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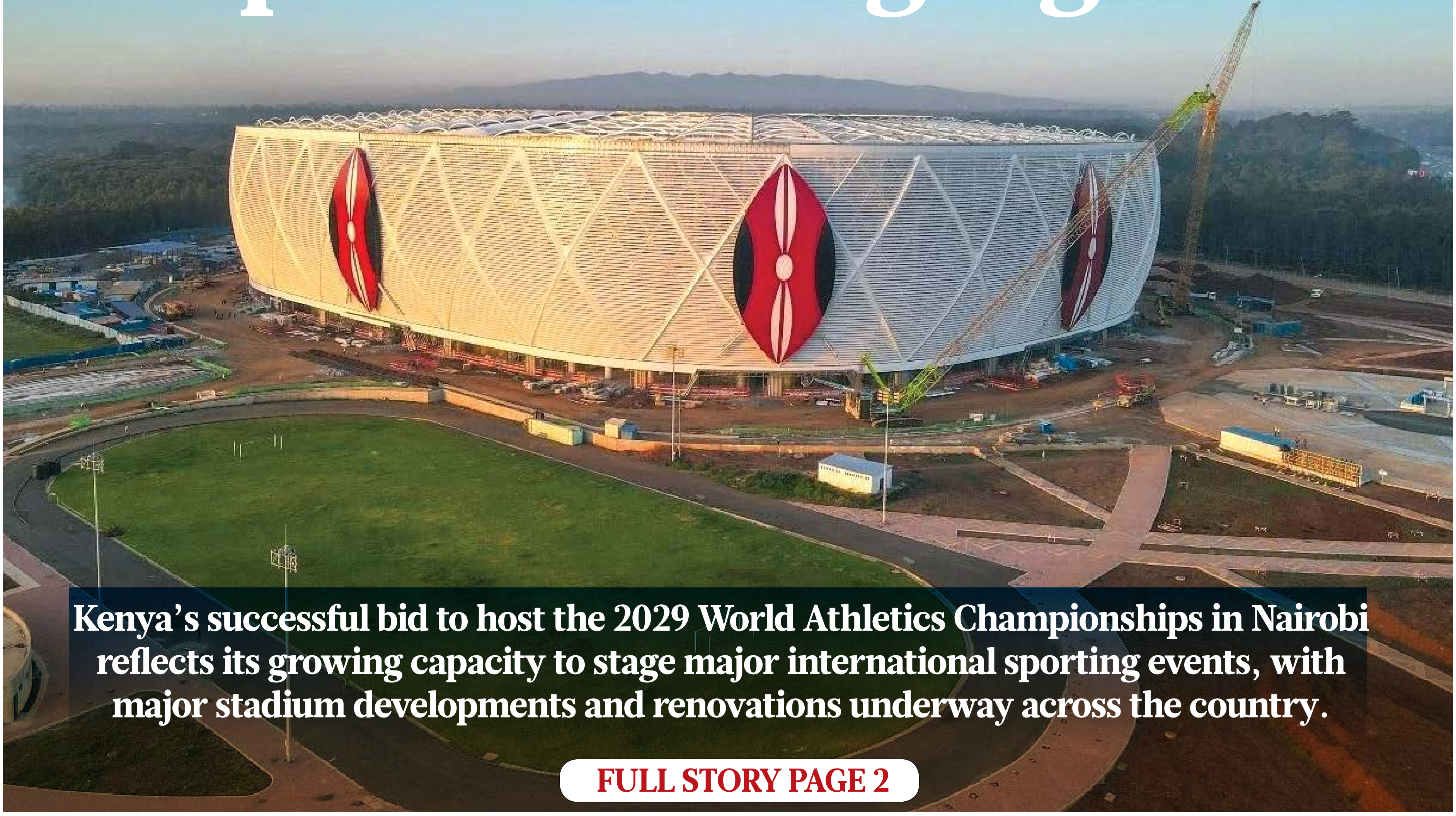

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BY ANITA OMWENGA (MYGOV)

Kenya's hosting of the 2029 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi reflects its growing capacity to stage major international sporting events, with major stadium developments and renovations underway across the country.

The Government is investing in 33 stadium projects, alongside the renovation of existing facilities, as it seeks to modernize sporting infrastructure, nurture talent and enhance Kenya's ability to host major international competitions.

At the heart of the preparations is the 60,000-seater Raila Odinga International Stadium at Talanta Sports City, which is expected to play a key role in Kenya's preparations for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON PAMOJA), which the country is co-hosting with Uganda and Tanzania.

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Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Salim Mvurya speaking after Kenya secured the hosting rights for the 2029 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi.

Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, is also undergoing major renovation and modernization, including improvements to its athletics track and associated competition facilities. The upgraded facility is expected to play a central role when the world's elite athletes converge in Nairobi in 2029.

Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya said the infrastructure investments, combined with Kenya's experience in hosting international competitions, contributed to securing the 2029 World Athletics Championships.

"This achievement did not happen by chance. It is the culmination of considerable effort, time and investment by the Government, Athletics Kenya and our partners. We have deliberately built Kenya's capacity and credibility as a host of major international sporting events," Mvurya said.

Kenya's hosting credentials have been strengthened by the successful staging of the World U18 Championships in 2017 and the World U20 Championships in 2021. The two events provided experience in managing athletes, officials, media and spectators from across the world.

"Having successfully hosted the world's emerging athletics talent at U18 and U20 level, we are now progressing to the highest stage—welcoming the world's elite athletes to the Home of Champions in 2029," Mvurya said.

Kenya also regularly hosts major international events, including the WRC Safari Rally and Magical Kenya Open, while Nairobi has hosted the HSBC SVNS competition. In 2025, Kenya hosted the World Taekwondo Under-21 Championships, further demonstrating its capacity to organise global sporting events.

Nairobi's established hospitality industry, international hotels, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi Expressway and expanding transport network provide additional infrastructure for international visitors. The country's increasingly digitized public services also offer opportunities to improve event management, accreditation and communication.

Hosting AFCON in 2027, before the World Athletics Championships, is also expected to provide an important opportunity to test and refine security, transport, emergency medical response, venue and hotel protection, integrated intelligence and cybersecurity systems.

Mvurya said the investments are not solely intended for the 2029 event but to create a sustainable sporting ecosystem that would benefit future generations.

"Our investment is not for one tournament. We are building a sporting ecosystem that will serve generations. The facilities we are developing today will nurture tomorrow's champions, attract international events, create economic opportunities for our young people and strengthen Kenya's position as a global sporting destination," he said.

He added that hosting the championships would create opportunities in tourism, hospitality, broadcasting, technology, merchandising and the creative economy while enabling Kenya to leverage its reputation for producing world-class athletes to promote sports tourism, attract investment and create employment.

The World Athletics Championships is the third-largest sporting event in the world after the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup, but Africa has not hosted such a senior event since the inaugural championships of Helsinki in 1983.

The 2029 event will therefore carry significance beyond Kenya's athletics tradition. Kenya is the second-most-successful nation in World Athletics Championships history and won 11 medals, including seven golds, at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25.

Athletics Kenya President Lt Gen (Rtd) Jackson Tuwei said the country's reputation as the "Home of Champions" had been built over generations of performances on the track, roads and running trails.

"Kenya is known around the world as the Home of Champions. Our athletes have inspired generations through their performances on the track, on the roads and across our many running trails. This is a proud and historic moment for Kenya and for the global athletics family," he said.

Tuwei recognised the Government's support throughout the bidding process and said Athletics Kenya would work closely with World Athletics and other stakeholders to deliver the championships to international standards.

Government reaffirms commitment to credible 2027 elections, peace and economic stability

The Government has put in place measures to safeguard the integrity of the August 10, 2027 poll, including the implementation of the Roadmap to a Violence-Free 2027 General Election spearheaded by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

BY WASIDIA FRESHWIN (KNA)

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering a free, fair, and peaceful General Election in 2027, while strengthening democratic institutions, regional integration, and economic stability.

Speaking during an interactive quarterly diplomatic briefing held at a Nairobi hotel, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi, urged external partners and local actors to respect the independence of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

"The Electoral Commission must be allowed to discharge its constitutional mandate independently and professionally. We should not seek to discredit the Commission. Democracy is sustained by strong institutions and respect for established rules and not by individual interests," Mudavadi stated.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary disclosed that the government has put in place measures to safeguard the integrity of the August 10, 2027 poll, including the implementation of the Roadmap to a Violence-Free 2027 General Election spearheaded by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

Mudavadi highlighted Kenya's economic resilience, noting that Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 5.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2026, up from 4.9 per cent in the preceding year.

He added that the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) recently crossed the Sh4 trillion mark in market capitalization for the first time. Foreign exchange reserves currently stand at USD 14.9 billion, representing 6.2 months of import cover.

To sustain this growth trajectory, the Government is championing a national consultative process to establish a post-Vision 2030 development charter aimed at creating an inclusive, high-income economy. Capital mobilization will be further supported by the established National Infrastructure Fund and the Sovereign Wealth Fund.

On regional integration and trade within the East African Community (EAC), Mudavadi clarified recent executive directives regarding informal retail and small-scale trade.

"Kenya is not implementing a blanket ban on foreign nationals engaging in small-scale business, but is seeking to ensure that their participation is consistent with the East African Community Common Market Protocol and applicable national law," Mudavadi clarified, reassuring foreign business operators that their rights and investments remain protected.

He emphasized that foreign traders must strictly comply with national immigration, registration, work permit, and licensing regulations, noting that similar standards apply to Kenyan traders residing within neighboring EAC partner states.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Dr. Musalia Mudavadi speaking during a quarterly diplomatic briefing in Nairobi.

Kenya on target to ship first oil from South Lokichar Basin

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

Kenya is on course to produce its first crude oil from the South Lokichar Basin in December 2026.

The first export of oil through the Port of Mombasa is expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) Director of Petroleum and Gas, Engineer Edward Kinyua said the contractor developing the oil fields is undertaking development works and is within the timelines set out in the approved Field Development Plan.

Edward Kinyua, Director of Petroleum and Gas (Centre), flanked by Waweru Karanja, Deputy Director of Economic Regulation (R), and Dr. Eng. Fenwicks Musonye, Deputy Director of Energy Efficiency (L), speaking during KEG media round table in Nairobi.

Speaking during a Kenya Editors Guild Media roundtable meeting, Eng. Kinyua reaffirmed that the country' committment to commence crude oil production by the end of the year.

"The first oil date has been set for December 2026, and we expect, as per the field development plan, that the first export of crude oil out of Mombasa will happen in the first quarter of 2027," Kinyua said.

The regulator received the field development plan for Blocks T6 and T7 in the South Lokichar Basin from the contractor on September 30, 2025. This was assessed for technical and commercial viability and recommended to the Cabinet Secretary for approval.

The Plan was ratified by Parliament in February 2026, paving the way for the current development phase.

"We are currently monitoring the development works and can report that the contractor is within the timelines that they had given in the field development plan," he said.

The development marks a major milestone in Kenya's efforts to move from oil discoveries to commercial production. It is expected to strengthen the country's energy security and provide a new source of export earnings.

On petroleum supply, Eng. Kinyua said Kenya had so far avoided shortages despite volatility in global oil markets, particularly disruptions affecting major supply corridors in the Middle East.

He attributed the stability to planning and coordination between EPRA, the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, and other government agencies and suppliers under the government-to-government petroleum importation arrangement.

Eng. Kinyua said the arrangement had enabled Kenya to secure relatively competitive freight and premium costs at a time when global petroleum supplies remain constrained.

He said Kenya is also considering establishing strategic petroleum stocks to strengthen the country's ability to withstand supply disruptions.

EPRA has developed regulations on strategic stocks, which are currently under review by the Attorney General. Once gazetted, the framework is expected to facilitate private investment in additional petroleum storage facilities, with Kenya retaining the first right to use the stored products during supply disruptions.

Under existing minimum operational stock regulations, petroleum marketers are required to maintain stocks equivalent to 25 days of diesel sales based on their previous 180-day sales, while super petrol requires 20 days of stock.

Eng Kinyua said strengthening storage capacity would complement the existing system and provide an additional buffer against global supply disruptions.

Acting EPRA Director General Eng. Joseph Oketch said the regulator would continue providing oversight as the country prepares to move towards oil production, alongside efforts to strengthen security and reliability of petroleum supplies.

Oketch noted that EPRA is working on electricity market reforms, including time-of-use tariffs and open-access regulations.

The Authority is also addressing challenges affecting implementation of net-metering regulations, he said, adding that net-metering regulations had been gazetted and are already in force, although implementation had been slower than anticipated.

Net-metering is a billing system that credits, for example, solar energy system owners for the electricity they add to the grid.

The South Lokichar Basin holds an estimated 453 million to 560 million barrels of crude oil, with development now advancing following approval of the Field Development Plan (FDP) under the Petroleum Act, 2019. The project is being spearheaded by the Gulf Energy following its acquisition of assets previously held by the former developer.

Crude oil production is projected to start at about 20,000 barrels per day, before scaling up to 120,000 barrels per day by 2032 as field development gathers pace.

Mombasa SEZ development gets Sh74.1 billion boost

More than 90 investors have expressed interest in establishing businesses within the SEZ, with the construction of a Sh16 billion Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) terminal by Taifa Gas, a Tanzanian firm, already 80 per cent complete.

Ongoing construction of a new berth at the Mombasa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Dongo Kundu

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Government has allocated Sh74.1 billion for infrastructure development to fast-track the operationalisation of the Mombasa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Dongo Kundu.

Principal Secretary (PS) for Transport, Mohamed Daghar, said the government is committed to completing critical auxiliary infrastructure, including berths, roads, railway, power, water and sewerage systems, to make the SEZ attractive to investors.

The SEZ is being developed on 3,000 acres and will comprise a free port, industrial parks, free trade zones, logistics and warehousing facilities, energy project areas, tourism and Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE), among other developments.

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The SEZ is being developed and managed by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) PLC, which is implementing the Sh41.1 billion port component of the project. Under the component, KPA is constructing seven berths and yards occupying 1,300 acres of the 3,000-acre SEZ, underscoring its pivotal role in facilitating trade.

PS Daghar led 14 government agencies involved in the project to inspect the progress of the SEZ and the construction of Dongo Kundu Berth One, which is currently 16 per cent complete. Construction of the multi-purpose, 300-metre-long berth commenced in October 2025 and is scheduled for completion in December 2028.

PS Daghar said the berth would enable post-Panamax and other extra-large vessels to dock safely. It will be connected to a 4.6-kilometre road and a 2.8-kilometre ramp.

"The berth has a draft of 15 metres; that means it has been dredged to a depth of 15 metres, which comes second to what we have in Lamu, which are berths that have been dredged to a depth of 17.5 metres. This particular berth will be supported by a dedicated SEZ which is beside us here," he said.

The SEZ is expected to create 40,000 jobs; it will be connected to a seaport, railway line and road networks, providing seamless movement of goods into and out of the zone.

"We also have a dedicated railway, the standard gauge railway, whose designs have already been incorporated, that is going to run through the entire SEZ with special sidings to particular factories of the investors that are setting up shop here and be connected to the main Mombasa, Nairobi, Naivasha, Kisumu, Malaba line," explained the PS.

To ensure a reliable supply of electricity for industries, the Government has allocated Sh6.5 billion for the construction of a 50-kilometre, 220 KV double-circuit transmission line from the Mariakani substation to the SEZ.

"It is going to be supported by two transformers of 75 MVAs and also a dedicated substation, particularly just for Dongo Kundu," the PS said, adding that the SEZ would receive water from Tiwi and the multi-purpose Mwache Dam, which is almost complete.

"As government, we are committed to ensure that we put up the enabling horizontal infrastructure so that investors can come and set up shop. That is why we have a berth, we have a road, we are going to have power, we are going to have water and sewerage, we are going to enable all that," he affirmed.

Last year, a lease agreement was signed between the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), KPA and the Special Economic Zone Authority for the development of the Mombasa and Naivasha Special Economic Zones (SEZs), in a move aimed at bolstering the country's industrialisation and export manufacturing agenda.

Afreximbank will finance the development of the two integrated industrial parks in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, through a $1 billion (approximately Sh128.5 billion) financing package for value addition.

KTDA challenges factories to venture into value addition

Locally consumed tea accounts for a partly five to six per cent of the country's annual production with the biggest chunk of about 94 per cent being exported in bulk to the international markets.

BY SAMUEL WAITITU(KNA)

The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) has challenged tea factories to do value addition and diversify production into orthodox teas.

The intention is to open up new markets locally and internationally and boost farmers' earnings.

KTDA National Chair Enos Njeru said that value-added products are easier to penetrate emerging and unexploited markets locally and globally and can fetch higher prices than the traditional black Crush, Tear, and Curl (CTC) teas.

Speaking at Rukuriri Tea Factory in Embu when he launched three value added premium brands of Ginger, Lemon and Black CTC, Njeru said factories must shift to local processing, blending, flavoring and packaging of tea.

"Factories must begin operating as individual commercial entities through value addition instead of selling bulk tea at auction at low prices to multinational and foregoing packers who rake in huge profits because of value addition," he said.

He said most European and Arab countries have built premium industries because they are able to buy high-quality unbranded loose tea from Kenya which they use to blend cheaper varieties that they later sell as their own.

Njeru said trading with branded teas will cushion smallholder farmers from fluctuating prices and secure higher prices in the global market.

"We are looking forward to a scenario where, for instance tea, varieties produced in Rukuriri Factory will trade in the international supermarket bearing its identity," he said.

The chair appealed to the Government to give a directive requiring all public offices and institutions across the country to buy and consume locally produced tea as an intervention to boost local consumption and market.

Njeru said the move would guarantee a steady and reliable market for local tea processors, create more employment opportunities and boost earnings for farmers.

Statistics have indicated that locally consumed tea accounts for a partly five to six per cent of the country's annual production with the biggest chunk of about 94 per cent being exported in bulk to the international markets.

"Such a directive will significantly expand the domestic market for Kenyan tea while ensuring that more of the value generated from tea processing goes back to farmers," he stated.

He urged tea farmers to maintain high standards during harvesting by observing the recommended practice of picking two leaves and a bud, which he said is crucial in maintaining the quality of Kenyan tea.

The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) National Chair Enos Njeru displaying the newly launched premium tea brands by Rukuriri Tea Factory accompanied by Factory chair Joseph Rwanjau in Embu.

Kenya, Tanzania step up efforts to save River Mara

East African Community Cabinet Secretary Beatrice Askul (left), Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Water Eng Erick Mugaa (second left), Bomet County Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok (third left) amongst others during the 15th Mara Day celebrations in Bomet.

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

Kenya and Tanzania have stepped up joint efforts to protect the Mara River, with stakeholders adopting a 10-point action plan to reverse degradation of the transboundary water resource and safeguard millions of people and the Maasai Mara-Serengeti ecosystem.

The plan targets restoration of degraded catchment areas, protection of water towers, control of pollution and excessive water abstraction, reduction of soil erosion and mitigation of climate change effects, which stakeholders warned are placing the 13,750-square-kilometre Mara River Basin under increasing pressure.

The resolutions were adopted at a stakeholders' forum in Bomet during the15th Mara Day celebrations.

Among the key measures agreed upon were intensified restoration of the Mau Forest Complex and other critical water towers through reforestation, bamboo planting and wetland rehabilitation, tighter regulation of water abstraction and stronger integrated water resources management.

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Stakeholders also called for improved early-warning systems for floods and droughts, sustainable financing through mechanisms such as Payment for Ecosystem Services, stronger enforcement of environmental laws and harmonization of policies between Kenya and Tanzania.

The forum further called for joint enforcement by the two countries and greater involvement of communities, Water Resource Users Associations, researchers, women and youth in protecting and restoring the basin.

The resolutions came against a backdrop of mounting environmental pressures, with the forum report estimating that the basin loses about 253,000 tonnes of sediment annually through soil erosion linked to degradation of the Mau Forest Complex, encroachment on riparian areas, unsustainable farming, overgrazing and pollution from agrochemicals and wastewater.

Stakeholders also identified rising demand for water from irrigation and industry, climate change and conflicts over water and land resources between upstream and downstream users as growing threats to the river.

Speaking during the celebrations, East African Community Cabinet Secretary (CS) Beatrice Askul said the shared nature of the Mara required Kenya and Tanzania to treat its conservation as a common responsibility.

"The Mara River Basin does not recognise borders and neither can our commitment to its protection," she said.

She said declining water quality, degradation of upstream watersheds, pressure on forests and increasing demand for water were threatening the health of the river, whose ecosystem supports communities, livestock, wildlife, wetlands, tourism and agriculture.

Askul said Kenya and Tanzania needed to deepen cooperation in integrated water management, catchment protection and climate-resilient livelihoods.

She commended communities, counties, youth, women and development partners for participating in clean-up campaigns, tree planting and other conservation initiatives, saying sustainable protection of the river had to begin with people living closest to it.

Water Cabinet Secretary Erick Mugaa said Kenya had intensified monitoring of activities within the basin as part of efforts to improve water quality and promote sustainable use of the resource.

He said the Government had installed hydrometers along the Kenyan stretch of the river to generate real-time information on water flows and pollution loads entering Tanzania.

"We have done this to monitor the river and what gets in, including runoff water as it flows to Tanzania. This will enable us to use real-time data to make informed decisions," Mugaa said.

He said Kenya's collaboration with Tanzania had strengthened conservation efforts and reaffirmed the two countries' commitment to the memorandum of understanding on joint management of the Mara River.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) Executive Secretary Dr. Masinde Bwire said the stakeholders' forum had produced a commitment to move from discussions to implementation.

"The most important outcome is not simply that we have discussed challenges. We have agreed that the time for action is now," Dr. Bwire said.

He said the Mara supported more than 1.5 million migratory animals and millions of people but continued to face floods, droughts, sedimentation and declining water quality.

Dr. Bwire urged development partners, including conservation organisations, to shift from short-term projects to long-term programmes capable of building resilience within communities and ecosystems.

"The future of the Mara River will ultimately be determined by the decisions we make and the actions we take today," he said.

Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok said the county would strengthen protection of riparian areas and expand bamboo planting as part of efforts to conserve the river at its source.

Bomet hosts the sources of the Amalo and Nyangores rivers, whose waters combine to form the Mara River before it flows into Tanzania.

The Mara River Basin covers about 13,750 square kilometres and contributes an estimated 4.5 per cent of inflows into Lake Victoria.

It is also central to the annual wildebeest migration between the Maasai Mara and Serengeti ecosystems.

The 15th Mara Day celebrations, held under the theme "Mara River, Diverse Lives: Keep It Thriving", brought together officials from Kenya and Tanzania, conservation organisations, communities, development partners and other stakeholders.

Kenya, US deepen partnership against transnational organised crime

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Kenya and the United States have enhanced cooperation in the fight against transnational organised crime.

During a meeting with representatives of the of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Director of Public Prosecutions Renson Ingonga said the growing sophistication of organised criminal groups require stronger partnerships between law enforcement and prosecution agencies, both locally and internationally.

The meeting brought together officials from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Asset Recovery Agency, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Financial Reporting Centre.

The talks focused on emerging threats posed by transnational criminal organisations and the need for closer cooperation between Kenya and the US to disrupt networks that exploit international borders, technology and differences in legal systems.

"Tackling transnational organised crime requires joint efforts, strong partnerships and coordinated action among all actors in the criminal justice system," the DPP said.

He noted that criminal networks increasingly exploit technological advancements and porous borders to facilitate illegal activities, making international cooperation critical in preventing offenders from escaping justice by moving their operations or proceeds across jurisdictions.

Director of Public Prosecutions Renson Ingonga (Left) when he held discussions with representatives of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alongside key Kenyan criminal justice agencies as the two countries explored ways of strengthening their response to increasingly sophisticated criminal networks.

The DPP called for enhanced intelligence and expertise sharing between Kenyan and US agencies, better coordination of investigations and prosecutions, and stronger mechanisms for cross-border cooperation.

He said the partnership with the FBI provides Kenya with an important avenue for strengthening the capacity of its criminal justice institutions to investigate and prosecute complex crimes with international dimensions.

The engagement also highlighted the importance of cooperation among Kenya's various law enforcement, financial intelligence and asset recovery agencies in building a coordinated national response to organised crime.

Ingonga reaffirmed the commitment of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) to working with US and other international partners to strengthen Kenya's criminal justice system and ensure that suspects involved in cross-border crimes are brought to justice.

The DPP said sustained partnerships with international criminal justice agencies would remain essential as Kenya confronts criminal threats that increasingly transcend national boundaries.

The latest engagement underscores the growing importance of the Kenya-US security partnership, particularly in tackling crimes whose planning, financing and execution often involve multiple countries.

From atoms for peace to atoms in algorithms: Nuclear Science for Africa's development

BY PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

For more than seven decades, the peaceful atom has evolved from a symbol of energy and international security into a practical tool for health, agriculture, food security, environmental protection, industry and innovation. The original "Atoms for Peace" vision has become "Atoms for Peace and Development", and under IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi it has been translated into high-impact initiatives that are especially relevant to Africa. It was honorable for me to attend the 70th General Conference at IAEA, where i had spent almost 10 years as Director for Africa.

I would like to reflect some great milestones and my observation during the week. One of the most visible is Rays of Hope – Cancer Care for All. The IAEA reports that more than 70 per cent of Africa's population lacks access to radiotherapy, while radiotherapy is required in roughly half of cancer cases. Globally, cancer accounted for about 20 million new cases and 10 million deaths in 2022, and the burden is projected to rise sharply. Under Rays of Hope, equipment procurement, training and quality-assurance support have been directed to countries including Kenya, Benin, Malawi and Senegal. More African countries are moving towards setting up oncology centers including DRC, Chad, Sierra Leone, Lesotho, Djibouti etc.

For Kenya, this is not abstract development assistance. IAEA cooperation has supported radiotherapy, dosimetry, nuclear medicine, medical physics and quality assurance. Such investments save lives, but they also show why regulation matters: a radiotherapy machine without licensing, calibration, trained personnel, radiation protection and quality control can become a risk rather than a solution. Under the rays of hope initiative Kenya has benefitted with donation of two linear accelerator and training of several personnel on areas on radiation medicines.

The same principle applies to Atoms4Food, the IAEA-FAO initiative addressing food insecurity through nuclear and isotopic techniques. Mutation breeding can accelerate development of drought-, heat- and disease-tolerant crops; isotopes can improve fertilizer and water-use efficiency; irradiation can support food safety and preservation; and nuclear-derived tools can strengthen livestock disease control. In East Africa, IAEA-supported mutation-breeding trials have targeted Fusarium-resistant bananas, while nuclear techniques have demonstrated their value in pest control. For a continent whose population is projected to approach 2.5 billion by 2050, producing more with less land and water is not optional. The need to have principle of production more from less for more.

IAEA's ZODIAC—Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action— adds another dimension: nuclear-derived molecular techniques can strengthen early detection and surveillance of zoonotic diseases. During outbreaks such as Ebola, the contribution is not a nuclear "cure", but faster laboratory diagnosis, pathogen identification and surveillance—critical tools for containment.

NUTEC Plastics similarly connects nuclear science with environmental protection. The IAEA uses radiation technologies to improve plastic recycling and isotopic techniques to detect and trace marine microplastics. An African NUTEC Plastics roundtable brought together 411 participants from 49 countries, including 46 African countries, demonstrating the scale of regional interest. For Kenya and other Indian Ocean states, this links directly to fisheries, tourism, ports and the blue economy.

The frontier is expanding further. In August 2026, the IAEA launched ATLAS—Atomic Technologies Licensed for Applications at Sea—to develop frameworks for safe and secure peaceful nuclear applications at sea, including nuclear-powered vessels and floating nuclear power plants. Africa, with its major ports, long coastline and expanding maritime economy, should be part of setting the rules, not merely adopting them later.

Energy remains central. Africa must consider conventional nuclear power, small modular reactors and the longer-term promise of fusion. Amb. Grossi has also elevated global dialogue on fusion through Atoms4NetZero IAEA initiatives. If fusion matures commercially, countries that invest early in plasma physics, materials science, engineering and regulation will be better positioned to benefit. More than 10 countries are embarking on nuclear energy programme as part of energy mix. Using the energy planning tool such as MAED and WASP is already shaping the trajectory. Kenya is on phase 2 under the 19 milestone approach blueprint of the IAEA, on its plans towards nuclear energy to contribute around 3000 MW, and plans are under way with Leadership of President William Ruto.

The newest chapter is "Atoms in Algorithms." Artificial intelligence is already being explored for reactor operations, predictive maintenance, nuclear medicine, safeguards, fusion modelling and radiation monitoring. The IAEA has published guidance on AI deployment in nuclear power and is supporting discussions on explainability, validation, cybersecurity and human oversight.

This is precisely why Africa must treat regulation as infrastructure. IAEA safety standards require governments to establish independent, competent and adequately resourced regulatory bodies with clear legal authority. In Kenya, the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority, established under the Nuclear Regulatory Act, oversees radiation protection, nuclear safety, security and safeguards. It reports more than 1,500 licensed facilities, over 2,000 radiation workers and nine regional offices.

The lesson is clear: innovation without regulation is unsafe, while regulation without innovation can become an obstacle. We need both—strong science and strong institutions.

The journey from Atoms for Peace to Rays of Hope, Atoms4Food, ZODIAC, NUTEC Plastics, ATLAS, fusion and now Atoms in Algorithms shows that nuclear science is no longer about reactors alone. For Kenya and Africa, it is about healthier people, safer food, cleaner oceans, reliable energy, stronger industries and technological sovereignty. Initiatives such as these are clear testimony of the visionary leadership of DG Grossi and commitment of the entire Member states.

The next step is to move from being users of nuclear technologies to becoming co-creators of them. This will be a game changer. It is possible and can be done.

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Students urged to secure university entry to benefit free education plan

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Kenya Secondary Certificate of Education (KCSE) candidates have been challenged to secure university admission to benefit from government' funding.

Deputy Head of Public Service Amos Gathecha said the government will pay for tuition for students transitioning from Grade 12 next year through the planned changes of the univerties funding model.

> Those who sit for Grade 12 and proceed to university will be supported fully in their education.

He said the planned programme should spur candidates to attain the grades required to join university and benefit from government-funded education.

Gathecha spoke at Thika High School in Kiambu, while delivering musical instruments and other facilities donated to the school by President William Ruto.

"The government has pledged that those who sit for Grade 12 and proceed to university will be supported fully in their education. Those sitting national examinations should therefore focus on securing the opportunity to university," he said.

President Ruto recently said going forward, as long as a student has passed examination and placed in a university or college will get full funding for higher education.

However, this awaits passing of the Tertiary Placement and Funding Bill 2026 in parliament.

Currently, funding for higher education is determined by family income where students receive a particular mix of scholarship and loan support. This has had its challenges with learners complaining that the amount they receive cannot effectively fund their education.

"We hope to get a high number of students transitioning to higher education from next year," Gathecha said.

He said the government had also invested heavily in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions which have courses intended to equip young people with skills relevant to the job market.

Among the facilities delivered at the School included musical instruments such as guitars and pianos alongside the commissioning of a 1,000-bed-capacity dormitory and a dining hall with a capacity of 2,000 students in efforts intended to enhance the learning environment and improve students' welfare.

The school will also receive Sh10 million for classroom renovations and Sh2 million from the National Assembly for bursaries targeting vulnerable students.

Gathecha said the government is in the process of procuring a modern bus for the institution and urged the school to ensure all stakeholders remain involved in decisions concerning students' welfare.

Thika MP Alice Ng'ang'a said the additional facilities would reinforce the school's efforts to sustain its strong academic record.

She urged Form Four candidates to remain focused on the national examinations, saying their results would determine access to further education and opportunities beyond secondary school.

The school Chief Principal Julius Muraya said the new facilities would provide additional motivation for students as they prepare for the national examinations.

Muraya said the school had maintained a strong academic record over the years, with several students attaining Grade A in successive national examinations.

Guinness world record attempt-Kenya to plant six million trees in an hour

The Government is targeting to plant at least six million indigenous trees within one hour, with each participating county expected to plant a minimum of 200,000 trees.

BY MUTURI MWANGI (KNA)

State Department for Correctional Services Principal Secretary Salome Beacco watering a seedling at the Laikipia County Commissioner's compound in Nanyuki

Kenya will attempt a Guinness World Record for the most trees planted simultaneously in one hour as the country steps up efforts to restore degraded ecosystems and accelerate the national tree-growing programme.

The record-breaking initiative is scheduled for October 10, 2026, during this year's Mazingira Day celebrations, with activities expected to take place simultaneously in 32 counties.

The government is targeting to plant at least six million indigenous trees within one hour, with each participating county expected to plant a minimum of 200,000 trees. The national event will be held in Trans Nzoia County and is expected to be presided over by President William Ruto.

Director of Administration at the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Philip Kangethe said the exercise will involve government agencies, communities and other partners.

"The flagship activity of Mazingira Day is a synchronized one-hour tree-planting exercise in which 200,000 participants, both from government agencies, community members and other partners, will each plant 30 trees, targeting six million trees and attempting a Guinness World Record for the largest synchronized tree-planting exercise," Kangethe said.

He said the challenge will focus exclusively on indigenous tree species, which will be planted in degraded rangelands across the participating counties.

Beyond the one-hour tree-planting challenge, the initiative will also support the restoration of approximately 35,501 hectares of degraded landscapes, where aerial seeding of more than 260 million trees is planned.

The exercise will be spearheaded by the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry. Other partners include the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) and Kenya Airways' Fahari Aviation.

Kangethe said preparatory activities will begin on October 5th and run until October 9, ahead of the main tree-planting event on October 10th.

The activities will include environmental clean-up exercises, distribution of tree seedlings to farmers alongside certified seeds and fertilizer, and town beautification initiatives.

The ministry said the synchronized planting is intended to raise public awareness of the importance of tree growing while mobilising citizens to participate directly in environmental conservation. It will also provide an opportunity for communities to restore degraded areas and strengthen local efforts to improve forest cover. Officials said the participating institutions are expected to coordinate logistics, mobilise volunteers and ensure that seedlings are planted in suitable sites. The exercise is expected to demonstrate Kenya's commitment to climate action and nature-based solutions locally.

Kenya will be seeking to surpass the current record held by the Philippines, where approximately 2.29 million trees were planted simultaneously in one hour by 122,168 volunteers at 29 locations across Mindanao in 2014. The Philippine initiative, dubbed "Treevolution," set the benchmark Kenya now hopes to surpass by more than 3.7 million trees.

The planned exercise adds to Kenya's recent efforts to set environmental records. In July 2026, Kenya set a new record after 4,124 mangrove seedlings were planted simultaneously in less than 30 seconds at Kwa Jomvu in Mombasa County as part of activities marking the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystems.

The government says the latest initiative is part of its broader commitment to ecosystem restoration and the national target of growing 15 billion trees across the country.

PS Muthoni urges Kenyans to step up Mpox prevention as cases rise

As of September 6, 2026, Kenya had recorded 1,298 confirmed Mpox cases and 19 deaths across 40 counties, with Mombasa County reporting the highest number of infections at 452.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni has urged Kenyans to intensify hygiene and disease prevention measures following a rise in Mpox cases across the country.

Speaking during a management meeting in Nairobi, Muthoni stressed the need for sustained disease surveillance, vaccination, public awareness and adherence to good hygiene practices to contain the spread of the viral disease.

As of September 6, 2026, Kenya had recorded 1,298 confirmed Mpox cases and 19 deaths across 40 counties, with Mombasa County reporting the highest number of infections at 452.

Nairobi followed with 320 cases, while Busia had recorded 115 cases, highlighting the continued need for heightened surveillance and preventive measures in affected and high-risk areas.

The PS called on members of the public to remain vigilant and embrace measures aimed at reducing transmission, including maintaining proper hygiene and seeking timely medical attention when symptoms develop.

The meeting also reviewed progress in implementing commitments arising from the Kenya Health Summit, preparations for the upcoming Kenya Primary Health Care Innovation Conference (KEPHIC) 2026 and the country's preparedness for anticipated health risks associated with El Niño conditions.

KEPHIC 2026 is scheduled to take place in Nairobi from October 26 to 29.

Muthoni further challenged health agencies, directorates and divisions to strengthen coordination, assume clear responsibility for assigned tasks and ensure that their interventions deliver measurable results.

The meeting brought together chief executive officers of State corporations and regulatory bodies, heads of directorates and divisions, as well as members of the Ministry's senior management team.

Over 6,500 residents to benefit from Athi-Mavindini water project

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI (KNA)

Over 6,500 residents of Mavindini Ward in Makueni County will benefit from improved access to safe and reliable water following the commissioning of the Athi-Mavindini Water Project in Kathozweni Sub-County by Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr.

While commissioning the project, Mutula disclosed that the water will be connected to three learning institutions and two markets.

The project comprises a 100-cubic metre concrete intake pump, a sola powered pumping system, more than 11 kilometres of rising main and 7.5 km of distribution lines.

“Three institutions have been connected to the water supply, two markets and three water kiosks have also been served,” said Mutula.

“The project further includes a four-kilometre irrigation pipeline with 40 tees, that will support agricultural activities in the area,” he added.

Also, the project will have a water treatment plant and solar-powered pumping system at Miangeni, a 150-cubic-metre masonry storage tank at Ilumani, security facilities, sanitation amenities, CCTV cameras and security lighting.

The County Government of Makueni, working in partnership with Financing Locally-Led Climate Action FLLOCA) will enhance the Athi water supply system to enable distribution of between 18 and 20 cubic metres of water per hour from Athi River, the governor said.

The water is treated at Miangeni at the rate of 15 cubic metres per hour before being conveyed to the Ilumani storage tank for distribution.

The investment has substantially improved water security in Athi-Mavindini and reduced residents’ dependence on untreated river water besides reducing exposure of the residents to crocodile attacks at the Athi River.

The governor urged the residents to protect the water project against vandalism.

During the tour, Mutula also commissioned an Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) classroom at Methouvini Primary and inspected Muusini Dispensary.

The governor was accompanied by the Deputy Governor (DG) Lucy Mulili, Makueni County Assembly Speaker Douglas Mbilu, Clerk Kevin Mutuku, County Executive Committee Member for Health Joyce Mutua and her counterparts for Devolution, Education and Gender Nicolas Nzioka, Japhet Mang’oka and Eng. Sabastian Kyoni .

Kenya boosts domestic health financing

Under the new cooperation framework, the government plans to raise its health co-investment to Sh10 billion in the 2027/28 financial year before progressively increasing it to Sh50 billion by 2029/30.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A(KNA)

Kenya is stepping up efforts to increase domestic financing for healthcare as the Government seeks to strengthen the country's health system and reduce reliance on external funding.

Treasury and Health Cabinet Secretaries Aden Duale and John Mbadi held separate high-level engagements with international partners focusing on sustainable health financing, primary healthcare, emergency preparedness, digital health and local manufacturing.

Mbadi, speaking during a high-level finance ministers' dialogue on health co-investment in Nairobi, said Kenya had developed a phased plan to significantly increase domestic spending on health while benefiting from a new $1.6 billion five-year health cooperation framework with the United States of America.

He said Kenya's health budget had consistently remained below five per cent of total government expenditure, so far below the 15 per cent target set under the 2001 Abuja Declaration.

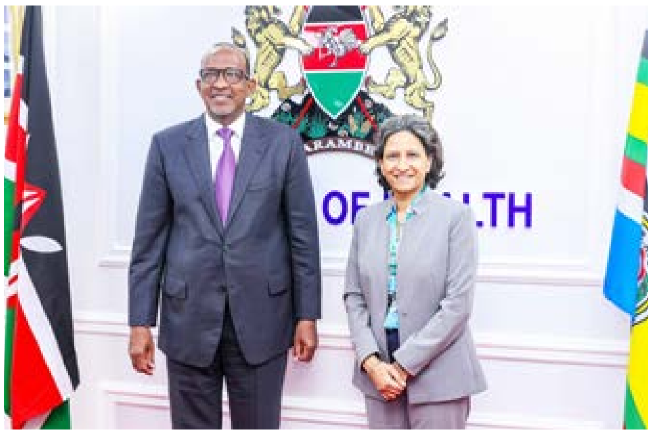
He however noted that the Sh170.7 billion allocation to the health sector in the FY 2026/27 represents progress towards increasing government investment in healthcare.

Under the new cooperation framework, Mbadi said the government plans to raise its health co-investment to Sh10 billion in the 2027/28 financial year before progressively increasing it to Sh50 billion by 2029/30.

"The objective is not simply to replace external dollars with domestic dollars," Mbadi said, stressing that the transition should be used to strengthen institutions, healthcare systems, supply chains and domestic capacity.

The government is also exploring tax policy measures, including VAT exemptions on medical services, incentives for investment in hospitals and greater support for local pharmaceutical manufacturing, as part of efforts to maximise resources available for healthcare, he added.

On his part, CS Duale as he hosted a World Bank delegation led by Vice President for the People Vice Presidency Mamta Murthi for bilateral consultations on Kenya's health sector priorities said 32.6 million Kenyans, equivalent to 68 per cent of the population, had been registered with the Social Health Authority.



1. **Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi (center) during a high-level finance ministers' dialogue on health co-investment in Nairobi.**
2. **Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale (left) when he hosted a World Bank delegation led by Vice President for the People Vice Presidency Mamta Murthi (right) for bilateral consultations on Kenya's health sector priorities.**

The talks covered health financing, primary healthcare, emergency preparedness, digital health, regulation and local production of health products and technologies.

The two sides reviewed the Building Resilient and Responsive Health Systems (BREHS) and Kenya Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience (KHEPRR) projects, which are supporting primary healthcare, quality of care, patient safety and emergency preparedness across Kenya's 47 counties.

The projects also target refugee-hosting areas and underserved communities, with the Government now seeking to accelerate implementation after all Implementation Partner Agreements were signed.

A total of 11,197 healthcare providers have been contracted, while Sh178 billion has been paid to providers for services delivered, according to the CS.

Forest department steps up tree planting and conservation efforts in Tharaka Nithi

BY DICKSON MWITI AND YVONNE GATUGI(KNA)

The State Department for Forestry has stepped up efforts to increase tree cover in Tharaka Nithi amid growing threats from charcoal burning, illegal logging and the effects of climate change.

The department says 237,850 trees were recently planted across 238 hectares.

The initiative targets areas affected by forest degradation especially in Chiakariga, Kijege and Mutejwa in Tharaka Constituency which are the most affected by deforestation.

According to Geoffrey Kiprono, a forestry officer in the county, charcoal burning remains one of the major causes of deforestation.

He said the department is addressing the issue of illegal logging through patrols.

"Local residents are increasingly participating in tree-planting and forest conservation programmes, making communities an important part of efforts to restore degraded forests," Kiprono stated.

He said climate change is contributing to trees drying up, which makes tree establishment and forest conservation more difficult.

Consequently, the Forestry Department is implementing programmes such as the Forestry Investment Facility (FIF) that encourage farmers to plant trees on their farms while providing financial support for forestry-related activities.

Under the programme, farmers can access up to 100 per cent financing, with 70 per cent allocated to investment and 30 per cent to tree planting.

The initiative is intended to make tree planting more attractive to farmers, while supporting the expansion of tree cover outside government forests.

The Forestry Department set a target of producing 1.6 million tree seedlings this year as part of efforts to increase the availability of planting materials.

It is issuing tree seedlings free of charge to residents of Tharaka Nithi to encourage more people to take part in tree-planting activities.

President Ruto commissions Sh1.4 billion Masaba transmission line

The new Masaba sub-station is expected to increase power supply in the Kuria-Migori area by 25 per cent while improving access to reliable electricity.

BY BERYL AKINYI AND MAKOKHA KHAOYA (KNA)

President William Ruto has commissioned the 28-kilometre, 132-kilovolt Awendo-Isebania (Masaba) Transmission Line and Masaba Substation in Kuria West Sub-County, a project expected to strengthen electricity supply across Migori County.

Speaking during his tour of Migori, President Ruto said the Sh1.4 billion transmission project would increase power transfer capacity, shorten distribution lines and help reduce power interruptions and outages in the county.

The single-circuit transmission line, which extends from the existing Awendo Substation, will serve Kuria and neighbouring towns within Migori County.

President William Ruto (right) and Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi during the commissioning of the Sh1.4 billion, 132-kilovolt Masaba Substation in Kuria West Sub-County. The facility is expected to increase power transfer capacity and reduce interruptions and outages. Photo by Beryl Akinyi.

Ruto said the new Masaba Substation is expected to increase power supply in the Kuria-Migori area by 25 per cent while improving access to reliable electricity.

The Awendo-Isebania line is an extension of the 132-kilovolt Sondu-Awendo transmission line, a 106-kilometre facility linking Sondu to Awendo and serving residents in the South Nyanza region.

The President said the Masaba Substation would support economic activities and institutions, including South Nyanza Sugar Company Limited (SONY) in Awendo Sub-County, Getonyanya Sweet Potato Factory in Kuria West, Level Four Migori County Referral Hospital and the Isebania One-Stop Border Post.

He added that the facility would provide more reliable and affordable electricity to households and small-scale businesses in Kuria and the wider Migori County, supporting socio-economic development.

During the tour, Ruto also unveiled the Kuria West Last Mile Electricity Connectivity Project, noting that 82,000 households in Migori County had been connected to electricity since 2023.

He said the government plans to increase electricity connections to 100,000 homes by the end of 2027 under a programme implemented through the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC).

The President also inspected several road projects in the county, including the Posta-Nyirongi Road in Suna East Sub-County, the 20-kilometre Stella-Sibuoche-Gogo Falls Road in Uriri Sub-County and the 32-kilometre Kanyawanga-Kwoyo-Dede Road in Awendo Sub-County.

OPINION: INVESTMENT

Wheat farmer returns to crop as Kenya seeks to close production gap

BY WILLIAM INGANGA (KNA)

When Vincent Chelule walks through his wheat field in Chesoton, Njoro, he sees more than a crop. He sees a family tradition, a business and a difficult calculation about whether wheat farming can still pay.

Chelule started growing wheat in 1994, following in his father's footsteps. But six years later, he abandoned the crop after rising production costs and declining yields made farming increasingly difficult. He took time to learn what it would take to make wheat profitable before returning to the fields.

He has since carved a niche in seed production and bulking and now farms about 20 acres, rotating wheat with other crops. Last year, about half of his land was under wheat.

Despite more than three decades in the crop, however, Chelule says the biggest challenge remains the market.

"The major challenge for us as farmers is therefore the market," he says. "The market exists, but the problem is the price."

His experience reflects wider challenges in Kenya's wheat industry. Wheat is the country's second most important food cereal after maize, yet domestic production remains far below demand.

Kenya produced about 350,000 tonnes of wheat in 2024 against consumption estimated at between 2.2 million and 2.4 million tonnes, according to researchers at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO). More than three quarters of the country's requirement is met through imports.

A combine harvester spews out freshly harvested wheat seed from the KALRO wheat farm in Njoro. Photo by William Inganga
INSET: Wheat farmer Vincent Chelule. Photo by William Inganga

For farmers, however, increasing production is not necessarily matched by increased returns. Chelule estimates that producing an acre of wheat can now cost more than Sh50,000, driven by higher fuel and input costs.

At a selling price of Sh6,000 for a 90-kilogramme bag, a farmer needs more than eight bags per acre just to begin covering production costs.

Last year, Chelule planted two acres using about 100 kilograms of Njoro seed but harvested only about 20 bags after drought affected the crop. Under favourable conditions, he says, farmers can harvest between 18 and 25 bags an acre.

The market has also discouraged growers. Two years ago, some farmers struggled to find buyers after harvesting, with some storing wheat for months before selling at low prices. Chelule recalls holding about 200 bags at one point.

"Imagine harvesting in August and still having the wheat in your store in November," he says.

KALRO wheat breeder Dr Martin Lagat says rising input, labour and land costs, coupled with subdivision of farms, have contributed to declining wheat production. As farms become smaller, mechanised production becomes more difficult and farmers increasingly compare wheat with other crops.

"Wheat prices in Kenya are low as compared to the cost of production," Lagat says.

KALRO is responding through research and breeding of improved varieties. The Njoro research station, whose breeding programme dates back to the late 1920s, has released and registered 38 wheat varieties since 1975. Yield potential has increased from about 1.5 tonnes per hectare in 1975 to as much as eight tonnes per hectare for the latest varieties.

Chelule currently grows the Jacana variety, which he first planted last year and says performed well. His involvement in seed production began through a farmer-group project, followed by training, including a two-week course at Ol Joro Orok.

Seed production requires careful removal of off-types, spraying and other field operations. After harvesting, seed undergoes processing and inspection by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS) before cleaning, dressing and packaging.

Disease remains another threat. KALRO's international wheat phenotyping platform in Njoro, established in 2008 through collaboration with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) following identification of the Ug99 stem rust race, screens about 25,000 wheat lines for stem rust and yellow rust twice a year.

Plant pathologist Dr Zennah Kosgey says farmers should use certified seed and resistant varieties, scout fields early, practise good crop management and apply approved fungicides when necessary.

Weather variability is also putting pressure on farmers. Chelule says excessive rain initially affected germination this year before drought struck about a month after planting, when the crop was producing tillers.

KALRO is breeding varieties tolerant to water stress, acidic soils and low fertility, while researchers are exploring more efficient nutrient use. Lagat says irrigation could also expand wheat production by allowing farmers greater control over water and enabling development of additional wheat types.

For Chelule, however, science alone will not solve the problem. Farmers still need affordable inputs, reliable markets, adequate farmland and favourable weather.

He remains in wheat farming, but every season is another calculation. The seed must perform, the rain must arrive at the right time, diseases must be controlled and, after months of work, the grain must fetch a price that covers the cost of production.

For him, the future of wheat farming will ultimately depend not only on producing a better crop, but on creating conditions that make it worthwhile for farmers to keep planting it.

Embu women's prison gets Sh9-million mother and child unit

The Government was committed to ensuring that the reform journey gained traction and had a meaningful impact in restoring dignity to inmates and officers in correctional facilities across the country.

BY SAMUEL WAITITU (KNA)

A new Sh9 million Mother and Child Accommodation Unit will be constructed at Embu Women's Prison, marking a major milestone in improving the welfare of children living with their incarcerated mothers.

It will be developed with support from FreedomWithin Kenya and will provide a safer, healthier and more nurturing environment for infants and young children spending their formative years behind bars.

Speaking during the groundbreaking ceremony, Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Correctional Services, Dr Salome Beacco, said the project is part of the Government's broader reform agenda to transform Kenya's correctional facilities.

She said the reform journey, which commenced in 2022 following the formation of a Presidential Task Force on Prison Reforms, marked a turning point in efforts to transform the criminal justice system from a punitive model to one focused on rehabilitation, dignity and successful reintegration into the community.

"Some of the recommendations made by the taskforce, including rehabilitation and modernization of correctional facilities, are the ones we are now implementing," she said.

Beacco cited Embu Women's Prison as an example of the ongoing transformation in correctional facilities across the country. She said the institution had benefited from several projects, including a dining hall, revival of its borehole, landscaping, an Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) centre and the upcoming Mother and Child Unit.

Earlier, the PS commissioned the ECDE centre, comprising two fully equipped classrooms and a water, sanitation and hygiene facility. The centre will serve children of incarcerated mothers, children of prison staff and those from the neighbouring community.

Principal Secretary, State Department for Correctional Services, Dr Salome Beacco, speaks to the press at Embu Women's Prison after commissioning several projects aimed at improving the welfare of inmates.

Beacco said the Department is cognizant of the historical correlation between low literacy levels and offending, and had therefore shifted focus towards evidence-based rehabilitation that prioritises formal and vocational education for offenders and their dependents.

"We are working to upgrade daycare and child-friendly facilities across the country's 46 women's prisons, while strengthening partnerships with organisations willing to support reforms within correctional institutions," she said.

The PS said the Government was committed to ensuring that the reform journey gained traction and had a meaningful impact in restoring dignity to inmates and officers in correctional facilities across the country.

She added that improved prison facilities should not only address the basic needs of inmates but also create an environment where incarcerated persons could undergo meaningful rehabilitation, vocational training and preparation for eventual reintegration into society.

She underscored the critical role of public-private partnerships in bridging the Department's infrastructure deficit, noting that the Government could not undertake the reform journey alone.

The Mother and Child Unit is expected to complement these interventions by providing accommodation and care for children accompanying their mothers in custody.

Kenya launches new animal disease surveillance system

KABS 2.0 launched by the DVS, Dr. Allan Azegele alongside its partners from Washington State University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC). Photo/Courtesy

BY CINDY TAKA (PCO)

Kenya has taken a major stride to safeguard agriculture and public health with the launch of the Kenya Animal Biosurveillance System (KABS 2.0).

The digital platform represents a pivotal transformation in how veterinary authorities track, analyse and counter emerging animal health threats.

Unveiled by the Directorate of Veterinary Services, KABS 2.0 provides an advanced, real-time mechanism for field surveillance.

By streamlining disease reporting across counties, the system converts raw field observations into actionable data, empowering local and national authorities to contain outbreaks before they escalate.

"KABS 2.0 gives us a more advanced and Kenyan-based system to support timely disease reporting, better data, and informed decision-making," Dr. Allan Azegele, Director of Veterinary Services, said.

He emphasized that the platform is "homegrown and designed to meet Kenya's unique needs," ensuring that veterinary officers can respond faster and with greater accuracy.

The launch brought together key domestic and international collaborators, including Washington State University, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kenya National Public Health Institute.

Their participation highlighted the growing commitment to a "One Health" approach, which recognizes that animal, human and environmental health are deeply interconnected.

Speaking at the event, a representative from KNPHI noted, "Rapid animal disease surveillance is not just about protecting livestock, it is our first line of defense against zoonotic diseases that could spill over into human populations."

Complementing the digital upgrade, the event also spotlighted targeted field-level biosecurity measures.

Dr. Mathew Mutiira presented newly outlined Biosafety Guidelines for Live Bird Markets, designed to address high-risk environments within the poultry supply chain.

"Live bird markets are critical trade nodes, but they also present significant risks," he explained.

"These guidelines provide clear procedures for sanitation, handling, and biosecurity to reduce disease transmission and protect both farmers and consumers," he said.

By pairing digital infrastructure such as KABS 2.0 with practical, market-level biosafety standards, Kenya is positioning its livestock sector for greater resilience.

The upgraded system not only safeguards farmer livelihoods and national food security but also reinforces the country's role as a regional leader in disease surveillance and biosecurity.

As Dr. Azegele said, "This is a turning point for Kenya. With KABS 2.0, we are better prepared, better informed and better equipped to protect our people and our animals."

Youth urged to exploit online jobs

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)

The State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy is accelerating its nationwide digital transformation agenda, with a key digital hub in Chepkorio Ward of Keiyo South Sub-County set for completion within the next two months.

Speaking on the vast potential of the digital economy, ICT Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui emphasized that digital skills unlock massive opportunities both locally and internationally.

He noted that Kenya has successfully opened numerous international markets, placing the responsibility on local youth to actively position themselves and seize these global opportunities.

The PS was speaking at Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre during the graduation of 360 youth who had gained Huawei DigiTruck skills after undergoing a one-month training on how to use digital skills in commerce.

The Chepkorio hub, the PS said, is part of a broader government masterplan to construct 1,450 digital hubs across all wards in the country, with the facilities designed to provide young people with a dedicated space to access the digital arena, combat unemployment, and establish self-employment using just their smartphones.

Echoing the PS's sentiments, Eng. Anthony Sang from Konza Technopolis reiterated that ICT has become mandatory in modern times, especially as government services transition fully to online platforms.

He encouraged residents to market local agricultural produce such as potatoes, directly to online buyers calling on the youth to pass on basic digital skills to the elderly so they too can participate in digital marketplaces.

Saying that two digital hubs will soon be completed within the sub-county, Eng. Sang challenged the graduates to launch their own online shops rather than rely on traditional brokers.

"We should not sell through brokers, but direct to the customers," Eng. Sang said, advising locals to utilize upcoming county aggregation parks for value addition.

At the same time, Carolyne Tanui, the Assistant Director of Corporate Communications at the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) underscored that personal data is the foundation of digital transformation. But it must be handled strictly according to the law, she said.

"One cannot access the digital space without their personal data," she stated, advising the public to be vigilant.

"Before giving your data to any person or organisation, you should ask what it is being used for," she said.

Mombasa allocates Sh150million to boost youth businesses

Youth representative Ruth Machocho briefs the press during the opening of the youth summit on drug and crime prevention in Mombasa, flanked by other participants at the venue.

BY RAMADHAN NASSIB AND VANESSA SARIMAN (KNA)

Mombasa County has allocated Sh150 million through its Stawisha Fund to support small businesses.

The county government has spent nearly Sh100 million on stipends for more than 3,000 youths engaged in communal work as part of efforts to keep young people away from drugs and crime.

The figures were disclosed during the opening of a continental youth summit on drug abuse and crime prevention in Mombasa, organised by African Youth Initiatives for Prevention of Drugs and Crime.

The two-day summit has brought together delegates from several countries, with organisers expecting participation from up to 50 nations by the conclusion of the event.

Mombasa County Chief Officer for Trade, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Hamisi Juma Kurichwa said the Stawisha Fund was designed to grow micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), providing young people with economic opportunities and helping prevent their involvement in crime.

"It's very, very important to invest and to support the growth of MSMEs," Kurichwa said.

He said the Mombasa Yangu programme had engaged more than 3,000 youths in communal work, with the county spending nearly Sh100 million on their monthly stipends.

Kurichwa also said a rehabilitation centre at Mwakirunge Prison is nearing completion and would support people recovering from drug and substance abuse.

Mombasa County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism and Culture Mohamed Osman said the county is proud to host the forum and pledged continued financial and policy support towards efforts to address drug abuse.

Osman said the county was also investing in stadiums, sports programmes and the Special Economic Zone as part of measures to create employment opportunities for young people.

Mombasa Sub-County Deputy County Commissioner Kalume Kashuru said the national government supported the initiative, describing the summit as an important opportunity for stakeholders to work together in addressing drug abuse.

CECM for Climate Change Emily Achieng Okello said the county had introduced mentorship programmes, school fee support and the Skills Mtaani initiative to provide young people with additional opportunities.

She called for collaboration among the private sector, religious leaders, national and county governments in addressing challenges facing young people.

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1) PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

S/ No.	V/No.	Post	University	No. of Vacancies
1.	188/2026	Vice Chanchellor **(Re-Advertisement)**	Bomet University	1
2.	144/2026	Deputy Vice Chanchellor - Administration & Finance	Kenyatta University	1
3.	145/2026	Deputy Vice Chanchellor - Academic & Student Affairs		1
4.	146/2026	Principal	Makueni University College	1

2) MINISTRIES /STATE DEPARTMENTS

a) Promotional Positions

S/ No.	V/No.	Post	Ministry/ State Department	Grade/ CSG	No. of Vacancies
1.	147/2026	Secretary Cabinet Affairs/Special Programmes	Cabinet Affairs	4	2
2.	148/2026	Director Cabinet Affairs/Special Programmes		5	3
3.	149/2026	Deputy Director, Cabinet Affairs/ Special Programmes		6	4
4.	150/2026	Assistant Director, Cabinet Affairs/ Special Programmes		7	4
5.	151/2026	Assistant Director Probation	Correctional Services	7	2
6.	152/2026	Commissioner for Co-operative Development	Co-operatives	4	1
7.	153/2026	Deputy Director, Multilateral Agreements	Environment and Climate Change	6	1
8.	154/2026	Deputy Director Climate Change (Information & Knowledge)		6	1
9.	155/2026	Assistant Director, Climate Change (Mitigation) Green House Gas Inventories		7	1
10.	156/2026	Secretary, Forest Regulation	Forestry	4	1
11.	157/2026	Director, Forest Management and Conservation		5	1
12.	158/2026	Director, Forestry Policy & Strategic Initiatives		5	1
13.	159/2026	Director, Gender	Gender	5	1
14.	160/2026	Assistant Director Social Development	Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs	7	146
15.	161/2026	Secretary Psychological Counselling and Wellness Services	Public Service and Human Capital Development	4	1
16.	162/2026	Assistant Director, Human Resource Management & Development		7	50
17.	163/2026	Deputy Director/ Senior Principal Superintending Geologist	Mining	6	11
18.	164/2026	Chief Superintending Geologist	Mining	7	12
19.	165/2026	Chief Superintending Inspector of Mines		7	17
20.	166/2026	Director Government Clearing Services	Shipping and Maritime Affairs	5	1
21.	167/2026	Senior Deputy Solicitor General	Office of the Attorney General	3	6
22.	168/2026	Deputy Solicitor General		4	19
23.	169/2026	Chief State Counsel		5	91
24.	170/2026	Deputy Chief State Counsel		6	257
25.	171/2026	Principal State Counsel		7	145

b) Entry Level Positions

S/ No.	V/No.	Post	Ministry/ State Department	Grade/ CSG	No. of Vacancies
1.	172/2026	Programme Officer II	Cabinet Affairs	11	2
2.	173/2026	Shipping & Maritime Affairs Officer II	Shipping and Maritime Affairs	11	10
3.	174/2026	Petroleum Officer (Geologist) II	Petroleum	10	4
4.	175/2026	Petroleum Officer (Geophysicist) II		10	4
5.	176/2026	Petroleum Officer (Geo-Chemist) II		10	4
6.	177/2026	Petroleum Officer (Engineer) II		10	4
7.	178/2026	Petroleum Environment Analyst II		10	2
8.	179/2026	Petroleum Economic Analyst II		10	3
9.	180/2026	Petroleum Audit & Risk Analyst II		10	1
10.	181/2026	Petroleum Social Development Analyst II		10	3
11.	182/2026	Petroleum Technologist III		12	5
12.	183/2026	Metallurgist I	Mining	10	2
13.	184/2026	Social Development Officer II		11	15
14.	185/2026	Laboratory Technologist III		12	3
15.	186/2026	Gemstone Cutter/ Facetor		12	2
16.	187/2026	Gemologist II		10	4

The details of the posts and mode of application can be accessed on the Commission's website **www.publicservice.go.ke**

Applications should be received on or before **13th October, 2026 by 5.00 p.m** East African Time (EAT).

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

KENYA VISION2030

Government steps up registration of persons

BY LINET CHEPKEMOI (KNA)

Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services Dr. Belio Kipsang has said the government is targeting to double the number of new identification cards by the end of the year following the deployment of additional live capture equipment across the country.

Speaking to journalists in Bomet County during activities to mark International Identification Day, Dr. Kipsang said the Ministry of Interior and National Administration has registered more than 2.2 million new persons since January this year.

He said the milestone has been supported by the transformation of the national identification registration process, which has evolved from the traditional manual system to the use of digital live data capture equipment.

According to Dr. Kipsang, the use of live capture technology has improved the clarity and accuracy of information collected during the registration process while also making identification services quicker and accessible to members of the public.

He said that the government had also introduced mobile registration stations across the country, enabling citizens in different parts of the country to access identification services without travelling long distances to registration centres.

Dr. Kipsang said Kenya's identification system had undergone significant transformation over the years, evolving from the kipande system during the colonial period to the current third-generation identification cards.

He explained that the third-generation identity card contains a chip capable of storing information, marking another advancement in the country's national identification system.

The PS said the government has deployed an additional 600 live capture units to enhance the registration process and reach more citizens across the country.

He expressed optimism that the more than 2.2 million people already registered since January could double by the end of the year as the additional equipment and mobile registration stations expand access to identification services.

Dr. Kipsang said the continued modernization of the identification system is aimed at improving service delivery and ensuring that more Kenyans can easily access registration services and obtain national identification documents.

He urged eligible Kenyans at age 18 to take advantage of the new technology and register for their ID cards free of charge.

The PS added that there is no service charge attached to application for IDs whether new or replacement, following President William Ruto's intervention to vacate the charges.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT

(No. 13 of 2019)

RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner(s) of original **Kisumu Municipality Block 5/45 located** within Kisumu City proposes to Renew their Lease subject to approval by the County Government of Kisumu. Institution(s), individual(s), or organization(s) with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM – Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development,
County Government of Kisumu,
P.O. Box 2738 - 40100, Kisumu.

RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner(s) of original **L.R. Nos. 1432/184 (Currently Homa Bay Municipality Block 1/248) located** within Homabay town proposes to Renew their Lease subject to approval by the County Government of Homa Bay. Institution(s), individual(s), or organization(s) with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM – Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development,
County Government of Homabay,
P.O. Box 469 - 40300, Homabay.

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Public Notice

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

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind all operators of the above mentioned facilities that their licences will expire on **31st December, 2026**.

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

Operators are therefore required to submit their applications for renewal of their licences for the year 2027.

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

- Copy of valid licence for the year 2026.
- Copy of valid relevant Security Bond (CB6).
- Current CR12 of the company.
- Copy of Title or valid lease agreement whose duration is longer than the term of the licence.
- Copy of current Tax Compliance Certificate for the Company.
- Copy of current Tax Compliance Certificate for each of the Company's directors.
- Audited annual accounts for the Company for the previous financial year (2025).
- Form C18 duly completed, signed and stamped by the Operator and Customs Officer.

Note:

1. Application Form C18 can be downloaded from the KRA website, www.kra.go.ke
2. Renewal will only be issued upon satisfaction that the applicant does not have any outstanding transaction or issues with any KRA department.
3. Applications for Renewals will be submitted through the Customs iCMS system on or before **31st October, 2026**.

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

For clarification, please call our Contact Centre on Tel: 020 4 999 999; 0711 099 099 or Email: CBClicensing@kra.go.ke

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Public Notice

Renewal of Licences for Transit Sheds

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind all Transit Shed Operators that their licenses will expire on **31st December, 2026**.

The licensing conditions are spelt out under **Section 12** of the **East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004** as read together with **Gazette Notice No. 5215 of 2017**.

Operators are therefore required to submit their applications for renewal of their licences for year 2027-2029.

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

- Copy of valid Licence for the years 2024 - 2026.
- Copy of valid relevant Security Bond.
- Copy of company registration certificate.
- Copy of Title or valid lease agreement whose duration is longer than the term of the licence.
- Copy of Gazette Notice to operate as a Transit Shed.
- Current CR12 of the Company.
- Copy of current Tax Compliance Certificate for the Company.
- Copy of current Tax Compliance Certificate for each of the Company's directors.
- Audited Annual Account for the Company for the previous financial year (2025).
- C18 duly completed, signed and stamped by the Operator and Customs Officer.

Note:

1. Application form C18 can be downloaded from KRA website, www.kra.go.ke
2. The successful applicant will be required to pay the license fee in Kenya shillings equivalent to **US$10,000** per license.
3. Application for **Renewals** will be submitted through Customs ICMS system on or before **31st October, 2026**.

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

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KenGen named public service organisation of the year

BY EUGINE OTIENO (MYGOV)

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has been named Public Service Organisation of the Year at the Kenya Quality Awards 2026, in recognition of its commitment to quality, efficiency and continuous improvement in public service delivery.

The ceremony, organised by the Kenya Bureau of Standards, was presided over by Deputy Chief of Staff Amos Gathecha.

The Kenya Quality Awards recognise organisations that have demonstrated excellence by embedding quality and continuous improvement into their operations. Participating organisations undergo rigorous assessment covering areas such as leadership, customer and market focus, operations, people, evidence-based decision-making, organisational learning, and adherence to standards.

KenGen emerged as the Public Service Organisation of the Year for its robust Quality Management System (QMS) and its integration of quality, environmental and occupational health and safety standards into its operations and strategic objectives.

Deputy Chief of Staff Amos Gathecha (centre) presents the Public Service Organisation of the Year award to the KenGen team at the Kenya Quality Awards 2026 in Nairobi

The recognition marks another milestone in KenGen's more than two-decade quality journey. The company became the first public organisation in Kenya to achieve ISO 9001 certification for Quality Management Systems in 2004. It subsequently attained ISO 14001 certification for Environmental Management Systems in 2009 and ISO 45001 certification for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems in 2024.

The certifications now cover KenGen's generation operations and associated activities across its hydro, geothermal, wind and thermal power stations.

Speaking after the award, KenGen Acting Managing Director, Eng. Julius Odumbe, attributed the achievement to the company's employees.

"This award belongs to every member of the KenGen family. At KenGen, quality is not just about one department. It is how we work, from the control rooms of our power stations to the way we serve our stakeholders," Eng. Odumbe said.

He said the recognition demonstrates the ability of public institutions to uphold high standards while challenging KenGen to further improve its performance.

"For more than twenty years, our Integrated Management Systems have been the backbone of our strategy. They help us deliver safe, reliable and competitively priced power to Kenyans while protecting the environment and keeping our people safe," he added.

He stated that integrating quality, environmental and occupational health and safety requirements under a single framework has enabled the company to apply consistent standards across its different generation operations while improving efficiency and strengthening stakeholder confidence.

The company currently derives about 90 per cent of its installed generation capacity from renewable sources, primarily geothermal, hydro and wind, positioning it as a major contributor to Kenya's transition towards cleaner energy.

JOOTRH major milestone with vagus nerve stimulation surgery

BY MABEL KEYA AND CHRISPINE ODUOR (KNA)

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) has recorded a major milestone in neurosurgical care following the introduction of vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) therapy for patients suffering from drug-resistant epilepsy.

Dr. Bethwel Raore, co-founder of the Kisumu Neuroscience Initiative, who has been leading a team of visiting neurosurgeons handling neurosurgical cases at JOOTRH, said the introduction of neuromodulation, including VNS, marked an important step in expanding specialised neurosurgical services in Kisumu and the wider region.

He spoke during a media briefing at JOOTRH following the conclusion of a five-day neurosurgical camp held at the facility.

VNS involves surgically implanting a small device that stimulates the vagus nerve in the neck by sending regular electrical impulses to the brain to help reduce the frequency and severity of seizures.

According to the specialists, the therapy is intended for patients with drug-resistant epilepsy whose seizures persist despite trying two or more anti-seizure medications.

The treatment does not necessarily cure epilepsy but can significantly reduce the frequency and severity of seizures. Specialists said patients may experience an average reduction of about 50 per cent in seizures, with improvement potentially increasing over time.

Dr. Raore, a board-certified neurosurgeon based in Georgia, USA, said the introduction of VNS at JOOTRH demonstrated the growing capacity of the hospital to provide advanced neurosurgical treatment locally.

He said the service was part of efforts by JOOTRH, which was elevated to a Level 6 hospital last year, and its partners to build local capacity in specialised neurosurgical care and reduce the need for patients to seek treatment outside the region.

JOOTRH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Joshua Okise said the neurosurgical initiative, which began in 2017, had so far enabled more than 700 patients from across Kenya to undergo neurosurgical operations.

He noted that when the initiative began, Kisumu County did not have a single neurosurgeon, but the number has since grown to four neurosurgeons currently working at JOOTRH, including three who were recently employed by the facility.

"This is quite a growth in the neurosurgical world and we want this to continue," he said.

Okise said the programme had focused not only on conducting surgical camps but also on training and capacity building for local medical teams, enabling the hospital to retain specialised skills after visiting specialists leave.

During the latest five-day camp, about 26 patients underwent surgery. Patients undergoing procedures during the camp were required to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA), with no additional co-payment required.

Dr. Raore said the ultimate goal of the initiative was to establish a sustainable neurosurgical service that would be trusted and demanded by the community in Kisumu rather than relying on visiting surgical teams.

10,000-seat Migori Stadium due for completion

BY MAKOKHA KHAOYA (KNA)

Migori Stadium, a 10,000-seater , could open its doors by the end of the year,

Almost 70 per cent of the works have been completed according to the Project Manager, Charles Wambura.

He said construction of the stadium is ending soon, adding that sections of the roof are being erected.

Wambura, who is also the Migori County Director of Public Works, said the county government will start planting grass next week to ensure the pitch is ready by the end of the year.

Floodlights and other social amenities, to ensure it attains world-class standards, are being installed.

Migori County Commissioner (CC), Kisilu Mutua, said the delay in completing the stadium was as a result of the expansion of the scope to include a roof, running tracks, modern changing rooms and other social amenities, a directive given by President William Ruto.

Meanwhile, Nyanza Regional Director for the Government Delivery Unit (GDU), Josiah Kodjo, who toured the stadium, said 14 road projects totaling 202 kilometers are under construction. They are being converted to bitumen standards at a cost of Sh8.5 billion.

Kodjo added that 42 projects in Migori under the Affordable Housing Project (AHP) are either complete or under construction at a cost of Sh12billion.

He highlighted other projects like the Migori Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) project in Nyatike Sub-County that is 93 per cent complete.

Kenya strengthens dairy, sugar sectors with Sh1.4 billion infrastructure boost

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

The Government has stepped up interventions to transform Kenya's dairy and sugar sectors, with a strong focus on lowering production costs, raising productivity, improving farmer incomes, and strengthening the governance sector.

Appearing before Parliament to respond to questions on the agriculture sector, Agriculture and Livestock Production Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe highlighted major investments and policy measures being implemented to address challenges facing farmers and stabilize agricultural value chains.

Agriculture and Livestock Production Cabinet Secretary (CS) Mutahi Kagwe responds to questions on the agriculture sector, specifically Kenya's dairy and sugar sectors, when he appeared before the National Assembly in Nairobi.

In the dairy sector, Kagwe announced that the government is investing Sh1.428 billion in 230 bulk milk coolers, among which 200 are solar powered, to strengthen milk aggregation and reduce post-production losses.

The solar-powered coolers, according to the CS, are expected to save dairy cooperatives approximately Sh73 million annually in electricity costs, while supporting more than 115,000 farmers across 41 counties, to aggregate an estimated 475,000L of milk daily.

He added that the Government has also moved to improve dairy genetics and increase productivity by reducing the price of sexed semen by nearly 65 percent, from Sh2,900 to Sh1,000 per dose under the subsidy programme, making improved genetics more accessible to farmers.

At the same time, Kagwe reported that measures are being implemented to address the high cost of animal feeds. These include the launch of the National Animal Feeds Development Strategy and establishment of a National Strategic Feeds Reserve, alongside the Land Commercialization Initiative, which is opening up underutilized Government land, including Agricultural Development Corporation and KALRO farms, for commercial fodder production.

Equally, the CS pointed out that the government is further leveraging public-private partnerships to expand feed production and secure fodder supply including De Heus' Sh300 million feed mill in Athi River and an agreement with UAE-based Al-Dahra to utilize up to 200,000 acres at Galana-Kulalu for agricultural production.

"The government has also introduced tax measures, including duty waivers and VAT exemptions on selected raw materials used in animal-feed production," he added.

According to the CS, regular cost of production studies, averaging Sh36.2/L across production systems, continue to inform policy interventions and support sustainable producer prices as demand for milk grows.

In the sugar sector, Kagwe mentioned that the government is equally advancing institutional reforms under the Sugar Act, 2024, with key steps being taken to strengthen governance and ensure effective management of the industry.

He revealed that the Kenya Sugar Board is being constituted, with key institutional positions, including the Chairperson, National Treasury representative, Council of Governors nominee and State Department of Agriculture representative, having been formally appointed.

Nevertheless, he lamented that the process of constituting grower representation on the Board has, however, faced delays arising from court injunctions and petitions challenging election procedures and the definition of catchment areas.

"With the legal issues being addressed through the courts, the process of electing growers' representatives is expected to resume," the CS assured.

Pending the full constitution of the Board, Kagwe affirmed that the Ministry continues to undertake the necessary administrative functions to ensure continuity in the management of the sugar industry and implementation of the statutory framework.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2028

Ruiru Juja water and Sewerage Company Limited invites applications from interested eligible firms to register for the supply of the under listed goods, Works and services for Financial Year 2026 – 2027, and FY 2027-2028.

	TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
1.	RUJWASCO/R/01/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY REAGENTS, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	ELIGIBILITY
2.	RUJWASCO/R/02/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPES).	OPEN
3.	RUJWASCO /R/03/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPORT-BALLS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND SPORTS UNIFORMS	AGPO
4.	RUJWASCO /R/04/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE	AGPO
5.	RUJWASCO /R/05/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GIS SURVEYING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	AGPO
6.	RUJWASCO /R/06/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTERS, COMPUTER ACCESSORIES LAPTOPS, PHONES AND PRINTERS	AGPO
7.	RUJWASCO /R/07/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE	AGPO
8.	RUJWASCO /R/08/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NRW EQUIPMENT	AGPO
9.	RUJWASCO /R/09/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOTORCYCLES, MOTORCYCLE SPARE PARTS AND TYRES, MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTOR VEHICLE SPARE PARTS AND TYRES	OPEN
10.	RUJWASCO /R/10/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	OPEN
11.	RUJWASCO /R/11/2026-2027	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF GENERATORS, PUMPS AND ELECTRO-MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT	AGPO
12.	RUJWASCO /R/12/2026-2027	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AIR CONDITIONERS	OPEN
13.	RUJWASCO /R/13/2026-2027	DESIGN, PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF PRINTED PAPER MATERIALS E.G. CALENDARS, DIARIES, ANNUAL REPORTS	AGPO
14.	RUJWASCO /R/14/2026-2027	PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES	AGPO
15.	RUJWASCO /R/15/2026-2027	PROVISION OF TAX CONSULTANCY SERVICES	OPEN
16.	RUJWASCO /R/16/2026-2027	PROVISION OF WELDING AND FABRICATION SERVICES	OPEN
17.	RUJWASCO /R/17/2026-2027	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES (GARAGES WITHIN RUIRU, THIKA AND NAIROBI TOWN) [Only garages validly registered with Ministry of Transport, Housing & Urban Development]	AGPO
18.	RUJWASCO /R/18/2026-2027	PROVISION OF EVENT ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING PROVISION OF TENTS, CHAIRS, DECO, PUBLIC ADDRESS, PHOTOGRAPHY & ROAD-SHOW SERVICES	AGPO
19.	RUJWASCO /R/19/2026-2027	PROVISION OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES, TEAM BUILDING SPACE AND ACCOMODATION.	OPEN
20.	RUJWASCO /R/20/2026-2027	PROVISION OF ASSET IDENTIFICATION AND TAGGING SERVICES.	OPEN
21.	RUJWASCO /R/21/2026-2027	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON JOB EVALUATION.	OPEN
22.	RUJWASCO /R/22/2026-2027	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA).	AGPO
23.	RUJWASCO /R/23/2026-2027	PROVISION FOR STAFF TEAM BUILDING AND TRAINING	OPEN
24.	RUJWASCO /R/24/2026-2027	MINOR REPAIR FOR MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, CIVIL WORKS, ELECTRICAL WORKS, PLUMBING AND SEWERAGE SERVICES	AGPO
25.	RUJWASCO /R/25/2026-2027	PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL, SAFETY AND HEALTH CONSULTANCY SERVICES.	OPEN
26.	RUJWASCO /R/26/2026-2027	HIRE OF HEAVY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (GRADERS, WATER BOWSER, EXCAVATORS, DOZERS, ROLLERS, CRANES, TIPPER TRUCK ETC)	OPEN
27.	RUJWASCO /R/27/2026-2027	PROVISION OF STRUCTURED CABLING AND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE	OPEN
28.	RUJWASCO /R/28/2025-2027	PROVISION OF COMPUTER HARDWARE, MOBILE PHONES AND PRINTERS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	OPEN
29.	RUJWASCO /R/29/2026-2027	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	AGPO

	TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	
30.	RUJWASCO /R/30/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF INDIGENOUS AND EXOTIC TREE SEEDLINGS	AGPO
31.	RUJWASCO /R/31/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS OFFICE STATIONERY, PRINTED ITEMS AND GENERAL CONSUMABLES	AGPO
32.	RUJWASCO /R/32/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS OFFICE PRINTED STATIONERY ITEMS	AGPO
33.	RUJWASCO /R/33/2026-2027	DESIGN AND BRANDING OF PROMOTIONAL FLYERS, T-SHIRTS, CAPS, BANNERS, POSTERS, FLAGS AND GIVE AWAY	AGPO
34.	RUJWASCO /R/34/2026-2027	PROVISION OF FUMIGATION AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES, FLOOR SCRUBBING AND LAND SCAPING.	AGPO
35.	RUJWASCO /R/35/2026-2027	PROVISION OF GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES	AGPO
36.	RUJWASCO /R/36/2026-2027	PROVISION OF SANITARY COLLECTION SERVICES	AGPO
37.	RUJWASCO /R/37/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER METERS AND WATER FITTINGS	OPEN
38.	RUJWASCO /R/38/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ASSORTED ELECTRICAL ITEMS	OPEN
39.	RUJWASCO/R/39/2026-2027	PROVISION OF TRANSPORT SERVICES	OPEN
40.	RUJWASCO/R/40/2026-2027	PROVISION OF CALIBRATION SERVICES	OPEN
41.	RUJWASCO/R/41/2026-2027	PROVISION OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES SERVICES TO RUJWASCO STAFF	OPEN TO KIAMBU COUNTY HOSPITALS
42.	RUJWASCO/R/42/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HARDWARE MATERIALS	AGPO
43.	RUJWASCO/R/43/2026-2027	RETRIEVAL AND RE-INSTALLATION OF FAULTY BOREHOLE PUMP AND MOTORS	OPEN
44.	RUJWASCO/R/44/2026-2027	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLAR HYBRID SOLUTION	OPEN
45.	RUJWASCO/R/45/2026-2027	PROVISION OF DESILTING AND DESLUDGING SERVICES	AGPO
46.	RUJWASCO/R/46/2026-2027	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FOOD STUFF AND PERSONAL HYGIENE CONSUMABLES	AGPO
47.	RUJWASCO/R/47/2026-2027	PROVISION OF WEBSITE DESIGN, HOSTING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES	OPEN
48.	RUJWASCO/R/48/2026-2027	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	OPEN

The AGPO /Special groups are Women, Youth and Persons Living with Disabilities who have registered with the Ministry of National Treasury **(AGPO Certificate)**. Interested firms **MUST** meet all the requirements as stated in the registration documents and **MUST** provide E-GP registration details.

Registration/Tender documents with detailed information shall be viewed and downloaded from **www.ruiruwater.co.ke free of charge.**

Suppliers that are currently registered by RUJWASCO are required to register a fresh if they wish to participate. Note that for a supplier to be registered by RUJWASCO, they must be registered in the eGP System and should provide the eGP registration number.

Completed Registration /Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked;

REGISTRATION FOR:

CATEGORY NO: ……………………………………………………………………………………….

DESCRIPTION: ……………………………………………………………………………………………
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Address for Submission of Tenders.

Completed tender documents should be serialized and be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender reference number and be deposited in the Tender Box located at **RUIRU JUJA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY MAIN OFFICE situated next to Kenyatta University Model School, P. O. Box 1165-00232 RUIRU** and be addressed to **The Managing Director Ruiru Juja Water and Sewerage Co. Ltd P. O. Box 1165-00232 Ruiru**

Address for Opening of Tenders.

Tenders will be opened immediately on **06th October 2026 at 10:00 Am** thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the **RUIRU JUJA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY MAIN OFFICE** situated next to **Kenyatta University Model School, P. O. Box 1165-00232 RUIRU** or be addressed to **The Managing Director Ruiru Juja Water and Sewerage Co. Ltd. P. O. Box 1165-00232 Ruiru**

KENYA VISION 2030

Online technician: Fundi Locator transforming home repairs

BY CATHERINE KAMAU (PCO)

The State Department of Labour and Skills Development has unveiled a mobile application, Fundi Locator, designed to transform how Kenyans access home repair services.

Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime said the app promises to bridge the gap between skilled artisans and households in need of reliable services.

For years, Mwadime said, Nairobi residents and other urban dwellers have struggled to find trustworthy plumbers, electricians, carpenters and masons.

"Word-of-mouth referrals often led to missed appointments, inflated charges, or poor workmanship. Fundi Locator seeks to eliminate these frustrations by offering a digital marketplace where homeowners can instantly connect with vetted artisans nearby," the PS said.

Harnessing GPS technology, the app ensures that help is only a tap away.

"Our mission is to empower both consumers and artisans by creating a transparent and efficient marketplace. We aim to eliminate the guesswork and anxiety that often accompany hiring a trades--person," Mwadime said.

He noted that a major concern for urban residents has always been the safety of inviting strangers into their homes.

The PS pointed out that Fundi Locator addresses this directly with a rigorous vetting process. Every artisan undergoes background checks, including national identification verification, before joining the platform.

"We also have a public rating and review system that holds artisans accountable for their work," Mwadime explained.

"If they perform poorly or overcharge, it reflects on their profile, addressing a significant gap in the traditional market," the PS said.

He said the app integrates an escrow payment system with mobile money services such as M-Pesa, adding that payments are held securely until the customer confirms that the job has been completed satisfactorily.

"This system not only protects consumers but also ensures that fundis are fairly compensated for their work," Mwadime added.

Beyond convenience for consumers, he said, Fundi Locator is driving an economic transformation for artisans.

"With over 80 per cent of Kenya's workforce employed in the informal sector, many independent labourers face challenges such as irregular income and lack of financial security," Mwadime said.

By joining the platform, he disclosed that fundis gain access to a steady stream of clients without incurring marketing costs.

"The app provides artisans with digital profiles to showcase their skills and past work, while automated book-keeping tools simplify financial management," he said.

The transaction histories generated through Fundi Locator create a digital footprint that artisans can use to access the formal financial system, PS Mwadime said.

"For carpenters, painters, and masons, this means qualifying for micro-loans, securing health insurance, and opening bank accounts. For the first time, these artisans have a way to build their financial credibility," Mwadime emphasized.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PSASB

PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (PSASB)

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The Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the Ministry of National Treasury and Economic Planning, established by the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act No.18 of 2012. The Board is mandated to provide frameworks and set standards for the development and management of accounting, financial, and internal audit systems for all state organs and public entities.

To enhance institutional capacity to deliver on its mandate, the Board is seeking to recruit qualified and competent individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

S/No.	Job Ref. No.	Designation	Job Grade	No. of Posts
1.	PSASB/10/2026	Director Accounting Standards ***(Re-advertisement)***	ASB 2	1
2.	PSASB/11/2026	Principal Accounting Standards Officer ***(Re-advertisement)***	ASB 5	2
Total vacancies				**3**

HOW TO APPLY

Detailed job descriptions and specifications for the above positions are available at **www.psasb.go.ke under careers.**

Qualified and interested applicants who meet the specified criteria should submit their job applications, through our recruitment portal at **jobs.psasb.go.ke**

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1. PSASB is an equal opportunity employer and **DOES NOT** charge any fee at any stage in the recruitment process.
2. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates and documents.
3. Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

FSRP Food Systems Resilience Project

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP)
Project No:	P177816
Credit No.:	7328-KE, 7327-KE
Assignment Title:	Prioritization of high-impact, transformative investments to sustainably boost agricultural productivity and commercialization in Kenya's northern and arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) counties - Individual selection
Reference No.:	KE-MOALF-569681-CS-INDV

1. The Government of Kenya has received a Credit from World Bank towards the cost of the **Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Prioritization of high-impact, transformative investments to sustainably boost agricultural productivity and commercialization in Kenya's northern and arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) counties.**
2. The consulting services ("Services") main objective of the assignment is to identify, rigorously assess, and prioritize a pipeline of transformative agricultural investments capable of sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and commercialization in the target counties while maximizing economic returns, climate resilience, social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and investment readiness for public, private, and development partner financing.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignments can be found in the following website: **www.kilimo.go.ke**
4. The Services Contracts are expected to be for a period of **One Eighty (180 days)**.
5. The State Department for Agriculture (the "Client") through the **Food Systems Resilience Project** now invites eligible individual ("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. Interested individuals ***MUST*** provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services **(attach curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications**. The shortlisting criteria are;
   - A Master's degree in Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Agricultural Development, International Development, Rural Development, or another closely related discipline.
   - A minimum of 10 years' general experience of progressively responsible professional experience in agricultural transformation, investment planning, food systems development, climate-resilient agriculture, or rural development is required.
   - At least 3 years' specific experience in designing, evaluating, and prioritizing large-scale agricultural investment programmes, particularly within Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) or comparable dryland environments and successful completion of at least three (3) assignments of similar scope and complexity within the last ten (10) years. Experience on assignments financed by the World Bank, other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), bilateral development partners, or national governments will be an added advantage.
   - Demonstrated experience working with national governments, county governments, regional organizations, development partners, and private sector stakeholders.

   i. Technical Competencies

   The Individual Consultant shall demonstrate proven expertise in:

   - Agricultural economics, agricultural transformation, and strategic investment planning.
   - Economic and financial appraisal of investments, including cost-benefit analysis, Net Present Value (NPV), Internal Rate of Return (IRR), and Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR).
   - Investment prioritization using evidence-based analytical approaches, including Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA).
   - Climate-smart agriculture, sustainable agricultural development, and resilience-building in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs).
   - Preparation of investment strategies and implementation roadmaps to support public investment planning and resource mobilization.
   - Stakeholder engagement and facilitation, including consultations with national and county governments, the private sector, development partners, and farming communities.
   - Preparation of high-quality analytical reports, policy briefs, and strategic recommendations to support government decision-making.

   ii. Leadership and Coordination Capacity

   The Individual Consultant shall demonstrate the ability to:

   - Lead complex multidisciplinary assignments involving multiple stakeholders.
   - Coordinate technical inputs from Government ministries, county governments, development partners, research institutions, and private sector actors.
   - Facilitate high-level policy dialogue, stakeholder consultations, and validation workshops.
   - Produce high-quality analytical reports, investment prospectuses, policy briefs, presentations, GIS products, and other decision-support materials suitable for senior government officials and development partners.
6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and revised 4th Edition November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. An Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
8. Further information can be obtained from FSRP Procurement Offices during official working hours from **0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT)** from **Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT)** and public holidays.
9. Expressions of interest **MUST** be delivered in a written form to the address below **(in person, or by e-mail)** by **6th October, 2026 at 1100 hours EAT** and be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Agriculture located at Kilimo house main reception Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi, or send by email to: **info@fsrp.go.ke** and quote the Assignment title and **Contract No. KE-MOALF-569681-CS-INDV** in the subject row

Address:

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Nairobi, Kenya.
E-mail: info@fsrp.go.ke
Head Supply Chain Management
For: Principal Secretary

KENYA VISION 2030

State to construct 10,000 seater stadium in Samburu County

Defense Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya addresses Maralal residents at the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new stadium.

BYROBERT GITHU(KNA) (KNA)

The National Government is set to construct the first ever state of the art stadium in Samburu county to nurture sporting talent for local youths.

Speaking during the ground breaking ceremony in Maralal town, Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya said that the government is keen on improving sporting infrastructure across the country.

She noted that the Defence and Sports ministries are collaborating to construct 33 stadiums across the country some of which are nearing completion.

"As East Africa prepares to host AFCON next year, we are confident that Kenya is fully prepared with all the critical infrastructure nearing completion like the Talanta stadium and the refurbishment of Nyayo and Kasarani stadium,"she said.

The CS said that once completed, the Maralal stadium will be a ten-thousand seater, will have a standard eight lane athletic track, a modern football pitch, standard changing rooms, VIP pavilion and flood lights for night games.

"The stadium will be a multi-purpose hub and will host cultural events and national holidays. It will be sustainable with shops and offices to rent for revenue collection to maintain the stadium and job creation,"the CS noted.

Tuya emphasised that the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) will play a central role in the project by providing supervision, quality control and ensuring efficient project execution within set deadlines.

The CS said that local youths and women will be employed as laborers to spur economic empowerment while local businesses will be given first priority to supply construction materials.

She noted that apart from the stadium, the government has ongoing projects such as the construction of Maralal-Morijo road, Kisima-Suraduruu road, Baragoi airstrip and the construction of Yamo dam treatment plant.

"This shows that the government has made deliberate efforts to ensure that there is equity and fairness in all counties,"she said.

The CS said insecurity hinders development and urged residents to work closely with security agencies to end banditry in Northern Kenya.

"The President is determined to end insecurity and banditry in Northern Kenya, there are a few challenges but we have a moment to talk about development and join the rest of Kenya in building hospitals, schools and other development projects," she said.

On his part, Samburu County Governor Lati-Lelelit said that the county government will pump Sh100 million to construct the new stadium's drainage system which has not been included in the construction budget.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

FSRP Food Systems Resilience Project

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP)
Project No:	P177816
Credit No.:	7328-KE, 7327-KE

S.No	Reference No	Assignment Title:
1.	KE-MOALF- 569688-CS-INDV	Data Science expert 1
2.	KE-MOALF-570715-CS-INDV	Data Science expert 2
3.	KE-MOALF-571589-CS-INDV	System Analyst
4.	KE-MOALF-571591-CS-INDV	Learning Designer Expert
5.	KE-MOALF-571593-CS-INDV	Webmaster Expert
6.	KE-MOALF-571594-CS-INDV	User Interface Developer
7.	KE-MOALF-571595-CS-INDV	Backend Developer Expert
8.	KE-MOALF-571596-CS-INDV	Database Administrator

1. The Government of Kenya has received a Credit from World Bank towards the cost of the **Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services as indicated above.

2. The consulting services ("Services") main objective of the assignment is to strengthen the Agricultural Information Resource Centre (AIRC) capacity as it transforms into the Kenya Agricultural Digital Information Centre (KADIC) to generate, manage, analyze, and translate agricultural data into timely, reliable, and actionable information that supports evidence-based decision-making, digital agricultural services, and improved agricultural productivity.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignments can be found in the following website: **www.kilimo.go.ke**.

4. The consultant shall be contracted for an initial period of twenty-four (24) calendar months from the contract commencement date. This period is subject to extension up to the project closing date, based on project needs, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

5. The State Department for Agriculture (the "Client") through the **Food Systems Resilience Project** now invites eligible individual ("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. Interested individuals **MUST** provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services **(attach curriculum vitae (CV), copies of documentary evidence of academic qualifications, professional qualifications.**

The shortlisting criteria are as follows;

i) KE-MOALF- 569688-CS-INDV-Data Science expert 1 and KE-MOALF-570715-CS-INDV- Data Science expert 2

a) A minimum of a Master's degree in Data Science, Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Computer Science, or another relevant quantitative field from a recognized institution.
b) At least five (5) years of demonstrable general professional experience in managing and analysing large institutional datasets, developing statistical models, and applying statistical analysis and data-mining techniques.
c) At least three (3) years of demonstrable specific professional experience in the use of statistical and data-mining tools and techniques, database querying and management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), distributed data-processing systems, and High-Performance Computing (HPC) environments.

ii. KE-MOALF-571589-CS-INDV; System Analyst

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems, Software Engineering, Business Information Systems, or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in systems analysis, business-process analysis or information systems implementation.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in requirements engineering, business-process modelling, functional specifications, systems integration analysis, system testing, user acceptance testing and requirements traceability.

iii. KE-MOALF-571591-CS-INDV; Learning Designer Expert

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Communication, Instructional Design, Learning Design, Educational Technology, E-Learning, Curriculum Development, or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in learning design, instructional design, curriculum/content development or digital learning.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in digital learning design, instructional content development, storyboarding, assessment design, learner engagement, e-learning development and learning evaluation.

iv. KE-MOALF-571593-CS-INDV; Webmaster Expert

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems, Web Development, Digital Media, or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in website administration and web operations.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in CMS administration, website maintenance, web security, backups and restoration, performance optimization, web analytics, accessibility and content publishing.

v. KE-MOALF-571594-CS-INDV; User Interface Developer

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Human-Computer Interaction, Interaction Design or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in user interface/front-end development.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in responsive web/mobile interfaces, reusable components, API integration, accessibility, usability, cross-browser/device testing and interface performance optimization.

vi. KE-MOALF-571595-CS-INDV; Backend developer expert

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Information Systems, or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in backend/software development.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in server-side application development, RESTful APIs, systems integration, secure coding, database-backed services, automated testing, performance optimization and production deployments.

vii. KE-MOALF-571596-CS-INDV; Database Administrator

a) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems, Database Administration, Software Engineering, or a related field from a university/institution recognized in Kenya.
b) At least five (5) years' demonstrable general experience in database administration and management.
c) At least three (3) years' demonstrable specific experience in enterprise database administration, database performance tuning, backup and recovery, database security and access management, high availability, database monitoring and database lifecycle management.

6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and revised 4th Edition November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Address:

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State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Nairobi, Kenya.
E-mail: info@fsrp.go.ke
Head Supply Chain Management
For: Principal Secretary

KENYA VISION 2030

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) - RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Requirements

In accordance with Section 21 of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of Kenya;
- Hold a degree from a university recognised in Kenya;
- Have at least ten years' proven experience at management level; and
- Meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Applications Must Include

- A signed application letter;
- A detailed curriculum vitae, including contact details of at least three (3) referees;
- Certified copies of academic and professional certificates;
- A copy of a valid identification document; and
- Copies of relevant statutory clearance certificates.

How to Apply

Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

Interested and qualified candidates can view more requirements for the position on **https://www.knchr.org/Careers/Employment-Opportunities/. Applications should be submitted online through the KNCHR Recruitment Portal: https://recruitment.knchr.org/ for the vacancy referenced "COMMISSION SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER".**

NOTE: Those who had applied before this re-advertisement need not re-apply.

Submission Deadline;

Tuesday, 6th October 2026 at 5:00 p.m. EAT.

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11.	Principal Planning Officer	KICD Grade 5	1
12.	Principal Officer Administrator	KICD Grade 5	1
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Interested and qualified applicants are invited to submit their applications for the advertised position(s) at the **Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)**. All applications **MUST** be addressed to the **Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, P.O. Box 30231–00100, Nairobi,** and submitted through the designated virtual application link: **https://forms.gle/5QxAAdoo2w-ShcSSs7**

Each application should include an application letter, an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, academic and professional certificates, relevant testimonials, National Identification Card details, current mobile telephone number(s), and the names, telephone numbers and addresses of two referees.

Applications must be submitted on or before **9th October 2026**. Applicants are advised to ensure that all required information and supporting documents are duly provided and that their applications are successfully submitted through the virtual application link before the deadline.

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification. Persons with disabilities and candidates from marginalized groups are encouraged to apply.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEM POLICY AND NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEM BILL, 2026

The National Treasury in collaboration with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has developed the draft National Payment System Policy and National Payment System Bill, 2026. The policy aims to establish a modern, safe, secure, efficient, affordable, accessible and inclusive national payment system that supports seamless interoperability, financial inclusion, innovation, economic growth and Kenya's integration into regional and global payment systems. The National Payment System Bill, 2026 intends to repeal the National Payment System Act, Cap. 491A. The Bill aims to provide an effective and efficient legal framework that promotes market integrity, encourages innovation and competition, fosters financial inclusion, public confidence and secures financial stability through risk management, consumer and data protection.

The draft National Payment System Policy and the National Payment System Bill, 2026 have been posted on the National Treasury website (**www.treasury.go.ke**) and the Central Bank of Kenya website (**www.centralbank.go.ke**).

Pursuant to Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya that provides for National Values and Principles of Governance including participation of the people, the National Treasury and the Central Bank of Kenya are undertaking public participation on the draft National Payment System Policy and the National Payment System Bill, 2026 and hereby invite members of the public to submit their comments, inputs or memoranda.

The comments, inputs or memoranda from the members of the public should be forwarded to the **Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, P.O. Box 60000-00200, Nairobi** or hand delivered to the **Office of the Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, along Haille Sellasie Avenue, Nairobi** or emailed to **paymentslawreview@centralbank.go.ke** on or before **Friday, 9th October 2026** using the template provided on the National Treasury website and Central Bank of Kenya website.

In addition, the National Treasury and the Central Bank of Kenya will be conducting public participation forums across the country as per the schedule set out below. Members of the public are invited to come and give their comments, inputs and memoranda on the draft National Payment System Policy and the National Payment System Bill, 2026.

#	Date	Venue	Target Counties	Time
1.	28th September 2026	Mombasa Beach Hotel	Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, and Taita Taveta.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
2.	28th September 2026	Kisii University	Kisii, Migori, Bomet, Homabay and Nyamira.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
3.	30th September 2026	KEFRI, Kitui	Kitui, Machakos and Makueni.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
4.	30th September 2026	Tom Mboya Labour College, Kisumu	Kisumu, Busia, Kakamega, Siaya and Vihiga.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
5.	2nd October 2026	Dedan Kimathi University Nyeri	Nyeri, Embu, Murang'a Kirinyaga and Laikipia.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
6.	2nd October 2026	Kitale National Polytechnic	Trans Nzoia, Bungoma, Turkana, and West Pokot.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
7.	5th October 2026	Meru National Polytechnic	Meru, Isiolo, Tharaka Nithi and Marsabit.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
8.	5th October 2026	Eluid Kipchoge Sports Complex, Nandi	Nandi, Kericho, Uasin-Gishu and Elgeyo-Marakwet.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
9.	7th October 2026	Garissa Guest House	Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Lamu and Tana River.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
10.	7th October 2026	Arc Hotel, Egerton University Nakuru	Nakuru, Nyandarua, Samburu, Baringo and Narok.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
11.	9th October 2026	Kenya School of Government, Nairobi	Nairobi, Kiambu and Kajiado.	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

HON. FCPA JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION-IC)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Second Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP-2)
Credit No:	IDA-78450-KE
Project ID No:	P504218
Assignment Title:	Individual Technical Consultant to develop a Full Stack Software for the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CCTP)
Reference No:	KE-SDSP-555514-CS-INDV

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) has received funding from the World Bank towards the cost of **Second Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP -2)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for consulting services. The Program has three key result areas;

   (i) **Building human capital of children and adolescents** aiming to expand social protection to vulnerable Kenyans during childhood and adolescence through scaling up the existing Nutrition Improvement through Cash and Health Education (NICHE) program, which targets malnutrition among poor households with pregnant or lactating women or children under age three, as well as increasing educational attainment and preventing teenage pregnancy among poor and vulnerable adolescents;

   (ii) **Building Climate and Economic Resilience of Adults** by supporting working-age adults from poor households to emerge from poverty, save for the future, and gradually become self-sufficient by scaling up the existing Economic Inclusion Program (EIP) from five up to twenty- counties, and providing additional support to a subset of EIP beneficiaries to adopt climate resilient livelihoods and linking EIP graduates to contributory social insurance schemes; and

   (iii) **Advancing Systems and Strengthening Adaptive Social Protection** by supporting enhancements to systemwide reforms to increase the overall efficiency, impact, and climate-shock responsiveness of SP programs and delivery platforms

2. The assignment aims to develop, enhance, and deploy a scalable, secure, and user-friendly CCTPMIS that supports end-to-end programme administration, including eligibility assessment, communication, payments, grievance redress, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting objective of this assignment is to provide specialized full-stack software

3. 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" Procurement Regulations of September 2023, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. The State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs now invites eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of interest for consideration. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the services. The short listing criteria will be as indicated in the TORs.

5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers.

6. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from **0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT)** from **Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT)** and public holidays.

7. The terms of reference are available on The Public Procurement Information Portal **https://tenders.go.ke,** and the State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs Website **https://www.socialprotection.go.ke/**

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8. Interested Individual Consultants should submit their expression of interest, which must be delivered in a written form and must be accompanied with copies CVs and copies of relevant documents and testimonials/recommendations **(copies of Academic and Professional Qualifications and Registration/ Licensing Certificates)** in plain sealed envelope clearly marked: Individual Technical Consultant for **Enhanced Single Registry And Community Development MISs Reference No. KE-SDSP-555514-CS-INDV** and addressed **(in person, or by e-mail)** to;

   The Principal Secretary,
   State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs
   P.O. Box 30478-00100 Nairobi.
   Attention: HEAD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
   E-mail: Scm@socialprotection.go.ke

9. The Expression of Interest shall be delivered using one of the following modalities; Deposit in the Tender Box located on **14th floor, NSSF Building, Block A, Eastern Wing, Kenya.**
   Send via email to; Scm@socialprotection.go.ke

10. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is **7th October,2026 at 1100 hours East African time.**
    Note: Late submissions will not be accepted.

HEAD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs,

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Second Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP-2)
Credit No:	IDA-78450-KE
Project ID No:	P504218
Assignment Title:	Individual Technical Consultant for Enhanced Single Registry and Community Development MISs
Reference No:	KE-SDSP-555513-CS-INDV

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) has received funding from the World Bank towards the cost of **Second Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP -2)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for consulting services. The Program has three key result areas;

   (i) **Building human capital of children and adolescents** aiming to expand social protection to vulnerable Kenyans during childhood and adolescence through scaling up the existing Nutrition Improvement through Cash and Health Education (NICHE) program, which targets malnutrition among poor households with pregnant or lactating women or children under age three, as well as increasing educational attainment and preventing teenage pregnancy among poor and vulnerable adolescents;

   (ii) **Building Climate and Economic Resilience of Adults** by supporting working-age adults from poor households to emerge from poverty, save for the future, and gradually become self-sufficient by scaling up the existing Economic Inclusion Program (EIP) from five up to twenty- counties, and providing additional support to a subset of EIP beneficiaries to adopt climate resilient livelihoods and linking EIP graduates to contributory social insurance schemes; and

   (iii) **Advancing Systems and Strengthening Adaptive Social Protection** by supporting enhancements to systemwide reforms to increase the overall efficiency, impact, and climate-shock responsiveness of SP programs and delivery platforms

2. The objective of this assignment is to provide specialized full-stack software development support to the National Social Protection Secretariat (NSPS) under the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs (SDSP&SCA), Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP), in enhancing and modernizing the Enhanced Single Registry (ESR AND CDMIS) system. The consultant will be responsible for improving both the front-end and back-end components of the ESR AND CDMIS platform, strengthening its integration with other national databases and systems (including CCTP MIS, CDMIS, NICHE MIS, AdoP MIS, IPRS, NRB, CRS, CPF, NSSF, SHA among others), and enabling dynamic, secure, and efficient data exchange among stakeholders.

3. 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" Procurement Regulations of September 2023, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. The State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs now invites eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of interest for consideration. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the services. The short listing criteria will be as indicated in the TORs.

5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers.

6. Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from **0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT)** from **Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT)** and public holidays.

7. The terms of reference are available on The Public Procurement Information Portal **https://tenders.go.ke**, and the State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs Website **https://www.socialprotection.go.ke/**

8. Interested Individual Consultants should submit their expression of interest, which must be delivered in a written form and must be accompanied with copies of CVs and copies of relevant documents and testimonials/recommendations **(copies of Academic and Professional Qualifications and Registration/Licensing Certificates)** in plain sealed envelope clearly marked: Individual Technical Consultant for Enhanced Single Registry And Community Development MISs **Reference No. KE-SDSP-555513-CS-INDV** and addressed **(in person, or by e-mail)** to;

   The Principal Secretary,
   State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs
   P.O. Box 30478-00100 Nairobi.
   Attention: HEAD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
   E-mail: Scm@socialprotection.go.ke

9. The Expression of Interest shall be delivered using one of the following modalities; Deposit in the Tender Box located on 14th floor, NSSF Building, Block A, Eastern Wing, Kenya. Send via email to; **Scm@socialprotection.go.ke**

10. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is **7th October,2026 at 1100 hours East African time**.
    Note: Late submissions will not be accepted.

HEAD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.
State Department For Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs,

KENYA VISION 2030

Financial institutions urged to support maritime sector

Kenya's strategic location gives the country a major advantage in global trade. The country has approximately 640 kilometres of coastline, territorial waters covering about 9,700 square kilometres and an exclusive economic zone of about 230,000 square kilometres.

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA (PCO)

Kenya's financial institutions and the private sector have been challenged to move beyond traditional lending models and begin actively financing the country's shipping and maritime economy.

The sector, described as a "sleeping giant", has the potential to create jobs, attract investment and accelerate economic growth.

The Principal Secretary, State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs Aden Millah said Kenya cannot achieve its ambition of becoming a competitive, industrialized and prosperous economy without unlocking the enormous potential of the maritime sector.

Speaking at Bandari Maritime Academy during the FY 2027/28 and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework Stakeholders' Engagement Forum, Millah called for stronger collaboration between Government, private investors, financial institutions, development partners, counties, academia and industry players.

"It is high time that Kenya's financial institutions must be part of Kenya's shipping and maritime journey. Our financial institutions must understand and support maritime investments," Millah said.

The PS said the maritime sector should no longer be viewed as a niche Government function but a major economic ecosystem capable of generating employment, expanding the tax base, increasing foreign exchange earnings and supporting industrialization.

Kenya's strategic location, he noted, gives the country a major advantage in global trade. The country has approximately 640 kilometres of coastline, territorial waters covering about 9,700 square kilometres and an exclusive economic zone of about 230,000 square kilometres.

More importantly, about 95 per cent of Kenya's international trade is conducted by sea, making shipping and maritime activities central to the country's trade and logistics architecture.

Despite this advantage, Millah said a significant proportion of the country's maritime potential remains underexploited.

The opportunities range from international shipping, maritime transport and logistics to shipbuilding and repair, cargo handling, maritime education and training, marine insurance, offshore energy, marine biotechnology, blue data, freight forwarding, ship-handling, port agency services, oil bunkering and maritime tourism.

"Our responsibility as Government is to create an enabling environment in which these opportunities can be transformed into bankable investments and sustainable jobs," he said.

The call for financial institutions to take a more prominent role comes at a time when the Government is seeking to expand Kenya's shipping capacity, maritime infrastructure and human capital.

Principal Secretary State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs Aden Millah during a stakeholder's participation forum at Bandari Maritime Academy Mombasa

Millah said the sector requires long-term capital capable of supporting infrastructure, vessels, logistics, ship repair, port-related services, maritime technology, training institutions and businesses along the maritime value chain.

He said financial institutions must understand the unique nature of maritime investments and develop financing solutions that can unlock private capital.

"Government cannot unlock the full potential of the maritime sector alone. We need stronger partnerships with the private sector, financial institutions, development partners, counties, academia, international maritime organizations and local communities," he said.

He added that Kenya must create an environment where private capital complements public investment, innovation is encouraged and investors can identify clear and predictable opportunities.

Through the Vijana Baharia Programme, the State Department has set an ambition of training 35,000 seafarers, facilitating recruitment and placement of 20,900 Kenyan seafarers and providing sea-time opportunities to 14,500 seafarers.

The programme is designed not only as a training initiative but also as an employment and economic empowerment intervention.

The PS said 9,969 seafarers have been trained, while 7,457 have secured employment through the programme.

This presents an opportunity for financial institutions to participate in financing the wider maritime skills ecosystem, including training infrastructure, certification, technology, accommodation, equipment and enterprises established by trained professionals, the PS said.

The Government is also advancing maritime transport projects beyond the Indian Ocean coastline, he said.

He added that the State Department plans to advance maritime transport and investment projects covering the Coast Region, Lake Victoria, Lake Baringo, Lake Naivasha and Lake Turkana.

According to Millah, the expansion of maritime infrastructure into inland waterways will open new opportunities for transport, trade and economic activity.

"Our maritime agenda must therefore extend beyond the coast. Kenya's lakes, rivers and inland waterways are part of the national maritime economy," he said.

The projects provide potential investment opportunities for banks, pension funds, insurers, development finance institutions and private equity players interested in infrastructure, logistics and transport.

OPINION: INVESTMENT

The missing link in investment and development

BY SAMUEL LUKANU

When I first heard the word *anthropology* in the 1990s, I had little idea what it meant—or what it would mean for my future.

I had just been selected to join the University of Nairobi, and the explanations I received did little to settle my confusion. Some people told me anthropology was about digging up the skulls of people who had died millions of years ago. Others described it as the study of ancient human beings and how they evolved.

The bigger question for me was practical: What kind of career could anthropology offer? And what would I tell people in my local language when they asked what I was studying?

Years later, I would discover that the discipline I had initially struggled to explain could help answer one of Africa's most persistent development questions: Why do some well-funded projects succeed while others stall despite having money, technology and political support?

The answer is sometimes found not in the balance sheet or engineering drawings, but in the people expected to live with the project.

For decades, development has been largely viewed through the familiar lenses of finance, infrastructure, technology and industrialisation. Governments and investors have consequently prioritised roads, factories, energy and markets as engines of economic growth.

These investments remain essential. But across Africa and other developing regions, expensive projects have sometimes stalled or failed despite substantial financial commitments.

One overlooked factor is social understanding. This is where anthropology matters.

Anthropology is the scientific study of human societies, cultures and social relationships. Its contribution to development lies in understanding how communities organise themselves, perceive change, use resources and relate to institutions and one another.

For investors, this knowledge can be the difference between a project that moves smoothly and one that becomes entangled in protests, legal disputes and costly delays.

Consider land. To an investor, land may appear on a balance sheet as an asset with a monetary value. To a rural Kenyan community, however, it may represent ancestry, identity, belonging and social security.

Offering compensation does not automatically resolve these deeper attachments.

When such realities are ignored, community resistance can emerge even where a project appears economically beneficial. Anthropologists can help investors understand local beliefs, values, leadership structures and sources of influence before construction begins.

That is not merely an academic exercise. It is risk management.

A project that understands the community around it is better positioned to anticipate tensions, build trust and create mechanisms for participation.

Community participation is particularly important. Development initiatives are more likely to gain local acceptance when people feel consulted, respected and included in decisions affecting their lives.

Anthropologists can facilitate participatory approaches that allow local communities to contribute ideas and influence decision-making. Such engagement can create ownership and reduce hostility.

Trust can also have an economic value. Where communities trust institutions and investors, projects may experience fewer disruptions, lower security costs and greater long-term sustainability. In turn, this can contribute to a more predictable investment environment.

Anthropology is equally relevant to inclusive economic growth.

Economic expansion means little if significant sections of society remain excluded from its benefits. Women, youth, marginalised ethnic groups, migrants and informal-settlement populations can face barriers such as cultural restrictions, discrimination, unequal access to education and exclusion from financial systems.

Anthropological research can reveal how these barriers operate in everyday life. Addressing them can expand labour participation, entrepreneurship and productivity. Economic empowerment of women, for example, can improve household incomes, education outcomes and community welfare.

The discipline also offers policymakers something that statistics alone cannot always provide: an understanding of how policies are experienced at the grassroots.

In Kenya and other African countries, agricultural modernisation projects have sometimes struggled because they overlooked local farming traditions, indigenous knowledge systems and communal resource-management practices.

A policy that looks perfect on paper can fail in the field if it does not fit the social reality of the people expected to implement it.

Anthropology can help bridge that gap by connecting policymakers with local experiences and adapting technologies and interventions to specific contexts. This can improve acceptance, effectiveness and the use of public and donor resources.

The informal economy presents another compelling example.

Street vendors, small-scale traders, informal transport operators and community savings groups support millions of livelihoods in developing countries. Yet conventional economic models can overlook the social networks that sustain these activities.

Anthropologists study trust networks, family enterprises, rotating savings groups and survival strategies among low-income populations. This knowledge can inform taxation, urban planning, financial inclusion and employment policies.

Instead of viewing the informal economy only as a problem to be controlled, policymakers can better understand it as an economic system that can be supported and integrated into broader development strategies.

Anthropology also has a role in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Ethnic relations, competition over resources, migration pressures and historical grievances can influence whether communities embrace or resist development.

Conflicts rooted in perceptions of exclusion, inequality or cultural marginalisation can undermine investment, tourism, trade and industrialisation. Understanding these dynamics can support dialogue, reconciliation and culturally sensitive governance.

The same principle applies to multinational companies.

A company entering a new market needs more than financial capital and a good product. It needs to understand consumers, workers and communities. Anthropologists can help businesses adapt products, communication strategies and workplace practices to local cultures, strengthening market engagement while reducing social tensions.

As development challenges become more complex, the relevance of anthropology is likely to grow. Climate change, migration, urbanisation, public health and social inequality all have economic dimensions, but they are equally human and social questions.

This is why anthropology deserves a larger place in Kenya's development conversation.

It may not build a road, generate electricity or manufacture a product. But it can help answer a crucial question before those things are built: Will the people who live around them understand, accept and benefit from them?

For governments, investors and development agencies, that question can have enormous economic consequences.

Financial capital can start a project. Technology can build it. Infrastructure can give it form. But social understanding and community trust can determine whether it survives.

That is the quiet contribution of anthropology—and perhaps the reason it deserves to be recognised not merely as a study of humanity, but as a potential driver of investment and sustainable economic development.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry

State Department For Industry

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, State Department for Industry (SDI), is implementing the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) programme. The programme seeks to establish and operationalise industrial facilities at the county level to facilitate aggregation, processing and value addition of agricultural produce, strengthen linkages between agriculture and manufacturing, promote local industrial development, create employment and enhance market access for value-added products.

To this end, the State Department for Industry (SDI) invites sealed bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

S/No	Tender No:	Tender Description	Eligibility	Closing Date
1.	MITI/SDI/001/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Kisii County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Banana Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
2.	MITI/SDI/002/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Meru County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Banana Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
3	MITI/SDI/003/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Embu County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Macadamia Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
4	MITI/SDI/004/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Uasin Gishu County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Milk Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
5	MITI/SDI/005/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Garissa County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Milk Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
6	MITI/SDI/006/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Trans Nzoia County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Sunflower Oil Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
7	MITI/SDI/007/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Wajir County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Camel Meat Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
8	MITI/SDI/008/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Migori County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Animal Feeds Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
9	MITI/SDI/009/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Homa Bay County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Cotton Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
10	MITI/SDI/010/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Nakuru County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Potato Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
11	MITI/SDI/011/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Machakos County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Mango Puree Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
12	MITI/SDI/012/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Kirinyaga County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Tomato Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
13	MITI/SDI/013/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Busia County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Cassava Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
14	MITI/SDI/014/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Kiambu County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Coffee Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
15	MITI/SDI/015/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Bungoma County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Coffee Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
16	MITI/SDI/016/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Kakamega County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Maize Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am
17	MITI/SDI/017/2026-2027	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Two (2) Year Technical Support for Kwale County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Cashew Nuts Processing Equipment	Open	Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11: 00am

Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information and download the tender documents from the State Department for Industry website: **www.industrialization.go.ke** or the government dedicated tender portal **www.tenders.go.ke** ***free of charge.***

Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to email **procurement@industrialization.go.ke** to facilitate any further clarification or addendum

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, marked the tender name and number, and addressed to:

Principal Secretary
State Department for Industry
Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry
P.O Box 30547-00100,Nairobi

and be deposited in the tender box situated at the **State Department for Industry offices, 16th floor, NSSF Building, Bishops Road, Nairobi,** during normal working hours so as to be received on or before **Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11;00am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend, at the **NSSF Building, Bishops Road, Nairobi, 23rd floor Boardroom on Friday, 23rd October 2026 at 11;00am.**

HEAD, SCMS
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

KENYA VISION 2030

Education Ministry mobilises 1,000 officers for El Niño school preparedness

BY HEZEKIEL GIKAMBI AND PHILLIP RUTTO (PCO)

The Ministry of Education has stepped up its emergency preparedness measures to ensure the anticipated El Niño rains do not derail the school calendar or disrupt national examinations for Grade 6, Grade 9 and KCSE candidates.

In a virtual sensitization forum, more than 1,000 senior education field officers were mobilized nationwide to sharpen readiness for what meteorologists warn could be one of the strongest El Niño events in decades.

Cabinet Secretary for Education Julius Ogamba said, "We are putting the child at the centre of our preparedness. Our duty is to protect learners, teachers and the integrity of examinations. No flood, no storm should ever be allowed to compromise that. Safety comes first, before attendance."

He emphasized that the Ministry's approach was evidence-based, anchored in scientific forecasts, and coordinated across government agencies.

"We are better prepared, better informed and better equipped to protect our children, our teachers and our examinations. Rain or shine, learning must continue," he said.

Principal Secretary for Basic Education John Ololtuaa reinforced the CS's message, warning officers against prioritizing attendance over safety.

"Safety must always take precedence over attendance. Preparedness begins before the rain, not after. Every school must know its risks and its emergency procedures well in advance. No learner or teacher should ever be encouraged to cross flooded rivers or roads in pursuit of school attendance," he said.

He reminded stakeholders of the government circular restricting outsiders from holding functions in schools during the third term to avoid disruption of exams.

Director-General of the State Department for Basic Education, Dr. Elyas Abdi said, "We expect an educational emergency, which we should all be prepared to address so that learning is not interrupted so that the exam calendar is also not interrupted. But safety and the lives of the education personnel, the students, everybody comes first."

He stressed that inclusive emergency plans must account for vulnerable learners, including girls and children with disabilities, ensuring no child is left behind.

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. David Njengere, revealed that the Council had quadrupled its emergency storage capacity from 10 to 38 containers, requested granular forecasts from the Kenya Meteorological Department and will dispatch examination materials early to avoid schools being cut off.

"We have mapped examination centres by risk level and developed tiered contingency plans. Extra helicopters are being procured for genuinely inaccessible areas. But let me caution: no heroics. No one should risk lives by wading through flooded rivers with examination papers," he said.

Officers were directed to protect drinking water sources, maintain functional handwashing facilities, and monitor sanitation standards closely after flooding.

Public health authorities will be on standby to respond to suspected outbreaks of waterborne and vector-borne diseases.

Dr. Salome Maina, the Head of Education in Emergencies said, "Prepared schools are safer schools. Prepared examination systems protect life, reduce disruption and keep learners learning."

The National Disaster Operations Centre headed by Rtd. Col. David Samoei urged schools not to double as informal shelters for displaced persons, recalling past damage when institutions were used as IDP camps.

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KDEAP KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT

Specific Procurement Notice – Request for Proposals without Prequalification

Request for Proposal Information Systems (Design, Supply and Installation) (Without Prequalification)

Purchaser:	**The Information and Communications Technology Authority**
Project:	**Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project**
Contract title:	**Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Wi-Fi Routers and Related Goods for 600 Universities and TVETs (Lot 1: 97 No., Lot 2: 50 No. , Lot 3: 60 No., Lot 4: 99 No., Lot 5: 47 No., Lot 6: 53 No., Lot 7: 96 No. and Lot 8: 98 No.)**
Country:	**Kenya**
Loan No.	**7289-KE AND 7290-KE**
RFP No:	**KE-ICTA-570325-NC-RFP**
Issued on:	**22nd September 2026**

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Wi-Fi Routers and Related Goods for 600 Universities and TVETs (Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Wi-Fi Routers and Related Goods for 600 Universities and TVETs (Lot 1: 97 No., Lot 2: 50 No. , Lot 3: 60 No., Lot 4: 99 No., Lot 5: 47 No., Lot 6: 53 No., Lot 7: 96 No. and Lot 8: 98 No.). For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Information and Communications Technology Authority (ICT Authority) now invites sealed Proposals from eligible Proposers for **Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Wi-Fi Routers and Related Goods for 600 Universities and TVETs** as shown below:

Lot Number	Description	Quantity	Delivery Period from Contract Signing Date	Location
Lot 1	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Wi-Fi Routers and Related Goods	97 Institutions	8 Months	Coast
Lot 2	As above	50 Institutions	8 Months	North Eastern
Lot 3	As above	60 Institutions	8 Months	South Rift
Lot 4	As above	99 Institutions	8 Months	North Rift
Lot 5	As above	47 Institutions	8 Months	Western
Lot 6	As above	53 Institutions	8 Months	Nyanza
Lot 7	As above	96 Institutions	8 Months	Central & Nairobi
Lot 8	As above	98 Institutions	8 Months	Eastern

3. The procurement process will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Proposals (RFP) as specified in the World Bank's ***"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"*** First Published in July 2016, Revised Fifth Edition, September 2023 (***"Procurement Regulations"***), and is open to all eligible Proposers as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the bidding documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 60% and for Bid cost: 40%
5. Interested eligible Proposers may obtain further information from ICTA, Deputy Director Supply chain management / **procurement@ict.go.ke** and inspect the request for proposal document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT) at the address given below.
6. The bidding document in English may also be downloaded free of charge by interested eligible Bidders from the ICTA's website **https://www.icta.go.ke/tender**s or Public Procurement Information Portal website **https://www.tenders.go.ke** Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the purchaser by e-mail with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser during the procurement process, to all bidders where necessary.
7. Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before **10:00am EAT on 6th November 2026.** Electronic procurement will not be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked ***"ORIGINAL PROPOSAL"***, and the inner envelopes marked **"TECHNICAL PART"** will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **10:00am EAT on 6th November 2026.** All envelopes marked **"FINANCIAL PART"** shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.
8. All Proposals must be accompanied by a **Proposal Security** of ***KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 1, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 2, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 3, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 4, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 5, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 6, KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 7 and KES 3,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Three Million) for Lot 8.*** Or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful Proposer's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the request for proposal document.
10. The address (es) referred to above is (are):

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info@ict.go.ke/procurement@ict.go.ke

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO UNON AND UNEP

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI NO.:	PMKUNON/EOI/01/2026-2027

AQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICE BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE THE TWO KENYA PERMANENT MISSIONS TO UNON&UNEP AND UN- HABITAT

1. Background

Kenya hosts the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), thereby establishing Nairobi as the global capital for environment and human settlements governance. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) and UNEP, and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to UN-Habitat, serve as the official representatives of the Government of Kenya to these United Nations agencies.

Since their establishment in the 1970s, the two Missions have continued to operate from rented premises, which lack adequate space and essential amenities necessary for the effective discharge of their mandates.

The Government of Kenya, through the State Department for Foreign Affairs, therefore proposes to acquire suitable land for the construction of a purpose-built office block to accommodate the two Missions and enhance their operational efficiency, security, and institutional presence.

2. Objective of the EOI

The objective of this Expression of Interest is to identify and shortlist suitable parcels of land available for sale that meet the Government's requirements for location, size, accessibility, infrastructure, and legal compliance.

3. Scope

This EOI invites landowners, property developers, or their duly authorized agents to submit proposals offering land for sale that meets the specifications outlined in this document.

4. Technical Land Specifications

Interested parties must ensure that the proposed land meets the following minimum requirements:

4.1 Location
- Located within Nairobi City County.
- Preferably within Gigiri's core diplomatic hub, approximately 3 kilometers radius from United Nations Complex.
- Situated in a secure and accessible neighborhood suitable for diplomatic or government office development.
- Easily accessible via major roads and public infrastructure.

4.2 Size
- Minimum size: Approximately 1.0 – 1.5 acres (or as may be determined suitable for a multi-storey office development).
- Regular-shaped plot to facilitate optimal design and development.

4.3 Zoning and Planning
- Zoned for commercial, institutional, or mixed-use development compatible with office construction.
- Free from restrictive covenants that would hinder development.
- Compliance with Nairobi City County planning regulations.

4.4 Infrastructure and Utilities
- Availability of reliable access roads.
- Connection to water, sewer, electricity, and telecommunications infrastructure.
- Adequate drainage and environmental suitability for development.

4.5 Legal Status
- Valid and verifiable Certificate of Title (Freehold or Leasehold with a residue term of a minimum of 50 years).
- Free from encumbrances, disputes, caveats, charges, or litigation.
- Rates and land rent (if applicable) fully paid and up to date.
- Evidence of ownership and authority to sell.

5. Submission Requirements

Interested parties shall submit the following documents:
1. Cover letter expressing interest in selling the land.
2. Copy of Title Deed/Certificate of Title.
3. Recent Original Official Search (not older than three months).
4. Cadastral map and site location map.
5. Evidence of zoning/planning approval status.
6. Proposed asking price (inclusive of all taxes and transfer costs clearly indicat-ed).
7. Company profile (where applicable), including registration documents such as Certificate of Incorporation/ Registration, Valid Tax Compliance Certifi-cate, and Current CR12 (not more than one year) or copy of Identity Card for sole proprietors.
8. Power of Attorney or authorization letter (where submitted by an agent).
9. Disclosure of any encumbrances (if applicable).
10. Any additional relevant supporting documentation.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on:
- Compliance with technical specifications.
- Suitability of location.
- Legal status and clarity of title.
- Infrastructure availability.
- Value for money.
- Overall feasibility for development.

Only shortlisted applicants may be invited for further engagement, including site visits and negotiations.

7. Submission Instructions

- EOIs must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: **"EOI – OFFER FOR AQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE BLOCK FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO UNON & UNEP AND UN-HABITAT."**
- Further information regarding the Expression of Interest (EOI) can be obtained from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to UNON&UNEP office situated at 328 Runda Grove from Monday to Friday excluding weekends and Public holidays from 9:00am to 4:30 p.m and the websites : PPIP Portal **www.tenders.go.ke** and **www.mfa.go.ke**
- Expression of Interest in a written form in English Language should be addressed to:

Ambassador/Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to UNON&UNEP
P.O. Box 41395-00100 Nairobi, Kenya

- Interested bidders can deposit their bids at the Tender box located at Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Main reception; 328 Runda Grove on or before **13th October, 2026 at 11:00 A.M East African Time.** The Expressions of Interest shall thereafter be opened in public at 328 Runda Grove Mission Boardroom in the presence of applicants or their representatives who will choose to attend
- **Late submissions shall not be considered.**

8. Disclaimer

This Expression of Interest does not constitute a commitment or obligation by the Government of Kenya to purchase any land. The Government reserves the right to accept or reject any submission without assigning reasons, and is not bound to select the lowest-priced offer.

Ambassador/Permanent Representative

KENYA VISION 2030

Nairobi 2029: Why Kenya and Africa earned this historic moment

BY ELIJAH MWANGI

When the World Athletics Council awarded Nairobi the bid to host the 2029 World Athletics Championships on September 15th, it did more than hand Kenya the right to stage another major sporting event.

It placed Africa, for the first time, at the center of athletics' greatest standalone global championship. That decision was neither fleeting charity nor temporal sentiment but a solid recognition of what Kenya has to, and has offered to the athletic world.

World Athletics considered outstanding propositions from other cities including London, Rome and Munich with each carried enormous sporting pedigree.

Yet Nairobi brought something uniquely compelling: an athletics superpower with an extraordinary fan culture, growing event-delivery experience, rapidly improving infrastructure and a continent-sized opportunity for the sport. World Athletics itself described Nairobi's proposition as compelling and noted Kenya's deep connection with athletics.

Few countries have given athletics as much as Kenya.

Currently, Kenya is the second-most successful nation in the history of World Athletics Championships after the USA with an overall medal haul of 182; 72 gold medals, 60 Silver and 50 bronze. In Tokyo 2025, Kenya finished second on the medal table with seven gold medals and 11 medals overall.

That record is not built on one era or one athlete. It is a culture of excellence renewed across generations.

Our story is epic. From legends; Mike Boit, Kipchoge Keino, Douglas Wakihuri, Charles Asati, Paul Tergat, Tegla Loroupe and Catherine Ndereba to Vivian Cheruiyot, Ezekiel Kemboi, David Rudisha, Eliud Kipchoge, Faith Kipyegon, Hellen Obiri, Beatrice Chebet and today's extraordinary generation.

David Rudisha's breathtaking 1:40.91 over 800 metres remains the world record. Faith Kipyegon has repeatedly rewritten middle-distance history, while Beatrice Chebet became the first woman to run 5,000 metres in under 14 minutes, clocking 13:58.06.

Then there is the remarkable Kenyan marathon lineage. In 2019, Eliud Kipchoge became the first human being to cover the marathon distance in under two hours, clocking 1:59:40.2 in Vienna under specially arranged conditions that made the performance ineligible for official world-record ratification. Four years later, the late Kelvin Kiptum ran 2:00:35 in Chicago, setting the official world record.

Then, on April 26, 2026, Sabastian Sawe completed this phenomenal journey.

Sawe won the London Marathon in an astonishing 1:59:30, becoming the first man in history to break two hours in a record-eligible marathon and taking 65 seconds off Kiptum's previous world record. The mark was subsequently ratified by World Athletics.

Think about what that says about Kenya.

The man who first demonstrated that a human being could cover 42.195 kilometres in under two hours was Kenyan. The previous official world-record holder was Kenyan. And the first athlete to officially break two hours is Kenyan.

Kenya does not merely participate in athletics. Kenya repeatedly redefines and changes the nature of athletics.

The 2029 award also recognizes proof of hosting capacity.

Nairobi staged the World U18 Championships in 2017, where nearly 88,000 spectators attended the penultimate day's two sessions, setting an age-group athletics attendance record. In 2021, Nairobi hosted what World Athletics described as a highly successful World U20 Championships, bringing together competitors from more than 100 countries, with Kenya topping the medal table.

Those events proved two things: Kenya organizes and turns up.

Indeed, World Athletics fan research found that 68 per cent of Kenyans surveyed described their interest in athletics as high, compared with a global average of 39 per cent. The atmosphere in Nairobi in 2029 will therefore not need to be manufactured.

Athletics already lives here. There is also a powerful story in failure and response.

Kenya bid for the 2025 championships but lost to Tokyo. At the time, World Athletics President Sebastian Coe pointed to the scale of refurbishment required at Kasarani as one of the difficulties confronting Nairobi's bid.

Kenya could have complained but instead went back to work.

Today, Kasarani is undergoing major redevelopment. The new 60,000-seat Raila Odinga International Stadium represents another major investment in modern sporting infrastructure, while other facilities and training venues are being upgraded as Kenya prepares for AFCON 2027 and future international competitions.

By 2029, Kenya will therefore arrive not only with ambition, but with tested stadium operations, transport systems, security arrangements, broadcasting capacity, accreditation experience and hospitality planning.

The broader sporting calendar tells the same story.

Kenya continues to host events such as the WRC Safari Rally and Magical Kenya Open, has welcomed HSBC SVNS competition to Nairobi and, in 2025, hosted the World Taekwondo Under-21 Championships. The significance goes beyond the individual tournaments. Every international competition builds institutional memory—among officials, volunteers, security agencies, broadcasters, medical teams and event managers.

The investment is also reaching beyond buildings.

Kenya's sports strategy explicitly prioritizes the identification, nurturing, development and monetisation of sporting talent. Through the Kenya Academy of Sports, county talent structures, Talanta Hela, academies and grassroots competitions, the objective is to create a pathway from discovery to elite performance and sustainable livelihood.

That must become one of Nairobi 2029's greatest legacies.

A championship should leave behind more than medals, ceremonies and photographs. It should leave better coaches, stronger academies, improved sports science, modern tracks, qualified technical officials and a commercial ecosystem in which sporting talent can become a genuine profession.

Kenya also brings a compelling destination proposition.

Nairobi has a mature hospitality industry, a wide range of international hotels, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the Nairobi Expressway and an expanding transport network. Kenya's increasingly digitized public services provide another advantage.

The country already operates an Electronic Travel Authorisation system, giving the government an existing digital platform upon which dedicated championship facilitation for athletes, officials, media and visitors can be built.

The most powerful backing for Kenya's 2029 bid to the World Athletics came from the highest office of the land; from HE Dr. William Samoei Ruto. The Head of State personally said the bid had the full backing of his government and assured of financial and security guarantees; critical factors towards success of such a major event.

Hosting AFCON 2027 before the World Championships gives Kenya an invaluable opportunity to test and refine the security systems; integrated intelligence, venue and hotel protection, transport-corridor management, emergency medical response and cyber-security systems, before the athletics world arrives.

As a host nation, few nations can match Kenya beyond the stadium. A visitor can watch a world final in Nairobi and, within the same journey, experience our wildlife, beaches, cuisine, music, heritage and some of Africa's most celebrated landscapes.

That is where sport becomes tourism, championship turns into investment and a place where global visibility becomes national opportunity.

Despite such monumental achievement, Kenya's case must also be anchored in integrity.

Doping has threatened the reputation built over generations by thousands of clean Kenyan athletes, and the country should never minimize that challenge. The correct response is to confront it.

Through the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya, cooperation with WADA and athletics integrity structures, targeted testing, investigations, athlete education and stronger anti-doping rules, Kenya is strengthening its clean-sport architecture.

In 2026, the compliance procedure involving ADAK was formally closed following corrective reforms covering governance, operational independence, results management, investigations and athlete whereabouts systems. Further legal and policy reforms have also been pursued.

As we hail this progress, it should never be a reason for complacency. Kenya continue to test more intelligently, educate athletes earlier, strengthen investigations and sanction those who cheat. As a home of Champions, we must also be home of clean champions.

Kenya's win is also a major win for Africa. World Athletics describes its championships as the third-largest sporting event in the world after the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup. Yet since the inaugural championships in Helsinki in 1983, Africa has never hosted the senior outdoor edition.

That is an extraordinary omission for a continent that has supplied generations of Olympic champions, world champions and record-breakers.

African athletes have filled stadiums and television screens across Europe, Asia and the Americas. They have broken records, created unforgettable rivalries and produced some of the defining images in the history of the sport.

The Nairobi prospect offered something unique: the opportunity to take athletics' flagship championship to one of the sport's great heartlands—a country and continent that have given immeasurably to athletics but never hosted its greatest standalone event.

Winning the bid, however, is only the starting gun.

Kenya is focused on completing her infrastructure, streamline logistics, strengthen clean-sport systems, train volunteers, mobilize the private sector and deliver a championship worthy of the confidence placed in us.

For decades, Kenyan athletes have carried our flag into the great stadiums of the world and made history far from home.

In 2029, the world will come to us because Kenya, and Africa, has rightly earned this moment. And when the first gun fires in Nairobi, athletics will not simply have arrived in a new host city. It will have returned home where it has always belonged.

The writer is the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports

Newly opened Tharaka Nithi headquarters marks major devolution milestone

BY DICKSON MWITI AND CHRISTINE NGITORI KNA)

The opening of the Tharaka Nithi County headquarters administration block has marked a major milestone in the county's devolution journey, ending more than a decade of operations from temporary structures and providing a central facility for delivery of public services.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, who was the chief guest during the official opening at Kathwana, said the completion of the headquarters demonstrates the progress made through devolution and the importance of providing counties with appropriate facilities to serve residents.

Mudavadi said effective public service delivery require government institutions to have adequate and suitable working facilities.

Governor Muthomi Njuki said Tharaka Nithi was among the lowest-funded counties when devolution began in 2013, forcing it to operate from makeshift mabati structures.

He said the temporary structures had nevertheless served the county for years, enabling the devolved government to establish key institutions and provide services to residents.

He commended the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi and county staff for their cooperation and commitment to serving residents during the formative years of devolution.

The Governor said the same makeshift structures had produced senior leaders, including the current Woman Representative, while the County Assembly had enacted 85 laws during the period it operated from the temporary premises.

Njuki said the new headquarters has 150 offices, five boardrooms and a baby creche/daycare facility, providing a more conducive working environment for county employees and improving service delivery.

Sh150 million cassava processing equipment for Nasewa CAIP

**BY SALOME ALWANDA
RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)**

The Government will invest Sh150 million to equip the Nasewa County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) in Busia County with cassava starch and flour processing machinery.

This is in a bid to promote value addition and create employment opportunities for local farmers.

Speaking during a site tour by the Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and officials from the State Department for Industry, the Principal Secretary for Industry Dr Juma Mukhwana said the government is in the process of procuring the equipment, with the tender expected to be advertised next week.

"We have budgeted Sh150 million for machines for cassava starch and cassava flour. We are going to advertise next week for suppliers of the machines. This will take a short time and that is why we have agreed that by December, everything should be done," Dr Mukhwana said.

Dr Mukhwana said the equipment would enhance value addition to cassava produced in the region, noting that the starch would be used by textile manufacturers while cassava flour would serve other industries and markets.

"We want to produce starch for those exporting textiles and also cassava flour. We have enough cassava in this region and doing value addition will create more employment opportunities for our people," he said.

He called on the Busia County Government to mobilise farmers to increase cassava production to ensure a steady supply of raw materials for the processing plant.

The PS added that the machinery would have the capacity to process 20 tonnes of cassava per day, requiring farmers to increase production to meet the demand.

"The machine will be processing 20 tonnes of cassava per day. This calls for more farming of cassava by the people from this area. We do not want a scenario where we import these products from neighbouring countries," he said.

The committee instructed the contractor to accelerate the construction works to ensure the project benefits the local community, Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Chairperson Bernard Shinali said.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KeNHA Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways, Better Connections

TENDER NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2028

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, with the responsibility for the Management, Development, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Roads. The Authority hereby invites eligible and interested candidates to apply for Registration of Suppliers and Service Providers for The Period Ending 30th September, 2028 as follows;

S/ No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Venue, Closing Date and Time
1.	KeNHA/3007/2026	Registration of Suppliers and Service Providers for The Period Ending 30th September, 2028	KeNHA Head Office, Barabara Plaza Block C, 2nd Floor Board Room, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road by **6th October, 2026 at 11:00am**

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information and the registration documents from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: **www.kenha.co.ke** or PPIP portal: **www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.**

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

Office of the Cabinet Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
(HYDROLOGISTS ACT, CAP. 372B)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT HYDROLOGISTS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in consultation with the Hydrologists Registration Board has developed the Draft Hydrologists (General) Regulations, 2026. The Draft Regulations are intended to provide a framework for the registration and licensing of hydrology professionals, regulation of professional practice, recognition of institutions offering hydrology programmes, and certification of hydrological studies and reports among others.

Article 10(2) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya as read together with Sections 4(a) and 5(3) (a) and (b) of the Statutory Instruments Act (Cap. 2A) provides for public participation and stakeholders' consultations in the making of statutory instruments. The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation has therefore organized physical public participation meetings on the draft Hydrologists (General) Regulations, 2026 in various regions as per the schedule below:

Region	Date	Town	Venue	Time
Eastern/Nairobi	6th October, 2026	Machakos	Gelian Hotel	08:30AM - 1.00PM
Nyanza	6th October, 2026	Kisumu City	Le'Sovrain Suites Kisumu	08:30AM - 1.00PM
North Eastern	6th October, 2026	Garissa	Nomad Hotel	08:30AM - 1.00PM
Western	7th October, 2026	Kakamega	Amanda Resort	08:30AM - 1.00PM
Rift Valley	7th October, 2026	Nakuru City	The Encore Nakuru	08:30AM - 1.00PM
Central	8th October, 2026	Nyeri	White Rhino Hotel	08:30AM - 1.00PM
Coast	8th October, 2026	Mombasa	Pride Inn Paradise	08:30AM - 1.00PM
North Rift	9th October, 2026	Eldoret	Boma Inn Hotel	08:30AM - 1.00PM

The Draft Hydrologists (General) Regulations, 2026 and the Regulatory Impact Statement can be downloaded from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation website **www.water.go.ke** or from the Hydrologists Registration Board website **www.hydrologistsboard.go.ke**.

Members of the public are further requested to submit their written comments **(if any)** on the regulations by way of email to: **registrar@hydrologistsboard.go.ke** or **info@hydrologistsboard.go.ke.**

Or submission to:

**Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation
Maji House, Upperhill, off Ngong Road
P.O Box 49720-00100
NAIROBI**

Or

**Hydrologists Registration Board
Maji House, Upper Hill, off Ngong Road
P.O. Box 51224-00100
NAIROBI.**

Written memorandum can also be delivered to **Maji House, Fourth Floor Room 473 on weekdays from 8.00am to 5.00pm within 30 days** from the date of the notice.

**Eng. Eric Murithi Mugaa
CABINET SECRETARY**

KENYA VISION 2030

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KENYA COPYRIGHT BOARD

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, CREATIVE ECONOMY AND SPORTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

INVITATION FOR WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF APPLICANTS TO BE LICENSED AS COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CMOs)

The Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports whose mandate include licensing and supervising Collective Management Organizations.

Following an advert inviting for applications for licensing of CMOs placed on September 4, 2026, KECOBO received applications from the below listed organizations. KECOBO hereby invites written comments from any interested party on the suitability of the applicants in accordance with Regulation 11 (2) (c) of the Copyright (Collective Management) Regulations 2020.

KECOBO also wishes to invite any interested party to a public hearing to receive oral views on the suitability of each applicant in accordance with Regulation 11 (2) (d) of the Copyright (Collective Management) Regulations 2020 on **Monday October 5, 2026 at the SHA Auditorium between 8.30am to 12.30pm.** Written submissions will also be accepted during the forum.

S/NO.	APPLICANT	RIGHTS APPLIED TO BE MANAGED
1.	Music Copyright Society of Kenya (MCSK) Ltd	Authors, Composer, Arrangers and Publishers
2.	Film Makers Rights Achievers of Kenya (FRAK) Ltd	Audiovisual
3.	KAMP Copyright and Related Rights Limited	All Classes
4.	Boralways Limited	Sound recordings and Audio-visual
5.	Performing and Audio-visual Rights Society of Kenya (PAVRISK) Ltd	1.Musical works – Authors, Composers, Arrangers, Publishers, SR Producers, and SR Performers 2. Audio Visual works - Script Writers, Directors, AV producers and AV Performers (Actors) 3. Reprographic rights and Visual Arts by appointment.
6.	Collective Management Services Ltd	All classes (Authors, Composers, Arrangers, Publishers, Performers, producers, Film)

The written comments should be sent to **cmos@copyright.go.ke** or physically delivered to the Kenya Copyright Board Reception on **5th Floor, SHA Building, Ragati/Ngong Road** so as to reach us not later than **Wednesday, 7th October, 2026, 5.00 p.m.**

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Email: info@copyright.go.ke. Facebook: Kenya Copyright Board. Twitter: @Kenyacopyright. Website: www.copyright.go.ke**

The IIA to launch internal audit curriculum for Internal Auditors

(From left) IIA Kenya Chairperson, CIA Lilian Mwangi, IIA Kenya CEO, Dr Joyce Omina, Public Sector Accounting Standards Board CEO, FCPA Georgina Muchai and KASNEB CEO, Prof. Nicholas Letting, during the announcement of the new national internal audit qualification.

BY EVERLINE KIMORGO (MYGOV)

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) is planning to introduce a local internal audit curriculum, which will offer qualifications and a certification framework for Internal auditors in the country.

Making the announcement in Nairobi, the Chairperson of IIA, Lilian Mwangi, said that the local qualification will provide internal auditors with an opportunity to clearly define the competencies the professionals need.

This, she said, will strengthen professional identity, creating a clear pathway for development, and ultimately building a stronger profession that can effectively serve our institutions and our country.

"The curriculum will respond to the national context while reflecting the evolving demands of the profession globally. The environment in which organisations operate has changed significantly. Internal auditors today are expected to provide assurance and insight across areas that extend far beyond traditional financial controls," said the Chairperson.

Mwangi added that the IIA is dealing with fundamental issues ranging from cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, data governance, sustainability, fraud risk, organizational resilience, ethics, procurement, complex infrastructure projects and rapidly changing regulatory environments, adding that the internal auditor of today must therefore possess a broad combination of technical competence, business understanding and strategic insight.

"The curriculum we are presenting today seeks to respond to this reality. Modern internal audit requires professionals from diverse backgrounds, including accounting and finance, ICT, engineering, law, health, environmental sciences, data analytics and other specialized disciplines."

"Therefore, a local qualification specifically for internal auditors will help position internal audit as a clearly recognised profession with its own body of knowledge, competency requirements, professional standards and development pathway," Mwangi added.

The introduction of the internal audit curriculum comes at a time when IIA is pushing for the Internal Auditors Act.

The internal audit curriculum will dictate who qualifies as an internal audit professional, the competencies expected of practitioners, and the mechanisms through which those competencies are developed and recognised.

The qualification will therefore form an important building block in the broader journey towards strengthening and professionalising internal audit in our country.

"In both public and private sector, internal auditors have an important responsibility in providing assurance over how public resources are managed and utilized. When internal auditors are properly trained, professionally competent and empowered to perform their roles, they

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National Irrigation Authority

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT AND LEASE OF LAND FOR STRATEGIC IRRIGATED PRODUCTION IN THE BURA IRRIGATION SCHEME – PHASE 2, TANA-RIVER COUNTY

I. BACKGROUND

National Irrigation Authority is a state agency established under the Irrigation Act, No.14 of 2019. Pursuant to **Section 12 (1) (e) of the Land Act, Cap 280 and Section 8 (2)(j) of the Irrigation Act, Cap 397,** the Authority hereby invites applications for registration of interested and eligible investors for irrigation water Management and lease of land for strategic irrigated production of various agricultural enterprises in Bura Irrigation scheme as indicated in the Project Information Memorandum (PIM) and summarized as follows:

S.No.	Agricultural Enterprise	LOT	Land Rent/ Acre (Kshs)	Water Fees (Kshs)	Indicative acreage	Description of Expected Activities
1.	Sugar (35,000 acres)	R1	3,500/=	5/ m^3	25,000	• Construct water abstraction, infield irrigation infrastructure and farm development, • Farm identified value chain as the main crop and a suitable rotational crop • Interested investors are encouraged to consider Agro-processing facilities and related services. • Establish technologies that promote efficient irrigation water use
		R2			10,000	
2.	Cotton (10,000acres)	C1	3,500/=	5/ m^3	10,0000	
3.	Rice & Fodder crops (5,000 acres)	F1	2000/= per acre per season	1,000/= per acre per season	2,000	
		F2			1,000	
		F3			1,000	
		F4			1,000	
	TOTALS				**50,000**	
4.	Irrigation Water Management	Irrigation Water Management	N/A	N/A	up to $50m^3/s$	• Annex 1 Schedule of requirements

The National Irrigation Authority now invites qualified commercial agribusinesses and investors with demonstrated technical and financial capacity to undertake irrigation water development and farming activities on identified land sites and key enterprises/ value chains in Bura Irrigation Scheme. To qualify, agribusinesses and investors must demonstrate experience with implementing and operating similar commercial and agricultural related projects and operations in other developing economies and understanding of agri-irrigation context in Kenya.

II. QUALIFICATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Interested commercial agribusinesses and investors, alone or in consortiums, should provide information/documents in support of their competence, ability and suitability as follows:

i. Valid Tax compliance certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) or the tax authorities of their tax jurisdiction. In countries where a tax compliance certificate is not issued, a notarized declaration that no such liability exists.
ii. Copy of Business Registration/Certificate of incorporation
iii. Valid trading license/Business permit
iv. CR12 for limited companies, detailing the list of Directors and shareholding & copies of Identification Cards (ID) for the listed Directors.
v. 3 years certified audited accounts, 2023, 2024, and 2025.
vi. Evidence of experience in commercial agricultural projects
vii. Describe the potential project on the preferred land parcel (Maximum 5 pages)
viii. Notarized Power of Attorney appointing an authorized person to submit the bid, negotiate and possibly execute the Project Agreement
ix. Company Profile

Where firms submit a Joint Venture (JV) or a Consortium, the above information shall be provided by each of the partners in the Joint Venture or Consortium. Additionally, provide a Consortium/Joint Venture Agreement that has been duly executed and notarized by all of the Consortium Members and evidences of the consent of each Member to join the Consortium and participate in the bidding process. The Consortium/Joint Venture Agreement should set out the specific roles each member is envisaged to play. A duly notarized Power of Attorney from each member appointing one of the members to be the Lead Member who will submit the bid, negotiate, and possibly execute the Project Agreement shall also be submitted.

The Lead Member in a JV or Consortium shall have a minimum shareholding of either:

i. 51% of the equity shareholding of its consortium where there are two members in the consortium; or
ii. 36% of the equity shareholding of its consortium where there are more than two members in the consortium

Where firms intent to form a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to implement the project shall be indicated in the bidding documents.

Interested Bidders may obtain the Terms of Reference (TOR) of this assignment, which include the details of eligibility criteria from the National Irrigation Authority website **www.irrigationauthority.go.ke** or Public Procurement Information Portal at **www.tenders.go.ke** as from **24th September 2026.** Applicants who download the documents must forward their particulars immediately to **purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke** to facilitate any further clarifications or addendum.

Bidders are required to submit their completed proposals clearly labelled, **"PROPOSAL FOR IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT AND LEASE OF LAND FOR STRATEGIC IRRIGATED PRODUCTION IN THE BURA IRRIGATION SCHEME – PHASE 2, TANA RIVER COUNTY"** in writing in one (1) original One (1) copies, each clearly marked with name and Lot number as indicated above, must be deposited in the Tender Box located in the Reception Office on the Ground Floor of NIA Head Office, Irrigation House, Lenana Road, Hurlingham at or before **1200 hours local time** on **22nd October 2026** and should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
National Irrigation Authority
Irrigation House,
Lenana Road, Hurlingham
P.O. Box 30372 - 00100 Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: + 254-711061000
E-mail: ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke;
purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke,

The Proposal documents will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of applicants or their representatives who wish to attend at the Nile Basin Board Room, Irrigation House, Lenana Raod, Hurlingham, Nairobi.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

The IIA to launch internal audit curriculum for Internal Auditors

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strengthen institutional accountability and help protect public resources," Mwangi said.

She pointed out that the curriculum envisions a future where internal audit professionals have a clearly defined career and competency pathway; where young people can deliberately choose internal audit as a profession; where specialists from different disciplines can find a place within internal audit; and where organisations have confidence that those entrusted with internal audit responsibilities possess the requisite professional competence.

During the stakeholder engagement forum, which was also attended by the CEO of Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB) Prof. Nicholas Kibiwott Letting, Mwangi said IIA envisions a profession that is recognised in law and by institutions, which continue to play their role in strengthening governance, accountability and public trust.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

COUNTRY:	**KENYA**
PROJECT:	**KENYA SUSTAINABLE TOWNS WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM**
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS COMPLETION AUDIT FOR THE KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM - CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY CLUSTER**
PROJECT NO:	**P-KE-E00-011**
TENDER NO.	**CRVWWDA/AfDB/EA/2026**

1. Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWWDA), through the Government of Kenya received funds for the implementation of Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP) from the African Development Bank (AfDB). The main objective of the program is to improve the access, quality, availability and sustainability of water supply and wastewater management services in multiple towns in Kenya. The program supports the development of water and sewerage infrastructure projects in various towns in Kenya. The program is supporting such infrastructure in various towns within the Rift Valley Cluster areas. The total cost for the water and sanitation project for the Cluster is Kshs15.94 billion.
2. The consulting services ***("the Services")*** involve undertaking an Environmental And Social Safeguards Completion Audit to evaluate the project's level of compliance with applicable E&S requirements for the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program – Central Rift Valley Cluster.

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

i. **Review and Planning:** Examine all relevant AfDB environmental and social requirements, national regulatory frameworks, permits, project documents, and previous reports; then prepare an Inception Report outlining the audit methodology, work plan, and audit criteria.
ii. **Field Verification and Stakeholder Engagement:** Conduct site inspections, field assessments, and consultations with key stakeholders to assess environmental and social risks, impacts, compliance, and mitigation measures.
iii. **Reporting and Validation:** Hold opening and closing meetings with CRVWWDA and AfDB project teams, present and validate findings, and prepare the required audit deliverables, including a summary synthesis report, a comprehensive Environmental and Social Audit/ESMP Completion Report, and a RAP Completion Audit Report

3. The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of 3 months.
4. The Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWWDA) now invites eligible consulting firms ***("consultants")*** to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:
   a. The firm should demonstrate a general Experience of minimum 10 years in consulting services.
   b. Specific Experience Relevant to Assignment having prepared at least 3 No environmental and social audit of water and sanitation projects including large infrastructure projects, and implementation of ESIAs, ESMPs, RAPs of projects financed by AfDB or World Bank for Donor-funded programmes for the last 5 years.
   c. Experience in Similar Conditions Working in Sub-Saharan Africa / developing countries and Experience with donor-funded projects (preferably AfDB)
5. This assignment is open to firms from all eligible countries as defined under the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy
6. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with Guidelines for recruitment of consultancy firms under the "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's Website at **http://www.afdb.org.**
7. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
9. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between **8.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m local (Kenya) time,** except on weekends and public holidays
10. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the tender box situated at the address below by **7th October, 2026 at 12.00 p.m.** local (Kenya) time and clearly marked Consultancy Services for Environmental and Social Safeguards Completion Audit for Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program – Central Rift Valley Cluster.

The address referred to above is:

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REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS ON THE REVIEW OF KASNEB SYLLABUSES

1. BACKGROUND

Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB) is a State Corporation under the National Treasury and Economic Planning established under section 14 of the Accountants Act Cap. 531. The establishment and operations of KASNEB are also recognised under the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya Act, Cap. 534 and the Investment and Financial Analysts Act Cap. 542.The mandate of KASNEB is the development of syllabuses, conduct of post-professional, professional, diploma and certificate examinations and certification of students in accountancy, finance, credit, governance and management, information technology and related disciplines, promotion of its qualifications nationally and internationally and the accreditation of relevant training institutions in liaison with the ministry in charge of Education

KASNEB's vision is "Empowered and globally recognised business professionals", while its mission is "Transforming business professionals through examinations, certification, accreditation, research, innovation and consultancy." In furtherance of its vision, mission and mandate, KASNEB is undertaking a major review of its syllabuses to ensure that its qualifications remain relevant, responsive to emerging trends and aligned with the evolving needs of the professions, industry and other stakeholders.

As part of the review process, KASNEB invited stakeholders to submit their views and recommendations through a public call for submissions published in the press in **September 2025**. The submissions were subsequently supplemented by benchmarking visits undertaken both locally and internationally with institutions and professional bodies that offer and examine curricula comparable to those of KASNEB.

The review process has progressed to the development of draft occupational standards which will now be presented to stakeholders across the country for review, validation and further input. Feedback received during the regional engagements will be considered in refining the occupational standards and will inform the subsequent stages of the syllabuses process.

2. WHY KASNEB IS REVIEWING ITS SYLLABUSES

The major review has been necessitated by among other factors:

(a) Global trends in education and training in the disciplines relevant to KASNEB qualifications, including developments in curriculum design, assessment and professional education.
(b) Changes in international standards and professional pronouncements that have implications for the knowledge, skills and competences expected of business professionals.
(c) Emerging developments in accountancy, corporate governance and management, ICT, investment and financial analysis, credit management and related disciplines.
(d) Changes in the legal and policy environment that affect the practice of the professions and competencies required of KASNEB graduates.
(e) The increasing shift towards Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET).
(f) Technological advancement and digital transformation including emerging technologies affecting professional practice.
(g) Changing labour market requirements and stakeholder expectations.
(h) The need to enhance the global relevance, comparability and recognition of KASNEB qualifications.
(i) The growing importance of sustainability, ethics and responsible professional practice.

3. REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

KASNEB wishes to inform stakeholders that the major syllabuses review process has progressed well and that various occupational standards have now been developed. The next stage of the review process is presentation of draft occupational standards to stakeholders across the country for their review, input and feedback. The views and recommendations received during these engagements will be considered in refining the occupational standards and will inform the subsequent stages of the syllabus review process.

The stakeholder engagement workshops will be held in respective regions as indicated in the table below from **8.30 a.m.**.

Venue	Region Coverage by Counties	Date
Kenya Coast National Polytechnic (Mombasa)	**Coastal Region** (Mombasa, Kilifi, Taita-Taveta, Kwale, Lamu, Tana River)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
The Eldoret National Polytechnic (Eldoret)	**North Rift Region** (Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, Turkana, West Pokot)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
The Kisumu National Polytechnic (Kisumu)	**Central Nyanza and Western Region** (Kakamega, Siaya, Bungoma, Kisumu, Trans Nzoia, Vihiga, Busia)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
The Nyeri National Polytechnic (Nyeri)	**Central Region** (Murang'a, Nyeri, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Laikipia)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Meru National Polytechnic (Meru)	**Upper Eastern and North Eastern Region** (Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Marsabit, Isiolo)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Rift Valley Technical Institute (Nakuru)	**Rift Valley Region** (Nakuru, Kericho, Bomet, Samburu, Narok)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Wote Technical Training Institute (Wote)	**Lower Eastern Region** (Makueni, Machakos, Kitui)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Kisii National Polytechnic (Kisii)	**South Nyanza Region** (Kisii, Homa Bay, Nyamira, Migori)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Garissa University (Garissa)	**North-Eastern Region** (Garissa, Mandera, Wajir)	Wednesday, 30 September 2026
KCA University (Nairobi)	**Nairobi & Environs** (Nairobi, Kiambu, Kajiado)	Friday, 2 October 2026

4. CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

KASNEB invites training institutions, employers, professional bodies and other relevant stakeholders within the respective regions to nominate suitable participants and facilitate their attendance and active participation in this important stage of the major syllabuses review process. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate actively and provide their views, experiences and recommendations on the draft occupational standards.

The participation and contribution of stakeholders will be invaluable in ensuring that the revised syllabuses remain relevant, responsive to industry and professional needs, aligned with emerging market requirements and produce empowered and globally recognised business professionals.

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Government strengthening development partnerships to better lives of young people

BY DPCS

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki conversing with Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi during the the 15th Development Partnership Forum (DPF) in Nairobi

The Government is leveraging support of development partners to empower youth in a bid to improve their lives, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has said.

Prof. Kindiki said the government has placed the youth at the centre of its transformation agenda which targets creating jobs and enhancing skills for them to carve out better lives.

The Deputy President, while co-chairing the 15th Development Partnership Forum (DPF) in Nairobi, said several youth-focused programmes and projects have been successfully implemented by the Government since 2022.

"We are advancing an employment strategy designed to equip young people with relevant skills, expand access to jobs and enterprise opportunities and position them to participate meaningfully in Kenya's economic transformation," he said.

Among the programmes are the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation (KJET), Kazi Kwa Ground, Kazi Mtandaoni, Kazi Majuu initiatives and the sea-farers programme.

While calling on the partners to continue supporting the programmes, Prof. Kindiki said NYOTA, which is being implemented in partnership with the World Bank, has benefitted close to one million youth who have been positively impacted by the various components rolled out in its first phase.

"The substantial progress made under the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement Project (NYOTA) demonstrates what can be achieved when Government priorities are aligned with development partner support and implemented at scale," he stated.

Owing to its success, NYOTA is now being expanded to benefit two million young people through additional financing from the World Bank and the Government of Kenya, he said.

KJET has also been rejigged to benefit more micro and small businesses across the country.

"We must ensure that our development partnerships translate into tangible opportunities for young Kenyans through employment, entrepreneurship, skills development, access to finance, innovation and participation in the digital economy," the DP added.

The DP said the Kazi Kwa Ground has already created over one million jobs through the Affordable Housing Programme while the Kazi Majuu has created over 500,000 job opportunities while the Kazi Mtandaoni initiative has enabled 300,000 young people to get opportunities.

GDC moves to unlock leisure and recreation potential

BY JANE NGUGI (KNA)

The state-owned Geothermal Development Company (GDC) is seeking to tap the tourism potential of Menengai Crater by turning its geothermal resources, dramatic landscape and ecological attractions into a new revenue stream.

Located about 10 kilometres north of Nakuru Town, the world-famous Menengai Crater is a massive dormant volcano formed about 8,000 years ago.

Its 12-kilometre-wide caldera is one of the largest in the world and Kenya's largest volcanic caldera. The landscape features hills, ridges, volcanic rocks, gorges and caves, offering opportunities for adventure, ecological and cultural tourism.

"There's great potential for tourism here. We'll turn Menengai into a paradise," Stephen Busieney, Acting GDC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer said.

GDC has identified a 20-kilometre circuit suitable for biking, trekking and jogging. At the centre of its plans is a geothermal-heated swimming pool and spa complex, which Busieney says could become a first-of-its-kind natural geothermal spa resort in Africa.

GDC has drilled 43 wells at Menengai since 2011 as part of efforts to develop geothermal power. After derisking the field, the company competitively selected three independent power producers—Sosian Energy, Quantum Power East Africa and OrPower-TwentyTwo—to develop power plants, each with a capacity of 35 megawatts.

The proposed spa will make use of geothermal fluids and heat generated during electricity production. The facility is expected to include interconnected lagoons, a sauna and steam bath, as well as a geological and geothermal centre showcasing Kenya's geothermal development.

"Blue Lagoon is something we're looking to replicate at Menengai," Busieney says, referring to Iceland's famous geothermal spa.

"One of GDC's mandates is to promote alternative or 'direct' uses of geothermal energy. We envision geothermal-heated pools and spas here for leisure, recreation, wellness and eco-tourism," he said.

The project is also expected to complement attractions such as Lake Nakuru National Park and Hyrax Hill Prehistoric Site while creating direct and indirect employment.

Menengai's tourism appeal extends beyond geothermal activity. The crater offers panoramic views of Lakes Nakuru and Bogoria, diverse flora and fauna, hiking trails and caves associated with Mau Mau history. Local myths and legends surrounding the crater also give it cultural and spiritual significance.

Nakuru County Tourism Association chairman David Mwangi says the initiative could help diversify the region's tourism products. He notes that the crater already attracts pilgrims, hikers and educational visitors interested in its geology, geothermal potential and cultural heritage.

BRIEFS

Irrigation project to boost climate-resilient farming in Kaptagat

BY MAURICE ALUDA (KNA)

Farmers in Kaptagat Ward, Uasin Gishu County, will benefit from the Ainet Community Irrigation Project, a climate-resilience initiative that will deliver improved water access and higher agricultural productivity.

The project, a joint effort between the Uasin Gishu County Government and the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme, will cover a radius of approximately 12 kilometres.

The irrigation project includes the installation of 12,000 drip irrigation lines and the development of 500 springs to support year-round farming.

Speaking during a site inspection visit, Mercy Kemboi from the County Coordination Unit, hailed the initiative as project as a timely investment that would enable the surrounding community to effectively respond to challenges brought by climate change.

"This will be in addition to promoting sustainable water use and enabling farmers to maintain agriculture and livestock production despite changing weather patterns," Kemboi added.

Speaking at the same event, County Principal Irrigation Officer, Engineer Kipronoh Mare said, "The irrigation infrastructure will promote efficient water utilisation and increase agricultural productivity among farmers in the area."

Area ward administrator, Clinton Munai, encouraged the locals to appreciate and fully embrace such government-funded project

"Community participation and ownership are essential in ensuring the sustainability of government initiatives," Munai said.

The officials expect the Ainet Community Irrigation Project to enhance food security, raise farm yields and improve livelihoods for residents of Kaptagat Ward.

The initiative falls under Nguzo 7 of Governor Jonathan Chelilim Bii's development agenda, which prioritises sustainable development, improved livelihoods and strengthened climate resilience.

Nandi rolls out weekly milk supply to ECDE learners

BY GEOFFREY SATIA, KNA

Nandi County has rolled out a school milk feeding programme to provide milk to Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners.

The every week programme across all 30 wards targets close to 800 public ECDE centres.

The programme is intended to tackle malnutrition among young children and improve school attendance, concentration in class and enrolment in pre-primary schools.

Governor Stephen Sang, speaking during the launch of the programme, said the county had moved to full implementation after a pilot programme in Tinderet and Kabiyet wards produced a significant increase in enrolment.

"In Tinderet, some of the schools have registered a 100 per cent increase of children coming to our schools. That is double the number," Sang said.

He said Kabiyet Ward similarly recorded an increase in enrolment, with children from neighbouring wards moving to schools within the pilot area.

The Governor said the results had demonstrated the potential of a regular school milk supply to improve both access to early learning and children's welfare.

The programme will now be extended to ECDE learners throughout Nandi, with milk supplied weekly throughout the year.

Sang said the intervention was particularly important because county research had established that levels of malnutrition among children remained unacceptably high.

"This is an investment in the health, nutrition, attendance and concentration of our children in class," he said.