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).

He was accompanied by the United States Chargé d'Affaires to Kenya, Ms. Susan M. Burns.

The visit assessed the country's capacity to detect, prevent and respond to public health threats, with particular focus on Ebola preparedness, while reviewing ongoing investments that are strengthening Kenya's public health systems and advancing KNPHI's transformation into a world-class public health institution.

Duale said the Government plans to establish a modern 200-bed National Infectious Diseases Centre that will integrate diagnosis, treatment, isolation, surveillance, research and training under one roof are progressing well.

"This facility will strengthen Kenya's ability to respond to infectious disease outbreaks while supporting the management of communicable diseases, including HIV and tuberculosis, and position the country as a regional center of excellence for infectious disease prevention, preparedness and response," he explained.

At KNPHI, the delegation reviewed key investments supported by the United States Government, including the renovation of the National Virology Laboratory, construction of a Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) Central Laboratory, deployment of two mobile laboratories, enhancement of laboratory information management systems, laboratory capacity mapping, and continued support for HIV and tuberculosis reference testing services.

These investments, according to the CS, have strengthened disease surveillance, laboratory diagnosis and outbreak response across the country.

In addition, KNPHI now hosts four national reference laboratories supporting surveillance and rapid diagnosis of priority diseases, including HIV, tuberculosis and emerging public health threats.

Equally, Duale pointed out that the two mobile laboratories have significantly improved frontline outbreak response by reducing laboratory turnaround time from several days to between six and eight hours.

"To date, they have processed 173 Ebola samples, all of which tested negative, including 38 from Busia and 35 from Lwakhakha, enabling timely public health action and strengthening national health security," Duale revealed.

The delegation also inspected the eight-bed Infectious Diseases Unit at KNH.

Africa must seize control of its clean energy future

BY FATUMA SAID (PCO)

Africa must take bold ownership of its energy destiny, moving beyond the role of raw material supplier to become a central player in global clean energy value chains.

This was the rallying call from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, Opiyo Wandayi, during the Clean Energy Conference Australia-Africa 2026 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Delivering the keynote address under the theme "Advancing a Sustainable Future through Clean Energy, Climate Innovation and Critical Minerals for a Just, Inclusive Transition," Wandayi urged African nations to position themselves at the heart of manufacturing, processing, and investment in clean energy.

Other keynote speakers included Rwanda's State Minister for Infrastructure, Armand Zingiro, and Steve Kuria, Executive Chairman of the Australia-Kenya Chamber of Commerce.

Wandayi noted that the global energy landscape has shifted dramatically, with energy security now a pillar of national security amid geopolitical realignments, supply chain disruptions, and rising demand for critical minerals.

"Africa must define its own energy transition pathway—one that reflects our development priorities while remaining committed to global climate objectives. The transition should expand energy access, accelerate industrialization, create jobs, and drive inclusive economic growth," he said.

Kenya's leadership in renewable energy was highlighted, with 93 percent of its electricity generated from geothermal, hydropower, wind, and solar; making it one of Africa's cleanest energy systems.

Wandayi underscored geothermal energy as Kenya's most strategic asset, powering not only electricity but also green hydrogen, industrial parks, agriculture, data centers, and electric mobility.

He emphasized Africa's vast reserves of critical minerals as a springboard for regional value chains in battery manufacturing, renewable technologies, and electric mobility.

He called for investment in mineral beneficence, technology transfer, skills development, and regional manufacturing under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Recognizing Africa's vulnerability to climate change despite contributing less than four percent of global emissions, Wandayi urged development partners to expand access to affordable climate finance through blended models, concessional funding, private sector investment, and risk-sharing mechanisms.

He also stressed regional energy integration through interconnected grids, harmonized regulations, and cross-border power trade, citing initiatives such as the Eastern Africa Power Pool and AfCFTA as foundations for an integrated energy marketplace.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE KENYA MARINE SPATIAL PLAN

In light of the provisions of section 57 A of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) 1999, Regulation 42 and 43 of Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations Legal Notice No. 101 of 2003, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received a Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) report for Kenya Marine Spatial Plan (MSP). The SESA findings are expected to integrate the existing sectoral plans and programs to establish sustainable development mechanisms.

The Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-economic Development Project, State Department for Blue Economy & Fisheries (SDBE&F) is the Plan Owner. The MSP planning area covers Kenya's marine and coastal nearshore and offshore waters spanning the land – sea interface from the high-water mark of the five coastal counties namely Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, Tana River, and Lamu seaward across Kenya's territorial sea, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and extended continental shelf. The Plan adopts a twenty-year time horizon from 2025 to 2045, with statutory provision for periodic adaptive review to incorporate climate projections, emerging ocean uses, and monitoring feedback.

The MSP is intended to serve as an overarching framework that aligns development aspirations with ecosystem protection and harmonizes decisions across sectors and governance levels. It does not replace existing regulatory systems; rather, it creates the spatial coherence needed to strengthen them.

The MSP establishes six zoning framework types;

1. Marine Biodiversity Conservation Zone that aims to protect critical habitats, ecological corridors, and climate refugia.
2. Fisheries and Sustainable Use Zone that will accommodate fishing and aquaculture while managing overlaps with conservation and tourism aspects.
3. Cultural Heritage and Tourism Zone that aims to safeguard heritage assets and maintain high-value seascapes.
4. Maritime Transportation and Infrastructure Zone that designate shipping corridors, port areas, and cable protection zones.
5. Renewable Energy Development Zone that guides the siting of offshore energy infrastructure.
6. Multi-Use and Transition Zone that permit managed coexistence and provide buffers between incompatible uses.

The Draft SESA Report assesses the likely environmental, social, economic, cultural, institutional, cumulative and climate-related implications of implementing the Marine Spatial Plan. Key issues considered include marine biodiversity conservation, fisheries and coastal livelihoods, maritime transport and infrastructure, tourism, cultural heritage, renewable energy, pollution control, marine safety and security, climate change resilience, vulnerable groups, and potential conflicts among other competing marine uses.

A summary of the proposed environmental management and monitoring plan for the Kenya Marine Spatial Plan is highlighted in the table below. The proposed mitigation strategies are aimed at minimizing the negative impacts while enhancing the positive ones.

S/N	IMPACTS ON	MITIGATIONS MEASURES
1	Marine Biodiversity Conservation	• Establish participatory zoning and co-management arrangements involving BMUs, local communities, county governments, conservation agencies and other resource users. • Provide livelihood transition support, including alternative income options, benefit-sharing mechanisms, eco-tourism opportunities and skills development for affected communities. • Strengthen enforcement against illegal fishing, destructive gear use, mangrove degradation, wildlife disturbance and encroachment into protected areas. • Maintain ecological corridors, buffer zones and seasonal restrictions to protect breeding, feeding, nesting and nursery habitats. • Control land-based pollution, sedimentation and hydrological changes affecting mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and nursery areas. • Apply vessel speed controls, routing measures, noise reduction protocols and gear modification to reduce marine mammal disturbance, vessel strikes, entanglement and bycatch. • Implement long-term biodiversity monitoring covering coral reefs, seagrass, mangroves, marine mammals, turtles, sharks and key fish stocks.
2	Fisheries	• Clearly define and communicate fishing zones, access rights, gear restrictions and seasonal controls through participatory engagement with BMUs and fishing communities. • Protect artisanal and traditional fishing grounds from industrial encroachment through buffer zones, vessel monitoring and enforcement patrols. • Introduce effort controls, catch limits, closed seasons and gear regulations based on scientific stock assessments. • Promote bycatch reduction devices, selective fishing gear and safe release protocols for turtles, sharks and non-target species. • Establish monitoring systems for catch, effort, CPUE, juvenile capture and bycatch across artisanal and industrial fisheries. • Remove ghost gear and regulate potting, trawling and other gear types likely to damage benthic habitats. • Strengthen surveillance against IUU fishing through vessel tracking, port-state controls and regional cooperation. Require aquaculture projects to prepare site-specific ESIA/ESMPs, including effluent treatment, water quality monitoring and biosecurity measures.
3	Maritime Transport and Infrastructure	• Subject all major port, dredging, cable, ferry and maritime infrastructure projects to site-specific ESIA and marine ecological assessment. • Apply best-practice dredging controls, including timing restrictions, turbidity monitoring, sediment containment and approved disposal sites. • Avoid routing shipping lanes, dredged material disposal areas and infrastructure corridors through coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves and culturally sensitive sites. • Prepare and regularly test oil spill contingency plans, emergency response systems and hazardous cargo management protocols. • Promote cleaner vessel technologies, low-sulphur fuels, port emission controls and energy-efficient port operations. • Introduce vessel routing, speed controls and noise-reduction measures in ecologically sensitive areas and marine mammal corridors. • Maintain navigational safety systems, signage, maritime communication and small-craft access planning to reduce accidents and user conflict. • Consult fishers, tourism operators and coastal communities before establishing exclusion zones, port security zones or cable protection corridors. • Compensate or provide alternative access arrangements where traditional fishing, anchoring or landing areas are permanently restricted.
4	Tourism and Cultural Heritage	• Enforce setback lines, coastal development controls and dune/vegetation protection measures in beach tourism areas. • Tourism facilities should provide wastewater treatment, solid waste management, storm water control and pollution prevention systems. • Protect public beach access, fish landing sites and community use areas in tourism planning and licensing. • Map and gazette archaeological sites, shipwrecks, sacred coastal sites and other cultural heritage assets. • Establish protective buffers around cultural heritage sites and prohibit dredging, anchoring, trenching or sand mining in sensitive locations. • Develop access protocols for sacred sites in consultation with custodians, elders and local communities. • Promote low-impact tourism, visitor carrying capacity limits and codes of conduct for diving, boating, beach use and cultural site visitation. • Ensure tourism benefits are shared with local communities through employment, local enterprise participation and community-based tourism initiatives.
5	Renewable Energy	• Undertake strategic site screening to avoid critical habitats, fishing grounds, shipping corridors, cultural heritage sites and marine mammal areas. • Enforce project-specific ESIA to assess cumulative impact before approval of offshore renewable energy projects. • Apply construction timing restrictions to avoid breeding, migration, spawning and peak fishing seasons. • Use noise-reduction technologies and marine fauna observation protocols during construction. • Establish safety zones that are proportionate and do not unnecessarily exclude fishers or tourism operators. • Promote multi-use planning where compatible, including co-location with fisheries, research or conservation where feasible. • Develop clear inter-agency coordination procedures for licensing, monitoring and conflict resolution. • Enforce decommissioning plans and financial assurance for removal or restoration at the end of project life.
6	Marine Safety and Security	• Strengthen maritime surveillance, vessel monitoring, patrols and enforcement across territorial waters, the EEZ and extended continental shelf. • Clearly mark shipping lanes, ferry routes, port approaches, exclusion zones and small-craft navigation corridors. • Develop safe routing arrangements for artisanal fishers, tourism vessels and small craft near ports, ferry routes and shipping corridors. • Maintain emergency preparedness systems for oil spills, search and rescue, vessel accidents and hazardous cargo incidents. • Establish communication channels between port authorities, Kenya Coast Guard, BMUs, tourism operators and local communities. • Ensure security zones are justified, proportionate and designed to minimize unnecessary livelihood displacement. • Strengthen regional cooperation for IUU fishing control, spill response, marine mammal protection, migratory species management and transboundary pollution control. • Maintain incident reporting, grievance redress and compensation mechanisms for affected users.
7	Climate Change Resilience	• Integrate climate risk screening into all MSP zoning decisions, infrastructure approvals and sector development plans. • Protect and restore blue carbon ecosystems, especially mangroves, seagrass beds and coastal wetlands. • Maintain ecological buffers, setback zones and nature-based shoreline protection to reduce erosion and storm surge impacts. • Use climate-informed siting standards for ports, tourism facilities, aquaculture, energy projects and coastal infrastructure. • Promote livelihood diversification for climate-vulnerable fishing and coastal communities. • Monitor climate-sensitive indicators such as coral condition, mangrove health, fish stock shifts, shoreline change and extreme weather impacts. • Support early warning systems, disaster preparedness and local adaptation planning for coastal communities. • Align MSP implementation with Kenya's climate change policy, adaptation plans and blue economy resilience objectives.
8	Socio-economic Activities and Resource Management	• Reserve and protect landing sites, transit corridors, and fishing access routes for small-scale and artisanal resource users. • Integrate community access requirements into marine spatial planning and development approvals to safeguard traditional resource-use areas and navigation routes. • Promote local content and benefit-sharing arrangements to enhance community participation and equitable distribution of project benefits. • Strengthen regional cooperation and information-sharing frameworks for the management of transboundary marine resources and impacts. • Improve cross-border monitoring, surveillance, and enforcement systems to support sustainable marine resource management.

The full Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment report for the Kenya Marine Spatial Plan is available for inspection during working hours at:

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NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) working days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process regarding this SESA. Comments can also be e-mailed to **info@nema.go.ke** clearly indicating: **"Comments on the Draft SESA Report for the Kenya Marine Spatial Plan."**

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Experts train cashew nuts players to drive value addition and industry growth

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The African Cashew Alliance (ACA) is intensifying efforts to unlock the full economic potential of the cashew industry by equipping actors with practical skills in production, processing, value addition and marketing, as the continent seeks to boost competitiveness, create jobs and increase farmers' incomes.

ACA is strengthening expertise across the cashew value chain from policy, production and processing to marketing through a blend of theoretical and hands-on training targeting key players in the sector.

ACA, in partnership with the Market Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE) and the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat, with funding from the European Union (EU) and the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), conducted a week-long second session of the 21st edition of the Master Training Programme (MTP) for Cashew Value Chain Promotion in Africa.

The programme follows the first session held in Tanzania in June. During the Mombasa training, 81 participants from Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania underwent intensive training on Good

Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Director General Calistus Kundu (left) hand over a certificate to one of the cashew actors who participated in a week-long training in Mombasa

Agricultural Management Practices (GAMP), sustainable cashew processing, gender-responsive approaches and leadership in the cashew sector.

Participants also received practical instruction on harvesting and post-harvest handling, nut quality measurement, cashew apple juice processing, by-products and the economics of processing.

The MTP is a long-running capacity-building initiative designed to develop both established and emerging professionals in the cashew industry, creating a pool of experts capable of driving the sector's growth and competitiveness across Africa.

Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Director General Calistus Kundu said the training had equipped participants with practical knowledge and skills that would strengthen efforts to develop Africa's cashew industry.

"The knowledge acquired should not end here. We have a responsibility to transfer these skills to farmers, processors, extension officers, investors, as well as other value chain actors. By applying what you have learned, we can contribute to increased productivity, improved quality, enhanced value addition, greater market competitiveness and improved income for our farmers," said Kundu.

He noted that Kenya has enormous potential to revive and expand its cashew industry, recalling that the crop was once referred to as "white gold" because of the wealth it generated for farmers.

"Through partnerships among government institutions, county governments, the private sector, development partners and research organisations, we can build a vibrant and sustainable cashew value chain that creates employment, supports food and nutritional security, and contributes to economic growth," he said.

Sh 2.16b Muruny-Siyoi dam in West Pokot nears completion

BY PARKLEA IVOR (KNA)

The long-awaited Sh 2.16 billion Muruny-Siyoi Dam project in West Pokot County has reached 86.7 percent completion, raising hopes that residents will finally access reliable and safe water after years of delays that have seen the project miss several completion deadlines.

Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eng. Eric Mugaa inspected the multi-billion-shilling project in Lelan Ward accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer Eng. Julius K. Mugun and Board Chairperson Dr. Jane Mwikali of the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority (NWHSA), West Pokot County Deputy Governor Robert Komolle and Resident Engineer Tabitha Kimani amongst national administration representatives and other stakeholders.

The project, funded by the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and implemented by the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority is now scheduled for completion in December 2026.

Once complete, the project is expected to supply clean and safe water to about 350,000 people by 2035, benefiting residents

1. Resident Engineer Tabitha Kimani (left) explains the progress of the Muruny (Siyoi) Dam project to Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa and other officials using project charts during an inspection tour at the construction site in Lelan Ward, West Pokot County.
2. THE UPSTREAM CONCRETE EMBANKMENT OF THE MURUNY (SIYOI) DAM SHOWING THE COMPLETED DIAPHRAGM WALL AND THE REMAINING SECTION AWAITING CLOSURE. PHOTO BY PARKLEA IVOR

project as one of the flagship investments under the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

"The Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda prioritises investments that strengthen agriculture, create jobs and uplift communities from the grassroots, and the Siyoi Muruny Dam is a clear demonstration of this commitment," Eng Mugaa said.

He noted that upon completion, the dam will store 8.9 billion cubic metres of water and will be supported by a modern treatment plant capable of purifying more than 38 million litres of water daily.

"The facility will provide clean and safe water for domestic use, irrigation, livestock watering and many other economic activities that will transform livelihoods in this region," he said.

Eng Mugaa acknowledged the frustrations that residents have endured over the years due to the prolonged construction period but assured them that the government had renewed its commitment to completing the project.

"Many people had already given up hope that this project would ever be completed, but I want to assure them that we shall closely follow up and take the necessary measures to ensure it is finished," he said.

The CS disclosed that the government allocated slightly over Sh1 billion to the project during the previous financial year and a further Sh1.16 billion in the current budget to accelerate the remaining works.

"I have been shown a very optimistic timeline. I have evaluated the plans, the equipment available on site and the remaining work, especially the approximately 15-metre gap that still requires completion. The contractor must deploy more resources if these timelines are to be achieved," Eng Mugaa said.

Eng Mugaa said the government is increasingly investing in water harvesting infrastructure due to changing climate patterns.

"Climate patterns have changed drastically over recent years, resulting in unpredictable rainfall. We therefore have a responsibility to harvest and conserve water to support irrigated agriculture and guarantee water security for our people," he said.

NWHSA Chief Executive Officer Eng. Julius Mugun said the national government remained fully committed to ensuring the project is completed within the revised timelines.

"The President has prioritised this project and demonstrated that commitment by ensuring adequate funding is allocated to fast-track its completion," said Eng Mugun.

He admitted the project had taken longer than anticipated but assured residents that only

Met Department projects increased rains from October as El Niño looms

BY EMILY KADZO (KNA)

The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) has indicated that the country may experience above-normal rainfall from October as a strong El Niño event develops, raising the risk of wetter conditions extending into early 2027.

KMD has pointed out that there is an 81 per cent probability that the 2026 El Niño will be very strong and a 97 percent chance that it will persist into the first months of 2027.

Narok County Director of Meteorological Services, Stanley Kinyua, said the country is expected to transition from below-normal rainfall in the coming weeks to wetter-than-average conditions during the October-November-December short rains season.

Kinyua cautioned that the strength of El Niño alone does not determine the amount of rainfall Kenya will receive.

He explained that rainfall will largely be influenced by the Indian Ocean Dipole, a climate phenomenon caused by differences in sea surface temperatures across the Indian Ocean. Depending on whether the IOD is positive or negative, it can either enhance or suppress the effects of El Niño over East Africa.

Speaking during a meeting on an Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on El Niño Preparedness and Response to coordinate Narok County's response to the forecast moderate-to-strong El Niño rains expected later this year, the official flagged flood and landslides hotspot areas of the devolved unit as Narok town, Mosiro, Ewaso Ngiro, Kilgoris and Nkareta.

KMD projects below-average rainfall across much of western Kenya during the August-September-October period. However, conditions are expected to change from October, with most parts of the country likely to receive above-average rainfall through November.

Kinyua cautioned that El Niño is not rainfall itself but a naturally occurring climate pattern in the tropical Pacific Ocean that develops every two to seven years and influences weather globally.

El Niño has been linked to several major flooding events in Kenya. The country experienced one of its worst episodes in 1997-1998, when widespread floods claimed lives, displaced thousands, and destroyed infrastructure.

Other significant El Niño events occurred in 2006-2007, 2015-2016, and 2023-2024, the latter bringing heavy rains, floods, and landslides that killed hundreds and caused extensive damage.

Kinyua said the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is likely to be positive.

"The 2015 was a very strong El Nino, close to 1997 but because the IOD was weakly positive, we did not experience as much rainfall as was experienced in 1997. The outcome of the season will majorly depend on the strength of the IOD."

He said some areas have been affected by drought, compromising food security in the nation.

He said depressed rainfall is expected over the Western half of the country in August and September.

"Above average rainfall is expected over most parts in October and November," he added.

During August-September-October, depressed rainfall is expected over western half of the country while above average rains will be expected over most parts in September-October-November.

Kinyua said El Nino will affect those in the informal settlements, floodplain communities, Asal communities, and those in riparian and wetlands.

Crops, livestock, roads, water systems, markets and health facilities will also be affected.

He said floods become disasters because of weak drainage, poor sanitation, poor housing and weak infrastructure. In Kenya, El Niño is most commonly linked to heavy rainfall during the October to December short rains season.

Narok North Deputy County Commissioner Joseph Merisho assured residents that a multi-agency team is laying down adequate measures in anticipation of the El Nino rains expected between October and December this year.

The administrator explained that the committee that is co-chaired had activated relevant State agencies and county departments in conjunction with the State Department for Special Programmes and humanitarian agencies to ensure that in the event of the forecasted rains they are not caught flatfooted.

He indicated that they had held discussions on mapping the internal resources available within committee members, mitigation measures, the relay of information to the public, strengthening interdepartmental coordination, and identifying priority interventions.

Scientists contend that El Nino as part of a larger climate cycle is a naturally occurring climate phenomenon characterized by the abnormal warming of the Pacific Sea surface temperatures.

The World Meteorological Association warns that the El Nino climate phenomenon could bring droughts, flooding, heat waves and displacement of people around the world later this year.

The international weather agency warned that the anticipated heavy rainfall could have far reaching consequences across many sectors including transportation, agriculture, health and infrastructure.

The national government has also activated an Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on El Nino preparedness that will also support the devolved governments.

Merisho stated that early preparedness and timely action remain essential in reducing the impacts of El Nino rains thus averting humanitarian crises and protecting livelihoods.

The Multiagency team will also coordinate farmer advisories to help cushion the agriculture sector from potential losses.

NYOTA Project raises beneficiary stipend to Sh500 in 14 hardship counties

BY HEBREWS RONO (PCO)

The Government has increased the daily stipend for beneficiaries the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Project in 14 hardship counties from Sh 300 to Sh 500, in a move aimed at reducing financial barriers to training and ensuring more young people can fully participate in the programme.

Speaking as the induction of beneficiaries under the On-the-Job Experience (OJE) component commenced, Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy Fikirini Jacobs said the enhanced stipend is intended to support transport and subsistence costs for youth attending the 20-day Socio-Emotional Skills Development (SESD) training.

The induction marks the official rollout of the programme across Lots 5, 6 and 7, covering the counties of Isiolo, Marsabit, Laikipia, Samburu, Turkana, Baringo, Nandi, West Pokot, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Trans Nzoia, Lamu, Mombasa, Kilifi, Garissa, Mandera, Wajir and Tana River.

According to the Principal Secretary, the increased stipend will benefit participants from the hardship counties of Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo, Laikipia, Tana River, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Marsabit, Samburu, Kilifi, Lamu, Elgeyo Marakwet and Isiolo, recognising the unique socio-economic and geographical challenges faced by young people in these regions.

In addition, young mothers enrolled in the programme will continue receiving an extra Sh 250 per day to cater for childcare services, reinforcing the Government's commitment to ensuring that parenting responsibilities do not prevent women from accessing training and employment opportunities.

"The enhanced support is designed to ensure that no eligible young person is left behind due to financial constraints. By easing transport and subsistence costs, we are enabling more youth to complete the training and prepare for meaningful employment," said the Principal Secretary.

The induction has recorded an encouraging response, with above-average turnout in several counties, reflecting growing confidence among young people in the opportunities presented by the NYOTA Project.

While some training centres reported lower attendance, mobilisation efforts are continuing to ensure all eligible beneficiaries are reached and enrolled.

During the 20-day SESD training, participants will build critical workplace competencies, including communication, teamwork, leadership, resilience, emotional intelligence, problem-solving, professionalism and interpersonal skills. These competencies are intended to complement technical expertise and prepare beneficiaries for success in modern workplaces.

Upon completing the classroom-based training, beneficiaries will transition into a five-month apprenticeship under experienced master craftsmen, where they will gain practical, industry-relevant experience through structured workplace learning and mentorship.

The NYOTA Project is one of the Government's flagship youth empowerment initiatives aimed at improving employability, promoting entrepreneurship and expanding economic opportunities for young Kenyans.

By combining socio-emotional skills training with practical workplace exposure, the programme seeks to bridge the gap between education and employment while preparing youth for sustainable livelihoods.

The Principal Secretary said the initiative aligns with President William Ruto's agenda of creating jobs, strengthening skills development and empowering young people to contribute meaningfully to Kenya's economic transformation.

He noted that investing in youth through quality training, mentorship and practical work experience is essential to building a skilled, resilient and future-ready workforce capable of driving innovation, productivity and sustainable national development.

State boosts digital access with computers for Nyakach youth hubs

BY ROBERT OJWANG' (KNA)

A consignment of computers delivered at Pap Onditi ICT Innovation Hub in Central Nyakach Ward, Kisumu County.

The Government has distributed desktop computers to digital hubs in Nyakach Constituency, Kisumu County, in a move aimed at expanding access to digital tools, skills training and online employment opportunities for young people.

The computers were delivered under the Jitume Digital Enablement Programme, a flagship initiative of the Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) that seeks to improve digital access and strengthen ICT capacity across the country.

Speaking during the handover, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Children Welfare and Social Protection, Carren Ageng'o, urged youth in Nyakach to take full advantage of the programme to unlock opportunities in the digital and creative economy.

"The national government is working closely with Members of Parliament to ensure digital hubs are equipped with the necessary tools so that our youth can improve their digital literacy and access online job opportunities both locally and internationally," she said.

Nyakach Member of Parliament, Aduma Owuor, described the donation as a major milestone in efforts to expand digital access, empower youth with ICT skills and create opportunities for innovation, learning and employment.

"We have received a consignment of computers for three of our five ICT hubs as we continue implementing our vision of establishing one ICT hub in every ward across Nyakach Constituency," said Owuor.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to bridging the digital divide through the establishment of modern ICT hubs equipped with the infrastructure required to support digital learning and entrepreneurship.

The Jitume Youth Digital Empowerment Centres form part of the government's broader Digital Superhighway Programme, which aims to equip young people with the skills, technology and resources needed to participate effectively in the digital economy.

Established by the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy in partnership with Konza Technopolis Development Authority and the ICT Authority, the centres are designed to prepare learners for technology-driven careers and online work opportunities.

The hubs are equipped with virtual desktop infrastructure workstations and high-speed fibre internet, creating an enabling environment for digital learning, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Plans underway to transform students' creative talents into income streams

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

Basic Education Principal Secretary, John Ololtuaa (left), is presented with the winner's trophy by Equity Bank Regional General Manager for Nyanza and Western regions, Peter Akuoyo (right), during the official opening of the Kenya National Music Festival at Kibabii University in Bungoma County.

The Government is seeking to turn talent nurtured in schools into viable economic opportunities by strengthening the identification, development and monetisation of creative abilities among learners.

Basic Education Principal Secretary, John Ololtuaa, said the Ministry of Education would continue strengthening co-curricular programmes to ensure learners gifted in music, dance, sports and other creative fields can develop their abilities into sustainable careers.

Speaking at Kibabii University in Bungoma County during the official opening of the 98th Kenya Music Festival, the PS said the initiative was aligned with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which identifies the creative economy as an important driver of employment and wealth creation.

"The Ministry will continue to strengthen co-curricular programmes so that talent identification, development and commercialization is promoted," he said.

He described the Kenya Music Festival as one of the country's most successful educational programmes in nurturing talent, preserving culture and promoting national cohesion.

The PS said the festival had grown beyond a competition to become a platform for promoting cultural identity, patriotism and unity while giving young people an opportunity to discover their talents, build confidence and appreciate Kenya's cultural diversity.

He described it as the largest music, dance and spoken-word festival in Africa, saying it had demonstrated the potential of co-curricular activities to complement classroom learning.

Ololtuaa said the festivals enable learners to develop creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, digital literacy, citizenship and self-efficacy, which are key competencies under Competency-Based Education.

He said the Government was now keen to ensure exceptional performances do not end when the festival closes but can translate into opportunities in the creative economy.

The Ministry, he said, would work with relevant Government agencies and other stakeholders to advance digital transformation, talent development and commercialization of creative works produced by learners.

The 98th edition of the festival is being held under the theme 'Enhancing the Creative Economy through Skills, Knowledge and Artistic Production for Sustainable Development.'

Ololtuaa said the theme was timely given the growing contribution of the creative economy to employment and wealth creation globally and its alignment with the country's economic priorities.

He called for greater involvement of the private sector, county governments and State agencies in supporting the festivals in developing talents among young Kenyans.

"Kenya is a great country and it has many stakeholders who can participate. It is possible to partner and make the road a little bit lighter," he said.

Ololtuaa also stressed the importance of integrity, accountability and professionalism in the education sector.

Soya bean farming powering Homa-Bay's aquaculture revolution

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

As sacks of freshly harvested soya beans arrive at a village aggregation centre in Homa Bay County, each is carefully weighed and inspected to determine its cost.

To many farmers, it is another harvest and another payday. But these golden beans are destined for something much bigger than the dinner table.

They are helping feed Kenya's growing aquaculture industry.

For decades, fish feed manufacturers have relied heavily on imported ingredients to meet the country's demand for aquaculture feeds. Among the most important ingredients is soyabean meal, a protein-rich product widely used around the world as a plant-based alternative to fishmeal.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), fish feed is the largest operating cost in fish farming, and soya bean meal has become a key ingredient because it provides high-quality protein while reducing pressure on wild fish stocks used to produce fishmeal.

In Kenya, however, soyabean production falls far short of demand, presenting both a challenge and an opportunity.

At the heart of efforts to bridge the gap is Homa Bay County, where an innovative programme is linking crop farmers with fish farmers to strengthen the aquaculture value chain while creating jobs for young people.

For Elijah Odondo, a village-based soya bean aggregator, the transformation begins at the aggregation centre.

"Our work is to receive soya beans from farmers, check the quality, weigh the produce and pay them but we also support farmers through training, interest-free loans and climate-resilient seed varieties," he says.

KPA repositioning port of Mombasa for greater efficiency

1. **inset:KPA CEO Capt. William Ruto says ongoing port modernization programme targets to boost maritime trade and enhance efficiency.**
2. **A ship docked at the port of Mombasa. The Mombasa port is expected to receive 22 container vessels, 10 conventional cargo vessels, three oil tankers, and five car carriers over the next 14 days.**

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Chief Executive Officer Captain William Ruto, has confirmed plans by the Authority to reposition the port of Mombasa for greater efficiency, investment and economic growth.

Ruto said reforms anchored in infrastructure upgrades, digital transformation and regulatory restructuring continue to revitalize port operations for enhanced revenue generation and trade facilitation.

The Port of Mombasa is the premier maritime gateway to East and Central Africa serving as a critical trade lifeline that connects over 80 global ports to a vast landlocked hinterland.

The port links international shipping lines to millions of people and is the starting point of the Northern Corridor that links Kenya's coast to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and South Sudan.

Ruto was speaking in his office when he received Hapag-Lloyd Shipping Line Managing Director for East Africa Altamush Ahmed.

The KPA CEO said Hapag-Lloyd Shipping Line and the KPA have pledged to strengthen collaboration and build on gains, in streamlining operations at the Port of Mombasa and the wider shipping across the maritime industry.

He said KPA operates key digital infrastructure at the Port of Mombasa such as the Sh1 billion Vessel Traffic Management and Information System launched in July 2026.

"This new digital platform automates ship tracking, radar surveillance, and maritime communications to streamline maritime traffic," he said.

The comprehensive digitalization initiative seeks to enhance port efficiency, transparency, and data-driven decision-making across the port zones in Mombasa, Lamu and Kisumu.

Ruto said KPA is implementing various capacity enhancing initiatives that will not only support the growing business but also create opportunities for shipping lines to also expand.

Ruto said significant progress has been made on key infrastructure projects, including the construction of Berth 19B which is currently at 40 percent completion, the development of Dongo Kundu Berth One, and the upgrading of the terminal operating system.

Berth 19B is a Sh19 billion quay extension project at the Port of Mombasa and adds 240 meters of quay length with a 15-meter draft to handle vessels up to 45,000 deadweight tonnage, boosting annual capacity by 300,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

Maritime stakeholders contend that this new capability addresses the operational need of larger ships calling on Mombasa that require deeper drafts and longer berthing spaces to turn around efficiently.

"KPA is seeking to comprehensively overhaul ageing quay walls, deepen navigational channels and fully automate terminal infrastructure across all port locations," he said adding that the move seeks to reduce vessel turnaround times and significantly improve cargo-handling efficiency.

He said to resolve operational bottlenecks KPA is pushing ahead with 'Smart Gates Project' describing it as a key innovation that will ease traffic congestion around the port and accelerate cargo evacuation.

The Smart Gates Project by KPA is a technology-driven initiative designed to automate cargo and vehicle access, curb manual processes, and speed up truck turn-around times at facilities like the Port of Mombasa and the Nairobi Inland Container Depot.

Ruto said the Dongo Kundu Berth one is a major upcoming multipurpose port facility planned for the South Coast side of the Port of Mombasa within the 3,000-acre Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Likoni Sub-County.

The new Dongo Kundu Berth One estimated at Sh18 billion, seeks to boost regional manufacturing, logistics, and trade.

Invest Kenya, OAK partner to boost Kenya's global business services sector

BY WINNIE ROTICH

Kenya has stepped up efforts to position itself as Africa's leading Global Business Services (GBS) hub following a new partnership between the Kenya Investment Authority (Invest Kenya) and the Outsourcing Alliance of Kenya (OAK).

The two organisations have signed a cooperation agreement aimed at attracting high-value investments into the country's growing Global Business Services, Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) sectors.

The agreement provides a framework for collaboration in investment promotion, investor facilitation, market intelligence, policy advocacy, skills development and international branding.

Invest Kenya Chief Executive Officer John Mwendwa said the partnership would help streamline the investment process while strengthening Kenya's competitiveness as a destination for technology-driven investments.

"The collaboration would combine Invest Kenya's One-Stop-Centre investment facilitation and aftercare services with OAK's industry expertise to make it easier for global companies to establish and expand their operations in Kenya," he said.

He added that increased investment in the GBS sector would support economic diversification, create quality jobs for young people, promote skills transfer and expand Kenya's export of services.

The partnership comes as the global GBS industry continues to expand, creating opportunities for countries with skilled workforces, digital infrastructure and competitive business environments.

Kenya is seeking to leverage its young and skilled workforce, strategic location, growing digital infrastructure and business environment to attract international firms seeking to establish or expand outsourcing and digital service operations in Africa.

OAK Interim Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Beardsley said the agreement would present Kenya as a unified destination for global investors seeking to scale AI-enabled and digital services across Africa.

Under the agreement, Invest Kenya and OAK will jointly manage an investor pipeline to identify and convert high-value investment opportunities.

The two organisations will also work together to fast-track the establishment of new operations, including through Special Economic Zone (SEZ) facilitation and support in securing critical work permits.

The partnership further provides for joint market-entry initiatives targeting investors in the United States and Europe, as well as an aftercare programme aimed at retaining existing investments and supporting the long-term growth of companies operating in the sector.

The collaboration would strengthen public-private sector cooperation in building a resilient and globally competitive outsourcing ecosystem.

The agreement marks a renewed push to position Kenya as a preferred destination for global companies seeking technology-enabled business services and outsourcing opportunities in Africa.

Ministry increases wheat prices to boost farmer incomes

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU

The Government has increased the producer price of locally grown wheat to Sh 5,100 per 90-kilogram bag for the 2026 season, up from Sh 4,750.

The increase is aimed at improving farmers' earnings, encouraging local production and reducing dependence on imported grain.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe announced the revised price in a statement saying the desicion was reached after extensive consultations coordinated by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA).

The discussions brought together the Cereal Growers Association (CGA), wheat farmers and cereal millers to balance the interests of producers, processors and consumers.

Kagwe said the new producer price will apply at designated aggregation centres where the Government has already begun the wheat mop-up exercise ahead of any imports, reaffirming its commitment to giving priority to locally produced grain.

"We expect one million 90-kilogram bags of wheat this season, down from 1.7 million bags harvested last year due to adverse weather conditions and the shift by many farmers to barley production after favourable barley prices in 2025," Kagwe said.

He expressed optimism that wheat production would rebound as barley prices ease, making wheat farming more attractive to growers.

More than 2,000 wheat farmers from Narok, Nakuru, Meru, Laikipia, Nyandarua and Uasin Gishu counties are expected to benefit from the revised producer price.

Kagwe said the agreement represents a balanced outcome that improves returns for farmers while helping millers maintain stable flour prices for consumers.

He noted that the consultative approach adopted across the wheat value chain demonstrates how collaboration between government and industry stakeholders can strengthen local production, support the milling sector and enhance national food security.

The CS said the government will continue implementing measures to revitalize the wheat subsector, including expanding fertilizer subsidy programmes, accelerating the development and distribution of high-yielding and climate-resilient wheat varieties through the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and private seed companies.

"We will also promote mechanization, strengthen control of quelea birds, support commercial land leasing and encourage climate-smart agriculture to improve productivity," he added.

Mulele Level 3 Hospital commissioned to boost healthcare access in Vihiga

BY VICTOR ZEDY AND ROSE WASIKE (KNA)

The Government, in partnership with the Vihiga County Government and health stakeholders, has commissioned Mulele Level 3 Hospital in Lugaga Ward, Vihiga County aiming at bringing quality healthcare services closer to residents.

The facility, formerly operating as Mulele Dispensary, has been upgraded to a 32-bed Level 3 hospital to strengthen primary healthcare, improve maternal and newborn services and support the Government's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda at the grassroots.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, Principal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga reaffirmed the Government's commitment to expanding access to quality and affordable healthcare services across the country.

Dr Oluga commended the local community, Vihiga County Government and development partners for supporting the transformation of the facility from a small dispensary staffed by a single healthcare worker into a fully operational hospital.

He said the development demonstrated the importance of collaboration between the national and county governments in advancing the country's UHC agenda.

"Mulele Level 3 Hospital is not just a health facility; it is a symbol of our Universal Health Coverage agenda, a source of pride for this community and a foundation for a healthier and more productive Vihiga County," Dr Oluga said.

The facility will offer outpatient and inpatient services, maternal and newborn healthcare, specialised clinics and emergency services.

He urged residents to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA), saying increased registration would enhance access to healthcare while reducing the financial burden of seeking treatment.

The PS said SHA registration would also strengthen healthcare financing through the Primary Healthcare Fund and other SHA-supported programmes, enabling health facilities to improve service delivery.

Dr Oluga said eligible primary healthcare services offered at Level 3 facilities are provided free of charge, with facilities reimbursed through the Primary Healthcare Fund.

Public servants urged to support National Development Charter

BY MITCHELLE DIBO AND DAVIS LANGAT (PCO)

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke has urged public servants to take an active role in communicating Government programmes and development opportunities ahead of the launch of the National Conversation on the National Development Charter.

The charter will be launched by H.E. President Dr. William Ruto tomorrow.

PS Isaboke made the remarks when he convened a meeting with Heads of Departments in the State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications to reflect on the development taking place across the country and the Government programmes currently being implemented.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the departmental heads to review the progress being

made under various Government initiatives in the sector and consider how public servants can better communicate these interventions and the opportunities they present to Kenyans.

"Effective public communication is central to ensuring that citizens are well informed about Government programmes, available opportunities and ways in which they can participate in the country's development journey," he noted.

The PS emphasised that public servants have a responsibility to understand Government policies, programmes and interventions within their respective areas of work and communicate them accurately and effectively to the communities they serve.

In a different event, the PS donated 200 computers to public institutions in Homa Bay County.

The computers, donated through the State Department of ICT, will expand access to digital services and strengthen ICT capacity in schools, community centres and government offices.

"This donation is part of our broader plan to ensure that every county benefit from digital transformation. By equipping institutions with modern devices, we are opening up opportunities for training, innovation, and improved access to government services, Isaboke said.

The PS emphasized the centrality of technology in education, service delivery and economk growth. He added that the government is determined to ensure that no region is left behind.

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In addition, applicants are required to submit **an electronic scanned copy** of the application in **PDF format,** with all documents merged into **one continuous file**, via email to **recruitment@kabianga.ac.ke**. Both the hard copy and the electronic application must be received **not later than 5.00 p.m. (EAT)** on **Tuesday, 31st August 2026**.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION OF TAX POLICY PROPOSALS FOR THE FY 2027/2028 BUDGET

WHEREAS Article 43 of the Constitution confers all persons with economic and social rights to health-care, housing, water, sanitation, education, adequate food and social security;

WHEREAS Article 174 of the Constitution provides for the objects of devolution which include to promote social and economic development, provision of services and to ensure equitable sharing of national and local resources throughout Kenya;

AND WHEREAS Article 201(a) of the Constitution on the principles of public finance requires that there should be openness and accountability, including public participation, in financial matters;

FURTHER WHEREAS Article 232(1)(d) of the Constitution requires involvement of the people in the process of policy making;

NOTING section 35(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A) requires participation by the public in the budget process;

RECOGNISING the burdens and benefits of the use of resources, raising revenue and managing expenditure equitably; and

COGNIZANT that year 2027 is an election year, there is need to fast-track the National Fiscal Budget process to ensure smooth government operations. It is therefore imperative that the process of preparing the Finance Bill, 2027 begins early enough to ensure that the Finance Act, 2027 is enacted before Parliament breaks in preparation for the General Elections. In this regard, the preparation of the Finance Bill, 2027 will commence in August, 2026. Completion and submission of the Bill to the National Assembly will be in January 2027;

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 201(a) and 232(1)(d) of the Constitution, and section 35(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, (Cap 412A), the National Treasury hereby invites the members of the public, the national government and county governments, non-governmental organizations, civil societies, professional bodies, private sector players, religious groups and other stakeholders to submit proposals for consideration in the preparation of the Finance Bill, 2027 and Kenya's EAC Customs measures for the FY 2027/28 EAC Budget process.

The proposals should focus on specific amendments to tax laws or tax administration measures for inclusion in the Finance Bill, 2027. Stakeholders are also invited to submit proposals on EAC Customs measures, including amendments to the Common External Tariff (CET), Duty Remission Scheme (DRS), stays of application of the CET and other EAC customs policy instruments. Submissions should align with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, which seeks to achieve economic turnaround and inclusive growth through a value chain approach.

Taking into account prevailing fiscal pressures, including increased expenditure needs, constrained debt carrying capacity and limitations in mobilising additional revenue, stakeholders are advised to ensure that their submissions reflect current domestic and global economic realities. Proposals should be realistic, fiscally responsible and responsive to the challenges facing the economy.

Each submission should include:

a) the specific tax law or provision proposed for amendment;
b) a concise description of the issue to be addressed;
c) a clear justification supported by evidence or analysis; and
d) where applicable, the relevant EAC Customs tariff line, measure or policy instrument to which the proposal relates.

The proposals received will inform the formulation of tax measures for consideration in the Finance Bill, 2027 and Kenya's submissions on EAC Customs measures for the FY 2027/28 EAC Budget process, while supporting ongoing efforts to strengthen domestic revenue mobilisation, enhance regional competitiveness and promote equitable and sustainable economic growth.

Hard copy submissions should be delivered to the undersigned, and soft copies sent to **submissions@treasury.go.ke** not later than **31st August, 2026**.

HON. FCPA, JOHN MBADI NGÓNGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY

KENYA VISION 2030

Gov't steps up efforts to protect Mt. Elgon ecosystem, boost community livelihoods

BY RACHEL NYABONYI (PCO)

The Government has stepped up efforts to protect the Mt Elgon ecosystem while improving the livelihoods of communities living around the forest.

On the same note, Environment Cabinet Secretary Dr Deborah Mlongo Barasa has directed the expansion of programmes that allow farmers to benefit from forest conservation.

Dr Barasa made the directive during a high-level government visit and community consultative forum at Saboti Forest Station in Trans Nzoia County, where she emphasised the need for stronger cooperation between communities and government agencies in protecting the critical water tower.

The Cabinet Secretary directed the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) to expand the Plantation Establishment and Livelihood Improvement Scheme (PELIS), which allows smallholder farmers living adjacent to forests to grow food crops alongside newly planted tree seedlings during the early stages of forest establishment.

She said conservation efforts would only succeed if communities living next to forests were actively involved and benefited from protecting the ecosystems.

"Conserving our natural heritage requires active, respectful partnership with the people who live closest to these ecosystems," Dr Barasa said.

She noted that Mt Elgon is not only an important forest and biodiversity resource but also a critical water tower that supports millions of people downstream.

The visit brought together senior national and county government officials, including Mining Principal Secretary Harry Kimtai, who is also the national patron of the 15 billion tree-growing strategy in Mt Elgon; Kenya Forest Service Board Director Jane Simita; Trans Nzoia County Commissioner A. Hussein; and KFS Chairman Titus Korir.

A key focus of the engagement was the role of Community Forest Associations (CFAs) in protecting and rehabilitating forest resources.

Trans Nzoia has eight registered CFAs covering 45,668.2 hectares of gazetted forest land in areas including Sosio, Kimothon, Kiptogot, Suam and Kitale Township. The associations bring together more than 7,000 members, including farmers, youth, women and persons with disabilities.

The Government said the associations provide an important platform for communities and forest rangers to work together in conservation and forest management.

Dr Barasa also highlighted progress under the FAO/GEF 7 programme, which has supported local communities to produce indigenous tree seedlings, rehabilitate degraded landscapes and develop alternative livelihoods.

Among the initiatives being undertaken are partnerships with organisations such as Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) and Jumbo Charge, as well as sustainable enterprises including modern beekeeping in Kiptogot and Suam.

The conservation drive is also receiving a major boost through a partnership between KFS and the National Youth Service (NYS), which is establishing a mega tree nursery at Sikhendu Forest Station.

The nursery is expected to produce up to 18 million seedlings, contributing significantly to the Government's national tree-growing and forest restoration efforts.

The Government said the initiatives are aimed at ensuring that forest conservation goes hand in hand with improved household livelihoods, reducing pressure on forest resources while increasing community participation in restoration efforts.

The Saboti engagement brought together communities and multiple government agencies to strengthen collaboration in forest conservation, livelihood improvement and climate resilience across the Mt Elgon ecosystem.

KETRA urges agro-processors to use trade remedies against unfair imports

Chief Conservator of Forests Alex Lemarkoko (center, in camouflage uniform) examines community-produced dairy items at the Kaimosi Agricultural Expo 2026 in Emgwen, Nandi County, Kenya. Photo credit, KFS

BY ELVIS LEMISO, PCO

The Kenya Trade Remedies Agency (KETRA) has urged agricultural producers and manufacturers to use trade remedy measures to protect local industries from unfair import competition as Kenya accelerates value addition and local manufacturing.

Speaking during the Kaimosi Agricultural Expo 2026, KETRA Director of Trade Remedies Complaints Management Erick Nabwana called on industry players to report suspected cases of dumping, subsidized imports and sudden import surges that could harm local businesses.

Representing the Agency's Chief Executive Officer, Nabwana said KETRA remains available to investigate complaints and provide legal remedies where imports are found to be causing injury to domestic industries.

"As the competent authority for investigating unfair import trade practices, KETRA's door is always open to local industries seeking redress. If you encounter sudden import surges or dumped products within your value chain, please do not hesitate to engage us for prompt remedy action," said Nabwana.

The appeal comes as more agricultural enterprises expand into processing and value addition, bringing locally manufactured products into direct competition with imported goods.

Concerns over unfair imports were recently highlighted by stakeholders in the sugar sector who, while appearing before the National Assembly Committee on Trade on August 5, 2026, raised alarm over increasing white sugar imports, warning that they could depress local prices, reduce employment opportunities and diminish government revenue.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, who was the chief guest at the expo, emphasized the central role of agriculture in Kenya's economy, noting that the sector contributes about one-third of the country's Gross Domestic Product and supports more than 70 per cent of rural livelihoods.

"Agriculture remains a critical pillar of our economy and a key driver of inclusive growth. Transforming the sector must go beyond increasing production to embracing value addition," said Mudavadi.

Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei underscored the importance of research, strong institutions and technology in driving agricultural transformation.

"The future of our agriculture will be determined by the quality of our research, the strength of our institutions and our collective ability to embrace innovation through technology," said Koskei.

KETRA's intervention aligns with ongoing efforts to strengthen agricultural value chains and promote the production of competitive locally manufactured goods for both domestic and export markets. The agency investigates complaints related to unfair import practices and recommends appropriate trade remedies where legal thresholds are met.

NGAO urged to drive 2 million student enrolment by December

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

The government has intensified efforts to achieve its ambitious target of enrolling about two million students in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions by December this year, with National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) being tasked to spearhead grassroots mobilization across the country to achieve the target.

Speaking during a TVET enrolment sensitisation forum for the administrators from Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Isiolo, Marsabit and Samburu Counties at Meru National Polytechnic, Principal Secretary for TVET Dr Esther Thaara Muoria, said the government had put in place the necessary infrastructure, funding mechanisms and training capacity to accommodate the targeted number of learners.

Muoria said the Government had announced a new funding model that would enable students to access financial support for their studies and repay the loans once they secure employment.

"We have to be deliberate in this mobilization. The government has created the space, developed curricula, employed over 5,500 trainers and re-skilled many of them on Competency-Based Education and Training. What we need now is to get the students into our institutions and ensure they remain there," she said.

She challenged chiefs, assistant chiefs and village elders to work closely with TVET institutions in identifying and mobilizing eligible youth within their jurisdictions.

"NGAO officers should help us identify and bring students to TVETs while the government takes responsibility for funding and retention," she said.

State Department for Devolution Principal Secretary, Michael Lenasalon said TVET education is opportunity for Kenya's industrial transformation and urged county governments to support enrolment drives.

He said chiefs and assistant chiefs were key agents in creating awareness on the value of technical skills and their role in wealth creation and job opportunities.

"We can unlock the potential of our youth and secure their future through skills training. TVETs provide a practical solution to unemployment and economic empowerment," said Lenasalon.

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KPA hands over Sh126.9 million cold storage facility to Kwale fisherfolks

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Hundreds of fisherfolk in Msambweni constituency of Kwale County are set to benefit from a modern fisheries facility handed over to them by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).

The multimillion-shilling investment aims at transforming the local fishing industry and enhancing livelihoods with cold storage and ice factories, a long-standing challenge faced by fishing communities.

The new facility is expected to significantly improve fish handling, preservation, and market access for fishermen and fish traders in the area.

The project is designed to address longstanding challenges facing fishing communities, including inadequate fish preservation facilities, limited storage capacity, and lack of modern fishing equipment.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, KPA Chief Executive Officer Captian William Ruto said the project aimed at helping remote coastal communities improve their fishing.

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KPA CEO Capt. William Ruto (C) flanked by Msambweni MP Feisal Bader (L) and Msambweni Deputy County Commissioner Joseph Mutisya during the commissioning ceremony of the cold storage facility in Msambweni sub county, Kwale.

A general view of a modern fish storage facility set up by KPA for fisherfolks in Msambweni sub county of Kwale. The cold storage facility will function as a preservation and consolidation center for local fishery products.

Ruto said the initiative underscores the Authority’s commitment to supporting communities while contributing to the government’s agenda of expanding the blue economy sector.

The Sector, also known as the sustainable ocean-based economy encompasses fisheries, maritime biotechnology, aquaculture, tourism and marine transport and logistics.

“This project is more than an investment in infrastructure, it is an investment in people, livelihoods, and the future of our coastal communities,” he said.

He emphasized that the KPA intervention is aimed at helping local fisherfolk preserve their fish catch longer thus enabling them to maximize on profit.

Capt. Ruto noted that the facility will directly benefit fisherfolks by reducing post-harvest losses, improving the quality of fish products, and enabling fishermen to access more lucrative markets.

He announced that KPA will conduct an evaluation after three years to assess the project’s impact, sustainability, and contribution to the overall community development.

The Sh126.9 million facility comprise an administration office block, a fish storage facility, an ice plant enabling immediate post-harvest cooling, and one fishing boat with outboard engines.

The new facilities are expected to reduce post-harvest losses, enhance incomes and improve the sustainable management of the local marine fishery resources.

Capt Ruto said the marine infrastructure is expected to strengthen the entire fisheries value chain by helping fishermen preserve the freshness and quality of their catch while improving operational efficiency.

The KPA CEO emphasized that enhanced fish handling and storage capacity will increase household incomes, boost food security, create employment opportunities, and support sustainable socio-economic growth across the coastal region.

Over 400 coast hospitality workers certified under recognition of prior learning programme

BY JOAN KINUTHIA (KNA)

More than 400 hospitality workers from the Coast region have received nationally recognised skills certification under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Upskilling Programme as Kenya intensifies efforts to attract five million international tourists annually by 2027.

The initiative, implemented by the Tourism Fund in partnership with the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), seeks to improve service standards by recognising experienced hospitality workers who have acquired skills through the workplace but lack formal qualifications.

The participants graduated after a two-week intensive training programme at the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic (KCNP) in Mombasa.

The graduating cohort comprised 35 hotel managers, accountants and hotel owners, 413 hospitality workers and 28 young content creators. It was the 24th cohort to complete the programme since its launch, following similar training sessions in Turkana, Kisumu, Nakuru, Nairobi, Nyeri and other regions.

The fully funded programme catered for accommodation, transport and meals for participants drawn from hospitality establishments across the Coast region.

Tourism Fund Director Sylas Tochim addresses journalists after the Recognition of Prior Learning graduation ceremony at Kenya Coast National Polytechnic in Mombasa.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony, Director of TVET at the Ministry of Education, Dr. Joseph Kanyi, said the government approved the Recognition of Prior Learning policy in 2024 to formally recognise workers who possess practical skills acquired through experience but lack academic credentials.

“As you may have heard, the government developed and approved the policy on recognition of prior learning in the year 2024,” said Dr. Kanyi.

He said certificates awarded through the programme carry the same value as those obtained through formal education, enabling beneficiaries to pursue higher education, establish businesses and compete for better employment opportunities both locally and internationally.

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Machakos launches targeted Mpox vaccination drive

BY ANNE KANGERO (KNA)

National and Machakos County health officials have rolled-out a targeted Mpox vaccination campaign in Machakos County, focusing on about 1,200 people in high-risk groups along the busy Malaba-Mombasa transport corridor.

The exercise, launched during a sensitization forum in Athi River Sub-county, will prioritize sex workers, long-distance truck drivers, men who have sex with men, frontline health workers, and hotel staff.

Athi River Sub-county Medical Superintendent, Dr. Shadrack Kyengo, disclosed that the campaign is a response to active Mpox cases in the County, including a patient currently admitted at Kangundo Level 4 Hospital. Others have been treated and discharged.

“Mpox has been a problem in our neighboring countries and we now have cases here. We decided to focus on people who travel a lot, like truck drivers, and special units that interact with them a lot, such as commercial sex workers, both male and female, said Kyengo

Health officials identified Athi River, Mlolongo, and Kyumbi as hotspots due to heavy truck traffic and a high concentration of commercial sex workers.

“People living in those areas are at greater risk and If one person contracts the disease, it can spread quickly through the population,” said Dr Kyengo.

The Machakos drive is similar to vaccination campaigns already completed in Mombasa and Busia, where most truck drivers and sex workers have received shots.

Dr. Kyengo noted that the initial Phase will cover 1,200 people in Machakos, but the long-term goal is to vaccinate all Kenyans and the exercise will continue “until the disease is suppressed not only in Machakos but across the country.”

Unlike routine hospital-based immunization, this campaign will take vaccines directly to communities. Stakeholders from the targeted groups have also been trained on Mpox symptoms, causes, treatment, and prevention.

Tana River County pilots dashboard to strengthen disaster preparedness

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

Tana River County has launched a pilot Anticipatory Action (AA) Dashboard aimed at strengthening disaster preparedness and improving coordination of responses to climate-induced hazards such as droughts, floods and disease outbreaks.

The initiative forms part of the country’s shift from reactive disaster response to anticipatory action, preparedness and early intervention to reduce the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities.

The pilot is being undertaken under the Strengthening Local Early Action Capacities for Climate-Induced Disasters project, which is supported by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) through the Finland Red Cross and implemented in Tana River County.

The project seeks to strengthen inclusive and resilient disaster risk management systems while promoting the integration of scientific data with indigenous knowledge to enhance early warning and response mechanisms.

The Anticipatory Action Dashboard is being piloted by the Anticipatory Action Technical Working Group (AA-TWG), led by the National Disaster Operations Centre (NDOC) and the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS).

Technical officers from the Kenya Red Cross Society and the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) are testing the system using live operational data to assess its performance before nationwide rollout.

The exercise is evaluating key functions of the platform, including user registration and access, data submission, approval workflows, information management, reporting, visualization, system performance, usability and data quality.