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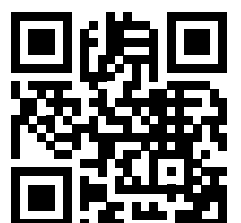


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Agriculture gains under BETA

By BERNARDINE MUTANU
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The Government has doubled maize production, expanded irrigation, increased access to agricultural finance and raised productivity across key value chains since 2022.

Speaking during the recently concluded Agriculture and Food Security Transformation Summit in Nairobi, President William Ruto outlined the gains made in the sector under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which he said focusses on lowering production costs, improving farmer incomes, expanding irrigation, strengthening markets and increasing value addition.

"Agriculture is the load-bearing pillar of our economy; remove it, and everything else falls," he said, noting that the sector contributes about half of Kenya's gross domestic product (GDP), directly and through the trade, transport and processing activities it supports.

"Two out of every three Kenyans earn some or all of their income from agriculture," he said, underscoring the sector's role in food security, job creation and efforts to reduce the cost of living.

Ruto said the Government had increased the distribution of subsidised fertiliser from 4.05 million bags in 2022 to 11.18 million bags in 2026, while reducing the price

from Sh7,500 to Sh2,500 per bag and further to Sh2,000.

More than 38 million bags of fertiliser have so far been supplied through the e-voucher system, he said, adding that the Government had also stepped-up efforts to curb counterfeit seed in the market.

The interventions have translated into higher production, with maize output rising from 34.3 million bags in 2022 to a record 71 million bags in 2025, while maize imports fell from 9.9 million bags to 3.3 million over the same period.

The President said milk and cotton productivity had more than doubled, while rice production increased from 192,299 tonnes to more than 300,000 tonnes.

"If we are serious about lowering the cost of living, then we must raise productivity. If we are serious about jobs, we must process what we produce. If we are serious about wealth, then every county must have a stake in the harvest and value addition," Ruto said.

The Government has also expanded the use of digital tools to support farmers. "Nearly nine million farmers are now registered on a digital platform, with their farms mapped and enterprises recorded," Ruto said.

At the grassroots, 7,447 agripreneurs are serving farmers in their wards, with more than four in 10

being women. The Government has also established 989 ward cooperatives and 1,044 ward SACCOs, whose 453,124 members have saved Sh2.3 billion.

On agricultural finance, the Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) has lent Sh19.91 billion to 218,413 beneficiaries, with lending through SACCOs helping to reduce bad loans by half, according to the President.

"Under the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) programme, 44,481 young people have received Sh1.69 billion to establish enterprises in farming, forestry and fishing," he said.

Land under irrigation has increased from 664,000 to 778,636 acres, with Thiba Dam enabling farmers in Mwea to grow two rice crops annually.

In the dairy sector, 230 bulk milk coolers have been installed, 200 of them solar-powered, while formally marketed milk has increased from 755 million litres to more than one billion litres.

The Government has also recorded gains in cash crops. In coffee, the average cherry price has risen from Sh78.99 to Sh114.17 per kilogramme, while export earnings increased from US\$252 million to US\$344 million.

Land under pyrethrum increased from 4,000 to 8,447 acres, while cotton production rose from 3,762 to 8,820 tonnes.

In livestock, more than 2.1



President William Ruto

million cattle and 20.5 million sheep and goats have been vaccinated. More than 10,000 households in 16 arid and semi-arid counties have also received over 52,000 sheep, goats and cattle to rebuild herds lost to drought and other climate shocks.

Some 1.6 million pastoralists are now covered by insurance, while live animal exports have declined by a third as more meat is processed locally.

"The gains extend beyond primary production. Jobs in the leather industry have increased from 17,000 to 35,896, while the value of Kenya's fish catch has risen from Sh37.6 billion to Sh54.9 billion. The fisheries sector now supports 1.6 million livelihoods, up from 1.2 million," he said.

Ruto also highlighted increased cashew production in Kwale and Kilifi and Bixa production in Lamu.

Despite the progress, the President acknowledged that challenges remain, noting that commercial banks direct only about three per cent of their lending to agriculture, while one in six households remains food poor, with farmers making up a significant proportion.

"Those who feed Kenya must never be the ones who go hungry," he said.

Ruto said the next phase would shift from producing commodities to building a food economy in which farmers earn more through processing, manufacturing and stronger markets.

The Government plans to build 50 mega dams and more than 1,200 medium, small and micro-dams, including at least 10 in Northern Kenya. The Galana-Kulalu Dam alone is expected to support irrigation on 150,000 acres, he said.

KENYA'S AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION: KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERVENTIONS

1. SUBSIDISED FERTILISER & MAIZE OUTPUT



2. SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY



Milk:
More than Doubled



Cotton:
More than Doubled



Rice:
192,299 Tonnes → >300,000 Tonnes

3. GRASSROOTS EMPOWERMENT

- ▶ 7,447 Agripreneurs (4 in 10 Women)
- ▶ 989 Ward Cooperatives & 1,044 Ward SACCOs
- ▶ 453,124 Members with Sh2.3 Billion Savings

4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- 7,447 Agripreneurs (4 in 10 Women)
- 989 Ward Cooperatives & 1,044 Ward SACCOs
- Curbing Counterfeit Seeds

5. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES (NYOTA)

- Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC)
 - ▶ Sh19.91 Billion Lent to 218,413 Beneficiaries
 - ▶ Lending via SACCOs Reduced Bad Loans by Half
- 44,481 Young People Received Sh1.69 Billion for Enterprises in Farming, Forestry, Fishing

6. IRRIGATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ Irrigation Area: 664,000 → 778,636 Acres
- ▶ Thiba Dam Enables 2 Rice Crops Annually

7. SECTOR-SPECIFIC GAINS



Dairy:
230 Bulk Milk Coolers Installed (200 Solar)



Marketed Milk:
755 Million Litres → >1 Billion Litres



Coffee:
Average Cherry Price Sh78.99 → Sh114.17/kg, Export Earnings US\$252M → US\$344M



Pyrethrum Land: 4,000 → 8,447 Acres



Cotton Production: 3,762 → 8,820 Tonnes



Leather Jobs: 17,000 → 35,896



Fish Catch: Sh37.6 Billion → Sh54.9 Bilnports 1.6M Livelihoods

8. LIVESTOCK & RESILIENCE



>10,000 Households Received >52,000 Livestock for Rebuilding



1.6M Pastoralists Insured



Live Animal Exports Declined by 1/3, More Meat Processed Locally

9. FUTURE PLANS

- ▶ 50 Mega Dams, >1,200 Medium/Small Dams, >10 in Northern Kenya
- ▶ Galana-Kulalu Dam to Support 150,000 Acres Irrigation

Ministry pushes for people-centred technology to shape Africa's digital future

Kenya calls for responsible AI and emerging technologies that protect citizens' rights, empower communities, create opportunities and strengthen public trust across Africa's digital transformation.



Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS, William Kabogo (Left), speaking to an exhibitor during the Summit on People-Centred Technologies in Africa.

BY HANIFA TAMIM (PCO)

Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William

Kabogo has challenged African countries to put citizens at the heart of the continent's digital transformation, warning that rapid advances in technol-

ogy must not come at the expense of privacy, rights and public trust.

Kabogo said technology must serve people and communities rather than

undermine their rights, urging governments, innovators and other stakeholders to ensure digital systems promote peace, accountability and stronger communities.

Speaking during the opening of the Summit on People-Centred Technologies in Africa in Nairobi, the CS said Kenya's expanding digital economy has transformed how citizens interact with government, access public services, conduct business and communicate.

He said digital systems must earn and maintain public trust by protecting privacy, freedom of expression and access to information as guaranteed by the Constitution.

Kabogo said the Government is strengthening Kenya's responsible technology ecosystem through implementation of the Kenya Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2025-2030, finalisation of the National Data Governance Policy and development of the Kenya Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies Policy.

He noted that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could deliver significant benefits

across Africa, including translating public information into local languages, detecting fraud, forecasting drought and improving the targeting of public services.

However, he cautioned that irresponsible deployment of AI could entrench bias, expose personal data and erode public confidence in institutions.

"Decisions that affect a citizen's rights must remain with people and with institutions that can be held to account," Kabogo said, stressing that Kenya would apply the principle across the public service.

The CS also highlighted the need to strengthen child protection online, saying Kenya is undertaking a national survey on child online protection across all 47 counties and piloting age-assurance measures aimed at protecting children's privacy.

He called for greater African participation in global discussions on AI safety, arguing that countries where emerging technologies are deployed should have a voice in international systems for technology evaluation, early warning, incident reporting and response.

Kabogo said Kenya would continue advancing an international AI crisis-preparedness exercise to test how cross-border AI incidents can be detected, reported and contained while safeguarding essential services and citizens'

rights.

On public safety, he said technology should empower security agencies and citizens, but its use must remain lawful, proportionate and subject to oversight. He also urged greater investment in locally developed technologies, saying innovation should emerge from all parts of the country rather than remain concentrated in Nairobi.

Kabogo linked digital transformation to Africa's green economy, noting that Kenya's renewable energy potential, particularly geothermal power, positions the country to host future digital infrastructure.

With Kenya heading into an election year, he said governments, technology platforms, the media and civil society would have a critical role in maintaining public confidence in digital information on candidates, the electoral process and results.

He urged participants to move beyond discussions and identify practical measures for building inclusive, secure and accountable digital systems across Africa.

"Let us work together to build a digital Africa that is secure, inclusive and accountable to its people," Kabogo said before officially opening the summit.

The three-day summit was convened by Open Society Foundations Africa in partnership with Code for Africa and Ushahidi.

Let us work together to build a digital Africa that is secure, inclusive and accountable to its people," - Kabogo

Kenya targets 5.5 million tourists annually by 2028

BY LILIAN GICHOHI (KNA)

Kenya is targeting 5.5 million international tourist arrivals annually by 2028 as it embraces digital technology, strengthens regional cooperation and invests in infrastructure to grow the sector.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano announced the target during the launch of the 16th Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE 2026) at Uhuru Gardens National Monument and Museum in Nairobi.

The three-day expo attracted more than 10,000 delegates, 450 exhibitors and over 250 international travel buyers from more than 40 countries.

Miano said Kenya's tourism industry was entering a new phase shaped by technological innovation, changing traveller preferences and increased competition among destinations.

She reported that Kenya received 2.7 million international visitors in 2025, generating approximately

Sh500 billion in revenue, while domestic tourism recorded 5.2 million bed nights. Globally, international arrivals exceeded 1.5 billion, with Africa accounting for 81 million.

She said destinations that embrace artificial intelligence and data analytics would be better positioned to understand travellers, improve marketing, personalise experiences and manage natural resources sustainably.

"The next competitive advantage belongs to destinations that harness technology to understand travellers better, reach markets faster, create smarter experiences, and manage destinations more sustainably," Miano said.

She stressed that digital transformation should also benefit small tour operators, county-based enterprises and community conservancies, enabling them to compete alongside large tourism businesses.

Miano cited reforms, including the Electronic Travel Authorisation system, as part of efforts to



Cabinet Secretary Tourism and Wildlife Rebecca Miano, addresses delegates during the official opening of the 16th Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE 2026) at Uhuru Gardens National Monument and Museum in Nairobi.

ease entry into Kenya. She also reassured visitors that the Government is working with the Ministry of Health and the Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre at Kenyatta University to monitor health risks and maintain visitor safety.

Principal Secretary for Tourism Julius Bitok said investments in infrastructure and major sporting events would create further opportunities for growth.

He cited the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, which Kenya will co-host with



Tourists during a safari. Photo/Courtesy

Uganda and Tanzania, and the 2029 World Athletics Championships as opportunities to expand accommodation capacity and improve visitor experiences.

"We are expecting about one million people in Nairobi during that period. That raises fundamental questions about our capacity, accommodation and infrastructure," Bitok said, adding that the Government is engaging private-sector players to prepare.

Principal Secretary for

Wildlife Silvia Museiya Kihoro said conservation and community participation remained central to sustainable tourism growth.

She said local communities must directly benefit from increased visitor numbers and tourism revenue.

Uganda's State Minister for Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities Susan Nakawuki called for deeper East African Community integration, urging countries to remove non-tariff

barriers, address high intra-African air transport costs and market the region as a unified destination.

She said regional cooperation would help East African countries attract more visitors rather than compete individually.

The expo featured business-to-business meetings, networking sessions, investment seminars and county cultural exhibitions, connecting tourism operators with international buyers and investors.

AFC disburses Sh19.91b to farmers as livestock sector takes largest share

Livestock farmers received nearly half of the Agricultural Finance Corporation's loan portfolio since 2022, with crop production and agribusiness also benefiting from expanded agricultural financing.

BY DR. MUCHELULE YUSUF AND BERNARDINE MUTANU (MYGOV)

The Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) has advanced Sh19.91 billion to more than 218,000 beneficiaries since January 2022, with the funds supporting farmers, agribusinesses and rural enterprises across the country.

According to the AFC Deployment Report, livestock farming received the largest share of the financing, accounting for nearly half of the State-owned lender's retail loan portfolio during the period.

Data presented during the recent Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit shows that livestock farming received Sh8.95 billion, representing 47.5 per cent of AFC's total direct lending. The financing has supported livestock production as part of broader efforts to strengthen food security and enhance farmers' incomes.

Seasonal crop production received Sh3.10 billion, accounting for 16.5 per cent of the loan portfolio. Combined, livestock and seasonal crop financing

constituted nearly two-thirds of AFC's retail lending.

Agribusiness ventures received Sh1.63 billion, while permanent crop farming attracted Sh1.42 billion. Horticulture farmers accessed Sh885.9 million in credit, underscoring the sector's growing importance in domestic and export markets.

The report further shows that Sh733.4 million was advanced for land purchases, enabling farmers to expand their operations, while agro-processing enterprises received Sh275.4 million to boost value addition and market competitiveness.

The lending reflects AFC's central role in providing affordable agricultural credit to farmers and agribusinesses, supporting government efforts to transform agriculture into a more productive, commercially driven and resilient sector.

To support its lending operations, the state-owned development finance institution mobilised Sh3.85 billion from the National Treasury, development partners and multilateral initiatives. The funding comprised Sh2.19 billion in loan facilities and Sh1.67

billion in grants.

The corporation charges retail borrowers an interest rate of 10 per cent per annum on a reducing balance, meaning interest is calculated on the outstanding loan amount.

In fact, wholesale lending through the Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) attracts a lower rate of eight per cent with AFC channeling Sh1.07 billion through the arrangement. This allowed savings and credit cooperative societies (SACCOS) and microfinance institutions to extend financing to farmers and other borrowers within their networks.

Under the RK-FINFA arrangement, SACCOS received Sh493.7 million, while microfinance institutions received Sh339.4 million.

The model enabled AFC to reach borrowers through existing financial institutions, particularly those with limited access to conventional agricultural credit.

The report points to agro-processing as another area for consideration, given that the subsector received Sh275.4 million, equivalent to 1.46 per cent of retail lending.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT (KDEAP) ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

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

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Project No.:	P170941
Credit No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
Assignment Title:	Integration and Implementation of Digital Literacy in the Competency Based Curriculum through Gender Inclusive Strategies
Contract No.:	KE-ICTA-463527-CS-CQS

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services ("the Services") include Integration and Implementation of Digital Literacy in the Competency Based Curriculum through Gender Inclusive Strategies. The assignment is expected to take forty (40) calendar weeks from the date of contract commencement.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke/tenders or can be obtained at the address given below.
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Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
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The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible service providers for the **Provision of Medical Insurance Cover for the period 2026-2028 renewable annually** subject to satisfactory performance.

Qualified and interested tenderers may view and download the tender documents free of charge from the e-GP portal at <https://egpkenya.go.ke> and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PIIP) at <https://tenders.go.ke> starting from **Tuesday, 13th October 2026**. All enquiries and requests for clarification relating to this tender shall be submitted electronically through the e-GP portal.

Completed tender documents must be submitted electronically through the e-GP portal on or before **Tuesday, 27th October 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter electronically in the e-GP system in the presence of bidders or their representatives who wish to participate.

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Nationwide distribution of Grade 11 textbooks starts

Ministry of Education rolls out books and curriculum support materials to public schools as preparations gather pace for the first Grade 11 cohort under the Competency-Based Education (CBE) system in 2027.



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos Ogamba examines a Grade 11 textbook during the flag-off of the nationwide distribution of Grade 11 textbooks and other curriculum support materials at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) headquarters in Nairobi.

BY SHARON NJERU AND
NANCY OMONDI (KNA)

The Government has begun the nationwide distribution of Grade 11 textbooks and other cur-

riculum support materials to public schools, paving the way for the first cohort of learners transitioning to Grade 11 under the competency-based education (CBE) system next year.

The Education Ministry flagged off the consignment from the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) headquarters in Nairobi, with the materials expected to reach schools ahead of the 2027 academic year.

Education Cabinet Secretary, Julius Migos Ogamba, said the rollout marks a major milestone in the implementation of CBE and demonstrates the Government's commitment to ensuring learners and teachers have the resources required for the new level of education.

The materials include textbooks, teachers' guides and literature set books for Grade 11, which have undergone evaluation, vetting, correction and verification by KICD before approval.

Ogamba said the Government has continued to invest heavily in learning resources as it progressively implements curriculum reforms, noting that 137 million textbooks and set books were distributed under the 8-4-4 system between 2018 and 2023.

Under CBE, he said, more than 168 million textbooks have so far been distributed to support learners from Grade One to Grade 10.

"This occasion reflects our continued commitment to

strengthening the delivery of quality education and ensuring that our learners and teachers have the resources that they need to support effective teaching and learning," said Ogamba.

He said CBE is designed to equip learners with competencies beyond academic performance, including critical thinking, communication, collaboration, problem-solving, creativity, responsible use of technology, resilience and adaptability.

Principal Secretary for Basic Education, John Oloftuaa, assured schools that education officials at regional, county and sub-county levels would coordinate the receipt of the books to ensure the distribution process is not delayed.

He urged school heads to safeguard the materials and ensure they are used for their intended purpose, while encouraging learners to read and take good care of the books.

KICD Chief Executive Officer Prof. Charles Ochieng' Ong'ondo said the institute had completed the evaluation and approval of Grade 11 materials and was ready to support their distribution to schools across the country.

He directed publishers to deliver the books directly to schools rather than leaving them at sub-county headquarters, saying responsible school officials should verify and sign for the consignments.

Prof. Ong'ondo also warned schools against using unapproved textbooks, saying such materials may contain inaccurate information and fail to meet the quality standards required by KICD.

He disclosed that Grade 12 textbooks had also been approved and are expected to be ready for distribution by May next year.

Kenya Publishers Association Chairperson, Musyoki Muli, assured the Government that publishers were ready to support the rollout and deliver the materials to schools as required.

Muli said publishers had previously encountered challenges where books were left outside schools and damaged by weather, urging institutions to provide clear delivery arrangements and ensure authorised officers are available to receive consignments.

He also pledged the association's cooperation with the Government and law enforcement agencies in tackling piracy and plagiarism, which he said undermines the publishing industry.

KICD Council Chairperson Prof. Simon Gicharu said the Grade 11 materials had been subjected to a rigorous evaluation process to ensure they meet requirements on relevance, accuracy, quality and inclusivity.

He said the materials were evaluated and vetted from December 2025 before corrections and verification were undertaken.

Ministry unveils carbon market guide to attract climate investments

New framework seeks to safeguard communities and ecosystems while positioning Kenya as a leading player in global carbon trading and unlocking high-integrity climate finance

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Kenya has launched a new guide aimed at attracting high-integrity climate investments to protect communities, ecosystems and boost the country's national climate targets.

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr Deborah Barasa said the Kenya Guide for Strategic Engagement in Carbon Markets 2026 will provide a framework to ensure carbon-market investments generate genuine environmental benefits and lasting value for Kenyans.

Dr Barasa said the guide marks a critical milestone in Kenya's engagement with carbon markets- to

make them more strategic, transparent and aligned with national interests.

"Kenya is open to responsible and high-integrity carbon investment. We are seeking quality, integrity and lasting development value," she said.

She noted that carbon markets present a major opportunity to mobilise private capital into renewable energy, forestry, agriculture, waste management and clean cooking, while creating jobs, supporting innovation and facilitating technology transfer.

The CS, however, cautioned that such investments must not come at the expense of communities or the environment.

The guide is expected to

provide greater clarity and predictability for investors, project developers and communities, while complementing ongoing reforms, including the establishment of the National Carbon Registry and strengthening of Kenya's legal framework for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

Dr Barasa called for partnerships that deliver measurable climate benefits, strong environmental and social safeguards and equitable sharing of benefits generated by carbon projects.

She said the Government's priority is to translate the new policy framework into concrete action and position carbon markets as a credible pathway towards a



Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr Deborah Barasa (third from right) during the launch of the Kenya Guide for Strategic Engagement in Carbon Markets 2026. Photo by Joseph Ng'ang'a.

low-carbon, climate-resilient and inclusive economy.

Environment and Climate Change Principal Secretary Dr Eng. Festus Ng'eno said Kenya is moving beyond viewing carbon markets as a future opportunity and positioning itself as a key player in shaping the emerging global carbon trading system.

"For years, carbon markets were discussed as a future opportunity. That future is now here,"

Dr Ng'eno said, noting that international trading frameworks under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement have become operational.

A key provision of the guide is a 10 million-tonne cumulative ceiling for international transfers of carbon dioxide equivalent between 2025 and 2030.

Dr Ng'eno said the ceiling would help safeguard Kenya's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) targets and minimise the

risk of the country overselling its carbon credits.

The launch brought together Switzerland's Ambassador to Kenya Mirko Giulietti, South Korean Ambassador Kang Hyung-shik, European Union Deputy Ambassador Ondrej Simek, British Deputy High Commissioner and Development Director Diana Dalton, and Norwegian Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission Christian Gahre.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Teachers Service Commission invites interested and eligible bidders/tenderers to bid for the tenders listed below which have been uploaded in the e-GP System.

S/N	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID /TENDER SECURITY	CATEGORY	PREBID/ SITE VISIT	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TSC/722/0001/2026-2027	Provision of internal and external window cleaning services at TSC House	Tender Securing Declaration	Youth	19 October 2026 at TSC HQs at 10.00 am	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 9.00 a.m.
2.	TSC/722/0004/2026-2027	Provision of comprehensive maintenance repair and servicing of firefighting equipment	Tender Securing Declaration	Youth	19 October 2026 at TSC HQs at 10.00 am	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 10.00 a.m.
3.	TSC/722/0005/2026-2027	Provision of TSC House lift inspection services	N/A	General citizen contractors	19 October 2026 at TSC HQs at 10.00 am	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 11.00 a.m.
4.	TSC/722/0007/2026-2027	Statutory Fire safety audit for TSC Buildings Bomet, Machakos and Kilifi County offices	160,000	General citizen contractors	19 October 2026 at TSC HQs at 10.00 am	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 9.00 a.m.
5.	TSC/722/0008/2026-2027	Provision of comprehensive cleaning sanitary services and indoor plants maintenance and landscaping at TSC HQs	Tender Securing Declaration	Women	19 October 2026 at TSC HQs at 10.00 am	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 10.00 a.m.
6.	TSC/722/0009/2026-2027	Provision of printing and photocopying services at 400 TSC sub county offices	Tender Securing Declaration	Youth	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 11.00 a.m.
7.	TSC/722/0013/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of desktop computers	Tender Securing Declaration	Women	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 9.00 a.m.
8.	TSC/722/0014/2026-2027	Supply delivery installation and integration of enterprise grade end point protection platform and Advanced threat protection ATP solution	Tender Securing Declaration	Youth	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 10.00 a.m.
9.	TSC/722/0016/2026-2027	Supply and delivery of laptops	Tender Securing Declaration	Women	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 11.00 a.m.
10.	TSC/722/0017/2026-2027	Provision of Printing and photocopying services in TSC Hqs 7 regional and 47 counties	Tender Securing Declaration	Youth	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 9.00 a.m.
11.	TSC/722/0019/2026-2027	Development Upgrading and maintenance of Bulk SMS Portal USSD and short code	90,000	General citizen contractors	N/A	Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 10.00 a.m.

Detailed Tender documents may be obtained in the E- GP System.

Bidders are required to register and forward their particulars to TSC Supply Chain Management Services through email to ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke. The particulars should include: Name of the firm, address, Tender Name, Telephone number and email address.

All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke

COMMISSION SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE



NLC moves to clear historical land injustice cases

BY JANE NGUGI AND JEFTHER AFUYO (KNA)

end,” Seneta said.

She said the Commission had inherited a backlog of historical land injustice claims from the previous administration and was committed to resolving them as quickly as possible.

Seneta said residents had proposed that historical land injustice cases should ideally be determined within one year.

The forum brought together NLC Commissioners Mohammed Haji and Vincent Kigen, Deputy Governor Dr David Kones, County Executive Committee Member for Lands John Kihagi, national and county government officials and members of the public.

Residents raised concerns over land acquired for government projects and other disputes that have left some families waiting for generations for justice and compensation.

Commissioner Haji said the NLC was committed to overcoming legal and administrative challenges that had delayed the resolution of legitimate claims.

He said unresolved land disputes continued to affect development in some parts of the country and pledged that outstanding cases would be handled without unnecessary delays.

The National Land Commission (NLC) is clearing a backlog of historical land injustice claims, with the Commission promising to expedite cases that have remained unresolved for decades.

NLC Historical Land Injustice Committee Chairperson Mary Yiane Seneta said the Commission has made progress in clearing inherited cases, with only a few remaining pending for hearing.

Seneta spoke in Nakuru during a public participation forum on the Draft Historical Land Injustices (HLI) Regulations, 2026 and the Review of Grants and Dispositions of Public Land Regulations, 2026.

She said views gathered from residents would help the newly constituted Commission improve the process of determining outstanding claims and ensure the proposed regulations respond to the experiences of affected communities.

“Some of the comments will be used precisely because they have given us ideas about the timings and how this location can be used for other places, timelines, when the case started and the length of the case from the beginning to the



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Kenya Power

INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Power invites tenders from interested bidders for provision of the following:-

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.2/OT/001/ICT/26-27	Provision of Annual Support and Maintenance Services for IBM Security Guardium Solution	Thursday 15.10.2026	Thursday 29.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/002/ICT/26-27	Procurement of Desktops	Thursday 15.10.2026	Thursday 29.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP11/9A.4/OT/Supplier Reg/01/26-27	Registration of Suppliers for Provision of Various Goods, Works and Services for a period of Two (2) Years in South Nyanza Region	Wednesday 07.10.2026	Friday 30.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Teachers Service Commission invites interested and eligible bidders/tenderers to bid for the tenders listed below:

S/N	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID / TENDER SECURITY	CATEGORY	PREBID/ SITE VISIT	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1.	TSC/T/KPEEL/05/2026-2027	Provision of System Review, Develop, Deploy and Maintain Teacher Performance Appraisal and Development (TPAD) Online Systems – Re-advertisement	160,000	Open Tender	N/A	Friday 23 October 2026 at 10.00 am

Detailed Tender document may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Services Division, at the TSC House 2nd floor Podium Wing, Kilimanjaro Road, Upper Hill during normal working hours. Interested bidders may also access the tender document from TSC website: www.tsc.go.ke or the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Complete bid document must be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description should be addressed to: **The Secretary, Teachers Service Commission, TSC House, Upper Hill, Kilimanjaro Road, Private Bag, 00100, NAIROBI** and deposited in the Tender Box located at **TSC Headquarters, TSC House, Podium Wing, ground floor** to be received on or before **Friday 23 October, 2026 at 10.00 am**.

All inquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: ddprocurement@tsc.go.ke

COMMISSION SECRETARY/ CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Community rehabilitation programme expanded to tackle youth crime

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Government is expanding community-based crime prevention and rehabilitation programmes to address youth crime, substance abuse and repeat offending among young people.

The initiative seeks to strengthen collaboration between probation services, local communities and volunteers to support children and young people in conflict with the law as they undergo rehabilitation and reintegrate into society. Speaking in Nairobi

during the Third Community Probation Volunteers (CPV) Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting, Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr Salome Beacco said community participation was critical to the success of rehabilitation efforts.

She noted that young offenders needed sustained support beyond correctional institutions, with communities playing a key role in mentorship and helping them return to productive lives. Dr Beacco called for stronger supervision, accountability and monitoring of community probation volunteers to improve the effectiveness of interventions. She also urged stakeholders to develop practical tools and training materials to equip volunteers with the skills needed to support

young people returning to their communities. The meeting was held under the Project on Community-Based Crime Prevention, Supervision, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children and Young Persons in Conflict with the Law, implemented with support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The PS emphasised the need to incorporate the CPV initiative into institutional plans and budgets to ensure its sustainability beyond the project period.

She said stronger volunteer networks could help address the underlying causes of crime and reduce the likelihood of reoffending. She also urged stakeholders to document successful interventions to guide future programmes. During discussions on progress, sustainability and plans to extend the initiative to more probation stations, JICA Kenya Senior Representative Fumihiko Suzuki said the programme had helped establish a sustainable community-level probation model in Kenya.

Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu launch Sh2.1bn crisis response mechanism



The Sagante/Jaldesa Sub-County Deputy County Commissioner Moses Oruma (right holding flag), Mercy Corps Country Kenya offices Director William Barron (centre) and Marsabit County Chief of staff Abdo Alla (left) during the launch of the RANGE (Resilient Approaches in Natural Rangelands Ecosystems) Crisis Modifier in Sagante/Jaldesa Ward, Marsabit county.

BY ANTHONY MELLY (KNA)

Marsabit, Isiolo and Samburu counties have launched a Sh2.1-billion crisis preparedness initiative to protect pastoral communities, livestock and infrastructure from the potential impacts of El-Nino. The Resilient Approaches in Natural Rangelands Ecosystems (RANGE) Crisis Modifier will support early interventions, including drainage clearance, rangeland rehabilitation, livestock vaccination and water infrastructure repairs, before climate-related emergencies escalate. The five-year RANGE programme, running from 2024 to 2028, is funded by the Government of the Netherlands and implemented by a consortium led by Mercy Corps, the Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) and the University of Twente's Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, alongside county governments and local partners. Speaking during the launch in Marsabit, County

Commissioner Stanley Kamande said preparedness was critical in a region where livelihoods depend heavily on livestock, water resources and transport infrastructure. "Preparedness saves lives, protects the environment and reduces the cost of responding to disasters after they occur," he said. Kamande called for rangeland reseedling, protection of restored areas, livestock vaccination, disease surveillance and the clearance of drainage systems ahead of the rains. He also urged communities to cooperate with veterinary officers and report unusual livestock deaths promptly. Marsabit Governor Mohamud Ali, in remarks delivered by County Chief of Staff Abdo Alla, said the rains could replenish water sources, restore pasture and support farming, but excessive rainfall could cause flooding, damage roads and homes, contaminate water sources and increase livestock diseases. He said the county would prioritise clearing blocked drainage channels and culverts, improving

storm-water flow and identifying settlements requiring additional drainage infrastructure. The county will also support the distribution of suitable pasture and fodder seeds, community-led reseedling and fodder conservation. Residents were urged to protect reseeded areas from uncontrolled grazing until pasture is established. Ali called for intensified livestock disease surveillance and vaccination against risks including Rift Valley fever, lumpy skin disease, sheep and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia and foot-and-mouth disease. Mercy Corps Kenya Country Director William Barron said the initiative reflected the Netherlands Government's commitment to strengthening community resilience while enabling partners to respond quickly when crises arise. RANGE Programme Director Dr Bonface Kaberia said the programme had an allocation of €15 million to support anticipatory action across the three counties.



**KENYA AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
RESEARCH ORGANIZATION**



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS GOODS
(ONE-ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCESS)

Country :	Kenya
Name of project :	Food Systems Resilience Project
Project No :	P177816
Credit No.:	7327-KE and 7328-KE
Assignment Title:	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of: 1no. Backup and Replication Software License, 1no. Storage Server, 1no. Data Center Monitoring and Trouble Shooting Workstation and Remote Monitoring Device 4no. External Backup Drives
Reference No.	KALRO/FSRP/NCB/001/2026-2027

1. The Government of Kenya has received Financing assistance from the World Bank under Food Systems Resilience Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1no. Backup and Replication Software License, 1no. Storage Server, no. Data Center Monitoring and Trouble Shooting Workstation and Remote Monitoring Device and 4no. External Backup Drives. 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. Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization – KALRO now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1no. Backup and Replication Software License, 1no. Storage Server, 1no. Data Center Monitoring and Trouble Shooting Workstation and Remote Monitoring Device and 4no. External Backup Drives as shown below;

Item No.	Item Description	Quantity
1	Backup And Replication Software License	1No.
2	Storage Server	1No.
3	Data Center Monitoring And Trouble Shooting Workstation	1No.
4	External Backup Drives	4No.

4. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" First Published July 2016 and Revised September 2023 Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization – KALRO, Director, Supply Chain Management through email tenders@kalro.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) at the address given below or on KALRO's website

6. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization's website www.kalro.org Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the procuring entity by email with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the procuring entity, to all bidders where necessary.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1100Hrs EAT on 5th November 2026**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **1100Hrs EAT on 5th November 2026**.

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Ksh. 650,000.00** (Kenya Shillings Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand) from a financial Institution.

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

10. The address referred to above is:

Director General,
Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization
Kaptagat Road, Loresho
P.O.BOX 57811- 00200, Nairobi, Kenya

Director, Supply Chain Management
For DIRECTOR GENERAL
Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Institute



Anti-graft policy reviewed to tackle emerging corruption threats

Public consultations underway across counties as the State moves to strengthen whistleblower protection, speed up corruption cases and address new challenges such as cybercrime and artificial intelligence.

BY ROP JANET (KNA)

The Government is reviewing the National Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy to address emerging forms of corruption and strengthen measures for preventing and reporting graft.

Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs, Judith Pareno, said public consultations being held in 24 counties would provide citizens with an opportunity to propose measures to improve the fight against corruption.

Speaking in Kajiado, Pareno said the policy, which was last reviewed in 2018, needs to be updated to address new challenges, including artificial intelligence, cybercrime, human trafficking and smuggling of persons.

“We have come from Nyandarua and Machakos, and we still have 24 other



1. **INSET:** Principal Secretary for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs Judith Pareno giving her remarks during a public participation exercise on National Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy 2026 in Kajiado. Photo /KNA

2. **Members of the public pose for a group photo after attending a public participation forum on the review of the National Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy in Kajiado County.**

counties to cover. We want to hear from Kenyans on what is working and what needs to be improved,” Pareno said.

She urged members of the public to share their experiences on corruption, challenges in reporting cases and areas where existing measures need improvement.

Pareno also called for stronger mechanisms to protect people who report corruption and unethical conduct, saying fear of victimization could discourage citizens from reporting such cases.

She urged young people, women, persons with disabilities and marginalized communities to participate in the consultations and give views on corruption challenges affecting them.

The PS said corruption continues to undermine the delivery of essential public services, including healthcare, education, roads and access to justice.

“The Constitution demands that we work without corruption, with transparency, accountability and proper use of public funds to serve citizens. Corruption undermines justice, hospitals, schools and roads. When corruption is present, good services disappear,” she said.

Pareno said public participation is a constitutional requirement in the development of policies and urged citizens to use the consultations to influence the proposed changes.

One of the proposals emerging from the consultations is that corruption cases should be concluded within six months to ensure suspects are either cleared or punished without prolonged delays.

The review is being undertaken alongside the Whistleblowers Bill and proposed amendments to the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act currently before Parliament.

The Whistleblowers Bill seeks to protect people who report corruption by safeguarding their identities and protecting them from victimization.

“All these instruments, the National Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy review, the Whistleblowers Bill and the amendments to the Anti-Corruption Act are moving together to strengthen the fight against corruption,” Pareno said.

The revised policy is expected to strengthen measures for preventing, detecting and combating corruption while promoting integrity and accountability in public institutions.



PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OF CAPITAL MARKETS REGULATIONS

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

In this regard, the Authority has reviewed the following instruments,

- a) The Capital Markets (Real Estate Investment Trusts) (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2013.
- b) The code of corporate governance practices for issuers of securities to the public 2015

The drafts are available on the Authority’s website www.cma.or.ke, under Regulatory Framework, in a bid to gather stakeholder feedback on market needs and address new and emerging issues.

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

Kindly submit your comments by **13 November 2026** to:

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





TENDER ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

The Kenya Airports Authority PLC invites sealed tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders:

Reference Number	Tender Description	PRE-BID MEETING/ SITE VISIT	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
KAA/OT/SEC/0009/2026-2027	Provision of Security Guarding Services for Kenya Airports Authority LOT 1: JKIA, North rift Region, Northern Region & Western Region LOT 2: Coast Region	N/A	22/10/2026 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/HR/HQ/0010/2026-2027	Frame Work for Supply and Delivery of Staff Uniforms for Kenya Airports Authority	There shall be a Pre-bid meeting on 15/10/2026 at 10:00 am at KAA HQ’s 2nd Floor	22/10/2026 at 11:00 am
KAA/EOI/HQ/0011/2026-2027	Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Provision of Consultancy Services for KAA PLC Business Transformation Strategy	N/A	22/10/2026 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/MBD/KIA/0012/2026-2027	Re-Tender for Development and Management of a Quick Grab and Go facility at Departure Gate 2 at Kisumu International Airport	There shall be a Pre-bid meeting on 15/10/2026 at 10:00 am at Kisumu International Airport	22/10/2026 at 11:00 am
KAA/OT/MBD/WAP/0013/2026-2027	Re-Tender for Development and Management of Advertisement Media at Wilson Airport	There shall be a Pre-bid meeting on 15/10/2026 at 10:00 am at Wilson International Airport	22/10/2026 at 11:00 am

Information on these tender notices and documents detailing the requirements, tendering procedures and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at <https://www.kaa.go.ke/corporate/procurement/> or <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal> or Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

Bidders are advised to note that bidding process for the tenders is through our online tender portal at <https://suppliers.kaa.go.ke/irj/portal>. For any information or clarifications, please contact us through our email, tenders@kaa.go.ke

Canvassing for the tender by the tenderer or by proxy shall lead to automatic disqualification of their tender.

MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO

Likoni Ferry terminal upgrade to ease congestion, boost safety

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The ongoing construction of the Likoni Ferry state-of-the-art passenger terminal is expected to ease congestion, enhance safety and modernize the channel.

Likoni Ferry serves more than 500,000 passengers and 6,000 vehicles every day.

The Likoni Ferry is fully managed and operated by the KPA, following the dissolution and absorption of the former Kenya Ferry Services (KFS).

The ongoing construction of the Likoni Ferry passenger terminal, a flagship infrastructure project by Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), seeks to ensure Mombasa, Kwale and neighbouring northern regions of Tanzania reap maximum economic rewards from this marine service.

Passenger services are free, while vehicles (including tuktuks, motorcycles, and trucks) pay a toll.

A direct bridge or tunnel from Likoni to Mombasa



1. **INSET: KPA CEO Capt. William Ruto with Mombasa Governor Abdulswamad Nassir during an inspection tour of the ongoing construction of the Likoni ferry passenger terminal. A new ferry terminal is being developed to make daily travel more comfortable and convenient for passengers and motorists.**
2. **Vehicles embark on a marine vessel docked at the Likoni crossing channel by driving across a hinged metal ramp known as a roll-on/roll-off system directly onto the vessel's main deck, under the direction of on-board crew. The government has announced a Sh3 billion plan to introduce new marine vessels to boost efficiency at the channel.**

Island has also been proposed over the years but the high cost of building them has made these options unlikely.

The Likoni Ferry channel is a vital 500-meter maritime crossing that connects Mombasa Island to the southern mainland suburb of Likoni, serving as the main highway route onward to Diani Beach in Kwale County and the Tanzania border.

The ferries that ply the channel on a 24-hour basis play an important role in supporting fishing, trade, tourism, and local economic activities serving as a lifeline for communities that depend on the Mombasa island and South Coast for their livelihoods.

During an inspection tour KPA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Capt. William Ruto said that the multimillion shillings ferry project is aimed at easing congestion of people and vehicles to ensure a better experience for thousands of commuters who rely on the ferry.

He said the new ferry terminal project aligns with the national government's vision to improve regional maritime connectivity, positioning the port of Mombasa as a logistics hub in the region.

Capt. Ruto said the

new terminal is part of a broader Traffic Circulation Management Plan being implemented by KPA to enhance safe passage of people and motor vehicles using the ferries daily.

He said the primary objective of Likoni ferry infrastructure upgrade is to provide safe, efficient, and reliable water transportation services for commuting residents and visitors alike.

He said beyond the passengers, the project also creates an opportunity that allows traders to operate in an organized commercial space.

Capt. Ruto emphasized that the design rests on five pillars of connectivity-spatial, functional, environmental, social, and cultural-ensuring the ferry space will be not only efficient but also inclusive and dignified.

"These changes are designed to transform the crossing experience from today's crowded struggle into a safer, faster, and more dignified daily journey," he said.

Ruto said the scope of works includes the reconstruction of passenger holding bays and the widening of landing ramps to ease the constant pressure of vehicles moving in and out of the marine vessels.



PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMENCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND GRADING EXERCISE IN NAIROBI, SOUTH RIFT (NAKURU AND BARINGO), AND CENTRAL/MOUNT KENYA REGIONS

Tourism Regulatory Authority (TRA), pursuant to regulation 8(1) of the Tourism (Tourism Enterprises) Regulations, 2026, wishes to inform all owners, directors, general managers, operations managers of pre-qualified accommodation and catering enterprises (Gold and Silver Awardees) and the general public that the National Classification Exercise will be conducted in Nairobi and Kiambu Counties, South Rift (Nakuru and Baringo Counties), Central/Mount Kenya Counties from 26th October, 2026 to 15th February, 2027 as specified below:

S/ NO	REGION/COUNTY	START DATES	END DATES
1	Nairobi and Kiambu Counties	26th October, 2026	04th December, 2026
2	Nakuru and Baringo Counties	06th December, 2026	18th December, 2026
3	Central /Mt. Kenya counties	11th January, 2027	15th February, 2027

The National Classification Exercise is implemented by the Tourism Regulatory Authority, pursuant to the Tourism Act, Cap. 381 of the Laws of Kenya and the East African Community (EAC) Classification System. The exercise involves the assessment, classification, and grading of accommodation and catering establishments against the EAC approved quality standards criteria. The objective is to enhance service quality, strengthen the competitiveness of Kenya's hospitality sector, and promote consumer confidence by ensuring consistency, professionalism, and adherence to recognized regional and international standards.

Tourism enterprise managers are therefore requested to complete and submit the online pre-qualification form before the commencement of the classification exercise. Guidelines are available via the TRA Classification link: <https://tinyurl.com/4srcxj2s>. For assistance, contact TRA on +254 111 161 200, email classificationssupport@tra.go.ke, or join the support sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via <https://meet.zoho.com/nhuq-arl-ykt>.

The Authority appreciates your continued support and commitment to enhancing service quality and strengthening Kenya's competitiveness as a tourism destination.

Norbert Talam
DIRECTOR GENERAL



UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA

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OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

University of Kabianga (UOK) invites electronic tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders;

No.	Tender Number/Description	Tender ID	Eligibility	Closing Date
1	UOK/853/0117/2026-27 Proposed Completion of University Library Phase 1 - Builders Work.	30705	Open Tender	Tuesday 27th October, 2026 at 11.00am
2	UOK/853/0118/2026-27 Proposed Completion of University Library Phase 1 - Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Sanitary Fittings, Plumbing and Drainage, Fire Protection installation Works.	30706	Open Tender	Tuesday 27th October, 2026 at 11.00am

Tendering will be conducted under open national competitive method using a standardized tender document.

All interested bidders are required to register on the electronic government procurement system at ([egpkenya URL://egpkenya.go.ke](http://egpkenya.go.ke)) to be able to access the tenders.

Completed tenders shall be submitted through the e-GP system as per the requirements contained in the tender document.

Bidders who may experience challenges in accessing and uploading tenders on e-GP platform should contact the e-GP Help Desk at the National Treasury, Harambee Avenue for assistance.

The Vice Chancellor
University of Kabianga
P.O. BOX 2030-20200, Kericho

Identity card, voter registration drive launched in Busia

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND
RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

Economic Planning Principal Secretary Dr Bonface Makokha has launched a national identity card (ID) and voter registration drive in Busia County to bring essential registration services closer to residents.

The initiative will see officers from the National Registration Bureau (NRB) equipped with live-capture machines move to local areas to register eligible residents who have faced challenges accessing ID services because of distance.

Speaking during the launch at the Nambale Deputy County Commissioner's grounds, Dr Makokha said the exercise was informed by a survey that identified distance as a major barrier to ID registration.

"Our survey identified that many people lack IDs due to the distance they have to travel to access the services. That is why we resolved to bring the registration exercise closer to the



Economic planning PS Dr. Bonface Makokha inspecting the ID registration process at Nambale DCC ground. The PS has launched the ID registration drive to ensure more people in the local area access the services.

people," he said.

The PS said 22,000 IDs for Busia residents were under production, with 8,500 already printed and dispatched.

"From next week, everyone who has applied for an ID will start receiving the document," he said.

The exercise will also facilitate voter registration, with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) setting up a registration desk at the launch venue to enable residents receiving their IDs to register as voters.

Makokha said lack of identifi-

cation documents had prevented some residents from accessing essential government services, underscoring the need to decentralise registration.

He also called for increased public sensitisation on government programmes, saying National Government Administrative Officers and religious leaders had been trained to educate communities on available services and encourage participation in government initiatives.

On allegations that ID and voter registration services were being extended to non-residents, Makokha urged anyone with evidence to report the matter to security agencies for investigation.

"ID registration is done through a constitutional process. If there are facts supporting these allegations, let them be presented for action to be taken. There is a lot of verification involved in obtaining an ID, including the presentation of original documents," he said.

Nambale Deputy County Commissioner Veronica Naliaka urged residents aged 18 and above to obtain IDs and register as voters, saying the documents were essential for accessing government services and participating in civic activities.

Naliaka expressed concern over young people who had attained the age of 18 but had not acquired national identity cards, urging them to take advantage of the registration drive.

Nambale Sub-County IEBC Officer Elizabeth Barasa said the number of registered voters in the area had risen from 50,000 during the last General Election to 57,000 by the end of September.

"Our officers are in the field, and our target is to go beyond 60,000 voters by the end of this registration exercise," she said.

Barasa added that 16 polling centres had been established to bring voting services closer to residents. She urged voters whose polling stations were far from their homes to visit IEBC offices for assistance with transfers.



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION
AND IRRIGATION

CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER
WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



INVITATION TO TENDER

The Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWDA) invites sealed tenders for the following project:

Tender No	Project Name	Project Scope	County	Eligibility	Bid Security amount (Kes)	Date of Closing and opening
CRVWDA/BAR/ KENEWA DAM/ WSP/5/2026-2027	KENEWA DAM WATER SUPPLY PROJECT	Construction of Dam Gravity Mains Treatment Works Pumping System and Solarization Storage and Distribution	Baringo	Open	3,000,000	10th November 2026

Pre-Bid Conference.

A pre-bid site meeting shall be held on the following dates:

Project	Date of Site Meeting	Assembling point	Time
KENEWA DAM WATER SUPPLY PROJECT	21st October 2026	Chief's Office Torongo Location- Torongo Centre	10:00 a.m

Obtaining bidding documents

Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the www.crvwwda.go.ke or at PPIP portal www.tenders.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to procurement@crvwwda.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

Submission

Complete tender document marked the tender No. must be delivered to the tender box situated at the address below by the dates indicated above at **12:00 Noon**. Tenders must be accompanied by a tender security as stated above in form of a bank guarantee. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted. Late tenders will be rejected.

The bids will be opened at **12:05** hours local time on stated dates in the presence of the bidders who choose to attend, bidders' representatives who chose to attend must submit written authorization from the firms they are representing.

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer
Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency
Maji Plaza, Prisons Road
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA





INTEGRATED MECHANISMS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND
SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION (IMPRESSED) PROJECT
EDUCATION SECTOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS)

Financing Agreement reference:

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CONSULTANCY FIRM SERVICES FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT
IN 12 ASAL COUNTIES IN KENYA

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund, through the African Development Bank Group, toward the cost of the Integrated Mechanisms for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Education (IMPRESSED) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy Firm Services for Skills Development and Employment. The Project has been screened under the African Development Bank's Climate Safeguards System (CSS) and classified as Category 2 (moderate climate vulnerability).

The services cover a county-level labour-market and job-readiness analysis; identification, verification and enrolment of 3,000 youth in RPL/CBET courses under school-fee sponsorships paid directly to the institutions by NACONEK (from ADF funds) or by the ADF; mentorship, internship and attachment for 3,000 youth; entrepreneurship training for 2,000 youth; a job-matching e-platform and job fairs; and two tracer studies. The assignment will run for 22 months across the twelve target counties. Further details are provided in the Terms of Reference.

The assignment shall be implemented in compliance with applicable Government of Kenya and African Development Bank environmental, social, climate, occupational health and safety, safeguarding and gender requirements.

The National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK), the Executing Agency for the IMPRESSED Project, now invites eligible consulting firms or agencies to indicate their interest in providing these services. This Request for Expressions of Interest is being conducted through national competition and is open to eligible consulting firms established and registered in Kenya.

Interested consultancy firm must provide information demonstrating their qualifications, including a firm profile, legal and tax status, descriptions of similar assignments and experience in comparable conditions, availability and qualifications of appropriate key staff.

Consultants may associate in a joint venture or sub-consultancy arrangement to enhance their qualifications, provided each member's responsibilities are clearly stated.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations", dated October 2015, available on the Bank's website at www.afdb.org. The Terms of Reference (ToR) may be downloaded from www.naconek.ke.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below or by email at procurement@naconek.go.ke during office hours from **0800 to 1700 hours, Monday to Friday, excluding the lunch hour from 1300 to 1400 hours** and public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be prepared in English and delivered to the address below, in person, by mail, or electronically by email to procurement@naconek.go.ke, on or before **October 27, 2026 at 0900 hours East African Time (EAT)**. The envelope or email subject line must clearly mention:

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Three months anti-GBV drive launched in Western

BY MELECHEZEDECK EJAKAIT AND SHILLA NICOLLE AKINYI (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to recover illegal firearms and disrupt criminal networks in Samburu and Isiolo counties as part of measures to restore lasting peace and security in the region.

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen said security agencies had been directed to intensify operations to identify and recover illegal guns and ammunition and pursue individuals and networks involved in their acquisition, movement and use.

“The security operation would target both individuals possessing illegal firearms and those facilitating criminal activities through the supply of weapons and ammunition,” Murkomen said.

He spoke during a fundraiser in aid of the Nandi

Hills Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) branch, where leaders and teachers raised funds for the construction of an office block and purchase of a bus.

Murkomen said the proliferation of illegal firearms has continued to undermine peace and development in the two counties, adding that the Government’s priority is to create a secure environment where residents could engage in economic activities without fear of armed attacks.

He urged communities to cooperate with security agencies by providing information on illegal firearms and individuals involved in banditry, saying public participation is critical to tackling insecurity.

The CS also warned individuals involved in buying stolen livestock that they will be prosecuted, noting that the market for stolen animals continues to fuel cattle rustling and banditry.

“The Government will

pursue the entire chain supporting criminal activities, including those facilitating the movement and sale of stolen livestock,” he said.

Murkomen called for professionalism during security operations to safeguard innocent civilians and their property.

He said the Government would strengthen security infrastructure and deploy adequate personnel to areas affected by banditry to improve surveillance and response to emerging threats.

He noted that restoring peace in Samburu and Isiolo is critical to the region’s economic development, as insecurity has disrupted livestock keeping, trade, education and other social activities.

Murkomen said insecurity in parts of northern Kenya should not be allowed to undermine gains made in infrastructure, education, health and economic development.

He reiterated that secu-



Principal Secretary, State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, Anne Wang'ombe addresses stakeholders at a hotel in Kakamega town during the launch of a three-month Rapid Result Initiative (RRI) to curb an upsurge in gender-based violence and femicide cases in Western region.

rity operations would continue in Samburu and Isiolo until illegal weapons are removed from circulation and normalcy restored, urging residents to reject banditry and embrace peaceful coexistence.

Meanwhile, KNUT National Secretary General Collins Oyu said the union would continue investing in infrastructure to improve services to teachers at the grassroots.

Oyu said the proposed

Nandi Hills KNUT office block would provide a permanent and conducive working environment for union officials while making it easier for teachers to access union services.

He said the purchase of a bus would strengthen the branch’s capacity to facilitate union activities, including transportation of teachers to meetings, training programmes and other engagements.

“The purchase of a bus

would also strengthen the branch’s capacity to undertake union activities, including transportation of teachers during meetings, training programmes and other engagements,” he said.

Oyu called on teachers and other stakeholders to support the projects, saying strong branch structures are essential for addressing teachers’ concerns and strengthening their connection with the union.

Wildlife Trust Fund seeks to boost conservation efforts

BY IAN CHEPKUTO (KNA)

The Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund (WCTF) is seeking to unlock new sources of funding and forge stronger partnerships with government, the private sector, conservation organizations, and communities as it develops its inaugural five-year strategy to bridge Kenya’s wildlife conservation financing gap.

This comes against the backdrop of an estimated Sh20 billion annual funding requirement for wildlife conservation, compared with about Sh8 billion currently available, highlighted by the stakeholders, leaving a financing shortfall of approximately Sh12 billion.

They said the plan will enable the WCTF to mobilize additional resources, while establishing clear priorities for investing the funds to deliver measurable conservation outcomes.

“The need is around Sh20 billion for conservation. However, we are just about able to raise around Sh8 billion. This leaves us with a deficit of around Sh12 billion,” stakeholders said during a panel discussion.

Speaking during a regional stakeholder engagement in Nairobi, Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) Director and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Patrick Omondi said the development of the WCTF 2025–2030 Strategic Plan is a critical step towards mobilizing and channe-

ling resources to priority conservation programmes.

“The meeting is helping us to identify who, apart from government, can put money into their trust fund,” Dr. Omondi said.

WCTF is designed as a resource-mobilization and conservation-financing institution, with its mandate expected to support conservation interventions across national parks, national reserves, sanctuaries, conservancies, and communities living with wildlife.

Dr. Omondi said priority areas include conservation and management of protected areas and community conservancies, species restoration, wildlife research and training, and programmes that improve community livelihoods.

He highlighted the need to support recovery programmes for some of the most endangered and endemic wildlife species, including the hirola, Grevy’s zebra, eastern bongo, and the sable antelope found in the Shimba Hills ecosystem.

“These are species that are critically endangered in the country, and we have recovery plans. This trust fund will help us implement those recovery plans,” he said.

The WRTI Chief Executive Office also called on WCTF to engage policymakers and Parliament, responsible for tourism and wildlife, as well as senior government officials involved in public finance and budget allocation.

He said stronger government involvement is important to mobilize resources to conserve natural animals, which supports the tourism sector and provides livelihoods for communities.

Dr. Omondi further urged the Fund to invest in public awareness and visibility, saying many Kenyans remain unfamiliar with the purpose and potential role of the new financing mechanism.

He said greater awareness among the public, private sector, and conservation partners could help attract additional investment into wildlife conservation.

According to WCTF, the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan will be informed by the priorities of communities, conservancies, government agencies, conservation partners, research institutions, and the private sector.

They are seeking views on issues including human-wildlife conflict, habitat and wildlife-corridor pressures, access to conservation financing, community livelihoods, and participation in conservation decisions.

Dr. Omondi said WRTI is also prioritizing the development of a national Red List that will profile critical and endemic species and help guide implementation of species recovery plans.

He cited the proposed development of a wildlife overpass along the Magadi–Namanga road as an example of a potential flagship project that could benefit from additional conservation financing.

The proposed infrastructure would provide a safe crossing for wildlife moving between the Nairobi National Park ecosystem and the wider Kitengela–Athi–Kapiti landscape, helping maintain connectivity and genetic exchange.

“The designs are there. If they are able to mobilize and have it actualized for the overpass for wildlife, that’s a success,” Dr. Omondi said.

He encouraged the Fund to work with the Kenya Wildlife Service and other conservation institutions to identify priority flagship projects that could be presented to potential donors and partners.

The wildlife expert said stakeholders should begin seeing tangible outcomes from supported programmes during the implementation period.

He said the Fund could provide an important financing mechanism for strengthening wildlife protection, conservation, research, and community livelihood programmes, while complementing existing financing mechanisms in other environmental sectors.

He called for a comprehensive mapping of existing funding to establish where resources are coming from, where they are being spent, and which conservation priorities remain underfunded.

“We need to understand better the governance structure and

exactly what is the status before we ask where the money comes from,” he said.

Dr. Omondi also urged the conservation sector to engage the private sector more directly, including corporate foundations and financial institutions, arguing that potential contributors need to understand the specific conservation outcomes their support would finance.

Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund, Caroline Tullo, urged stakeholders to remain actively engaged as the strategic plan is being developed, saying the success of the Fund will ultimately depend on partnerships, sustainable financing, and clear conservation priorities.

She said a strong investment in both conservation activities and Kenya’s wildlife assets would be necessary to ensure that communities and the wider economy benefit from the wildlife sector.

The consultations are expected to help determine the Fund’s priority areas, financing mechanisms, and approaches to ensuring that resources raised deliver measurable conservation and community benefits.

The stakeholders said closing the financing gap will require Kenya to combine domestic public financing with private investment, philanthropic support, innovative financial instruments, and broader citizen participation in wildlife conservation.

Nairobi named among Africa's five cities to watch

BY EMICHAEL OMONDI
AND NANCY OMONDI
(KNA)

Nairobi has been named among five African cities to watch in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026.

The report indicates significant growth in industrial output, financial services and employment over the next 25 years.

The Kenyan capital joins Accra, Cairo, Dakar and Luanda in the report, which projects that the five cities will collectively account for one-third of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth generated by African cities assessed in the index over the period.

Notably, Nairobi ranks 327th overall among 1,000 cities globally but is placed 26th in human capital, reflecting its potential in talent development, innovation, and economic productivity.

Critiquing the report, the Nairobi International Financial Centre (NIFC) said the findings underscore the need to mobilise investment to support the city's expanding economy and translate its growth potential into employment opportunities and sustainable development.

According to the report, Nairobi serves as East Africa's commercial hub and a gateway to markets within the East African Commu-

nity (EAC), supported by its financial services sector, technology talent, and digital infrastructure.

More than three-quarters of Kenya's financial activity is concentrated in Nairobi, while its growing fintech sector and innovation ecosystem have strengthened its reputation as a regional financial and technology centre, commonly referred to as the 'Silicon Savannah'.

Further, Oxford Economics projects that information technology will record average annual growth of 5.5 per cent over the next 25 years, while the finance sector is expected to grow by 4.1 per cent annually.

The city's industrial sector is also projected to expand significantly, with industrial output expected to exceed 38 billion US dollars by 2050, representing annual real growth of 4.4 per cent.

This expansion could generate approximately 700,000 additional industrial jobs, placing Nairobi among the cities expected to record substantial industrial employment growth in the assessment.

The report further projects that Nairobi's population will reach 12 million by 2050, increasing demand for housing, infrastructure, consumer services, and investment.

Consequently, improved transport and logistics networks are expected to



1. INSET: Nairobi International Financial Centre (NIFC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Mainda. (File Photo).
2. Giraffes as captured at the Nairobi National Park. Photo/Courtesy

support regional integration and strengthen the city's role in facilitating trade and business across East Africa.

The report also highlights the challenges associated with rapid urbanisation, noting the importance of institutional capacity in managing growth and sustaining economic development.

In his own remarks, NIFC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Mainda stated that the Centre was focused on attracting investment to support businesses, infrastructure development, and emerging economic sectors.

"Our ambition is to build Nairobi into Africa's Capital

of Capital, the place where global capital meets African opportunity, where funds are domiciled, businesses are scaled and the continent's future is financed," Mainda said.

He noted that Nairobi already had the talent, technological capacity and industrial momentum required for growth, adding that mobilising investment would be critical to translating this potential into jobs and lasting prosperity.

Equally, Mainda revealed that the Centre is prioritising the establishment and domiciliation of investment funds and sector-specific investment vehicles tar-

geting technology, artificial intelligence, and financial services.

"These initiatives are intended to broaden access to long-term growth capital for start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), supporting business expansion and innovation," explained the CEO.

In addition, he mentioned that NIFC is also working with relevant regulators to support the development of a responsible digital-assets and fintech ecosystem.

In sustainable finance, Mainda announced that the Centre is collaborating with the Capital Markets Author-

ity (CMA) and other stakeholders on carbon-market regulations and investment structures aimed at mobilising credible climate finance.

Additionally, he reported that NIFC intends to support the National Infrastructure Fund (NIF) by working with relevant institutions to structure and domicile investment vehicles for specific infrastructure projects.

The initiative, the CEO said, seeks to connect priority infrastructure developments with domestic and international institutional investors, complementing NIF's mandate and remaining subject to applicable regulatory approvals.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

Kenya plans to bring an additional 1.5 million acres of farmland under irrigation as part of efforts to reduce reliance on rain-fed agriculture, improve food security and strengthen resilience to increasing climate variability.

Principal Secretary for Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho said irrigation, water harvesting and affordable farm technology were key to ensuring farmers have predictable access to water and achieve consistent production throughout the year.

Speaking to KNA on the sidelines of the Agriculture Summit at the Jamhuri Park ASK Showground, Kimotho said the Government had developed a plan targeting both large-scale commercial farms and smallholder farmers.

He said only about 500,000 of the 8.9 million registered farmers currently benefit from irrigation, leaving millions dependent on increasingly unreliable rainfall.

Kimotho noted that irrigation had enabled farmers to achieve more consistent production and predictable yields, urging more farmers to adopt irrigation technologies.

"We want more farmers to come on board and start using irrigation as a way to address food deficiency and achieve food security,"

Kenya targets additional 1.5 million irrigated acres to boost food production



Principal Secretary for Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho speaks with Vice President Kithure Kindiki when the Vice President visited the Water and Irrigation booth at the Agriculture Summit.

Kimotho said.

Under the plan, 500,000 acres will be developed through large-scale commercial irrigation projects, including Galana-Kulalu, Gura, Isiolo and Lake Baringo.

The Government is also targeting smallholder farmers through community and public irrigation schemes while expanding water

harvesting in arid and semi-arid areas.

Kimotho said Kenya had added 114,000 acres to the area under irrigation over the past four years, contributing to an increase in agricultural production from 190,000 metric tonnes to 350,000 metric tonnes.

He added that the Government

was investing in large dams to secure water supplies for irrigation, with 18 major dams planned or under development.

"These investments are aimed at ensuring water harvesting so that we can drive the irrigation sector," he said.

The State Department is also promoting solar-powered irrigation through a programme designed to help individual farmers acquire solar pumps at subsidised prices and through affordable payment arrangements.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET) representative Dr. Bimal Kantaria said irrigation should be accompanied by increased adoption of affordable technologies and mechanisation to reduce production costs and improve yields.

Kantaria said many farmers still relied on manual labour despite the availability of relatively inexpensive technologies such as drip irrigation, pivots and small handheld machinery.

He said locally manufactured drip irrigation pipes had helped reduce the cost of irrigation, while handheld machines costing between Sh50,000 and Sh100,000 could offer affordable mechanisation options for small-scale farmers.

Kantaria proposed that cooperatives and self-help groups acquire tractors and operate them as businesses at ward level, allowing farmers to hire machinery instead of purchasing their own.

"Every farmer cannot afford a tractor. We understand that," he said, adding that banks were increasingly offering financing for farm machinery.

He said Kenya could also consider limited Government seed capital to support community-based mechanisation, with the private sector providing the bulk of financing.

Kantaria cited India, which purchases about one million tractors annually, compared with about 700 purchased by Kenya last year, as an indication of the scale of mechanisation required to transform agriculture.

"Mechanisation is the way forward for this country to reduce the cost of production and increase yields," he said.

The Agriculture Summit, which runs for three days, is focusing on agricultural transformation, climate resilience and technology.

RPL programme gives tourism workers formal skills recognition

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

Workers who acquired skills through experience rather than formal education are gaining professional recognition through a government programme that assesses and certifies their competencies.

The Tourism Fund's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) initiative targets workers in the tourism and hospitality industry who possess practical skills but lack formal certificates to demonstrate their competencies.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony for Cohort 27 of the RPL initiative at Michuki National Polytechnic, Dr Lawrence Guantai, Director of Trainer Management at the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), said the Government had developed and approved a policy to guide the assessment and certification of people who acquired skills outside formal training institutions.

He said certification places beneficiaries within the Kenya National Qualifications Framework, allowing them to progress from one qualification level to

another through further training and experience.

"Those who have qualified today have been placed at Level Three," Guantai said, adding that they could progressively advance to higher levels depending on their abilities and additional training.

At Michuki National Polytechnic, 159 workers in the hospitality and tourism sector received RPL certification, while 24 others were trained in content creation and 83 hotel owners and managers underwent management training, bringing the number of beneficiaries at the event to 266.

Tourism Fund Trustee Dorcas Mbalanya said the programme was addressing a gap where many Kenyans possess practical competencies but lack certificates to formally demonstrate their skills.

She cited mechanics working along Grogon Road in Nairobi as an example of people who may possess considerable practical skills despite lacking formal training.

Mbalanya said the Tourism Fund was supporting skills development through a revolving fund financed by the two per cent tourism levy collected from hotels, bars, restaurants and other catering



Dorcas Mbalanya, a Trustee of the Tourism Fund, issues a certificate to one of the graduands, Kenduiywo Kiprono Timothy, looking on is the chief principal, Michuki National Polytechnic, Anne Mbogo.

establishments.

"So far, we have done 9,388 people that we have upskilled," she said.

She added that there was no age limit for the programme because it targeted people who already possessed skills and needed formal recognition.

Michuki National Polytechnic Chief Principal Anne Mbogo said the institution assessed workers against occupational standards before identifying skills gaps and addressing them through short-term training.

The assessment comprises oral, written and practical components,

with practical demonstrations accounting for 90 per cent and theory 10 per cent.

"The emphasis is on skills and demonstration, considering that these are people who have been practising these competencies and gaining experience from the industry," Mbogo said.

She said trainees were also equipped with basic communication, record-keeping and technology skills to help them meet changing workplace requirements.

Mbogo noted that RPL was not limited to tourism and hospitality but could also be applied in fields

such as electrical work, motor vehicle repair, ICT, fashion design and building technology.

Chef Lina Wanjiru of Mima Gardens in Maragua Sub-County, one of the graduates, said the programme had enabled experienced workers to obtain formal certification while updating their skills to reflect changes in the hospitality industry.

She said some of the skills taught during the two-week programme had changed significantly since she trained in college in 2011.

The trainees underwent practical and theoretical lessons before being assessed and certified.

Government ramps up blue economy, fisheries investments to spur jobs and boost incomes

Infrastructure projects, grants and skills development programmes target growth across the fisheries value chain and coastal communities.

BY ANITA OMWENGA
(MYGOV)

The Government is intensifying investments in the blue economy and fisheries sector through infrastructure development, financing, skills training, research and regulatory reforms aimed at increasing production, creating jobs and improving livelihoods.

According to the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, the interventions are being implemented across the fisheries value chain, from production and landing to processing and marketing, to unlock the sector's economic potential.

Cabinet Secretary for Mining and Blue Economy Ali Hassan Joho said the initiatives are anchored in the National Blue Economy Strategy 2025-2030, which seeks to promote sustainable utilisation of marine and inland water resources while ensuring environmental protection

and shared economic prosperity.

"The interventions are anchored in the National Blue Economy Strategy 2025-2030, which promotes sustainable use of natural resources, shared prosperity, environmental safeguards and development of a skilled workforce," said Joho.

The Government has prioritised the construction of modern fish landing sites to improve fish handling, processing and access to markets. Along the Kenyan coast, four landing sites have been completed while five more are under construction. Around Lake Victoria, three sites have been completed and work is ongoing on nine others across the five lakeside counties.

Beyond fisheries, the facilities are expected to support complementary economic activities including hospitality, green energy, ecotourism and transport, creating

additional employment and business opportunities, particularly for women and young people.

Joho said the Government is also using the Kenya Marine Fisheries Socio-Economic Development (KEMFSED) project to strengthen livelihoods in coastal communities.

Through the programme, 1,263 community-led sub-projects have received grants worth Sh3.37 billion, benefiting 83,925 people in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, Tana River and Lamu counties.

The investments form part of broader efforts to transform the blue economy into a key driver of economic growth, food security and employment while enhancing the sustainable management of aquatic resources.

The Cabinet Secretary said the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) had

invested Sh40.5 million in grants supporting 188 groups and 7,000 beneficiaries in Vihiga, Nyeri and Migori counties.

The State Department has also trained 1,518 seaweed farmers, 80 per cent of them women, and 350 finfish and shellfish farmers in technologies, innovations and management practices to expand mariculture.

To increase participation in deep-sea fishing, the Government has trained 1,000 fishing crew members, including youth, in skills required for industrial fishing and utilisation of marine resources within Kenya's Exclusive Economic Zone and territorial waters.

The government has also strengthened monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities through collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the ECOFISH project, he said.

The initiative supported acquisition of two 12-metre patrol vessels and four Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) for surveillance in marine and inland waters.

According to the Cabinet

Secretary, the Government has simultaneously strengthened licensing and regulation of fishing vessels.

The number of licensed industrial and semi-industrial vessels rose from 24 in 2022/23 to 60 in 2025/26, a 150 per cent increase. Domestic vessels increased from 24 to 28, while 32 foreign vessels were licensed.

Research is also informing sustainable exploitation of marine resources. The Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), through surveys using RV Mtafiti and RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen, estimated Kenya's Indian Ocean marine biomass at 150,000-300,000 metric tonnes, valued at approximately Sh70 billion-Sh100 billion.

The surveys also produced geo-referenced maps of productive offshore areas to guide sustainable fishing and investment decisions. KMFRI has further compiled about 10,000 square kilometres of bathymetric data under the Seabed 2030 initiative in collaboration with the Nippon Foundation.

"Marine conservation efforts have included restoration of about three hectares of degraded

coral reefs at Kuruwitu in Kilifi and Kiunga and Pate in Lamu. Community members in Wasini have also been trained in reef and seagrass rehabilitation to support fish stocks and ecotourism," Principal Secretary for Blue Economy and Fisheries Betsy Njagi said.

She said the Government is also supporting blue-carbon initiatives, including the Mikoko Pamoja project in Gazi, which combines mangrove restoration with community carbon revenues estimated at Sh4 million to Sh5 million annually. The initiative has been replicated in Vanga and Lamu.

The PS said the interventions are aimed at linking production with processing, markets, technology, research and finance, while transforming fisheries from largely subsistence activities into commercially viable enterprises.

Njagi said continued investment in infrastructure, skills, research, conservation and value addition will strengthen the sector's contribution to employment, food security and income generation while promoting sustainable use of Kenya's aquatic resources.

Over 20,000 Lamu residents acquire title deeds

BY AMENYA OCHIENG (KNA)

At least 20,283 residents of Lamu West and Lamu East Constituencies have received title deeds, ending a long journey from landlessness to land ownership. The documents were issued at a ceremony in Mokowe officiated by President William Ruto, in an exercise that is part of the national government’s plan to issue 500,000 land ownership documents across the Coast region. This is in a bid to resolve squatter problems and other land challenges that have affected communities there for decades. Under the National Land Titling Programme, the President has already

issued 31,318 title deeds in Taita Taveta County and 94,175 in Kwale County. In Kilifi County, 36,826 title deeds have been issued to residents of Kaloleni, Rabai, Ganze, Kilifi South and Malindi constituencies. The programme forms part of the Ruto administration’s wider effort to resolve historical and administrative land injustices in the Coast region, where disputes and uncertainty over ownership have long been a concern. Speaking at the event, Lamu East MP Captain Ruweida Obo welcomed the move, saying it advances equitable land ownership across all ethnic communities in the country. She said securing ancestral land through



Lamu East MP Captain Ruweida Obo confers with a Lamu land owner who secured a title deed during the Mokowe land titling ceremony officiated by President William Ruto, as part of the National programme to provide titles for squatters for landless Kenyans. Photo by Amenya Ochieng.

title deeds would improve the livelihoods of many Lamu landowners, who have been unable to access financial services because they lacked titles. The MP urged beneficiaries to use the documents to improve their livelihoods and tap into financial opportunities. Capt. Obo also commended the national government for bringing the Dangote Oil Refinery to Lamu, describing it as a game changer for youth seeking formal jobs in the industrial sector. She asked the government to ensure that Lamu youth are given employment opportunities at the facility, saying this would uplift indigenous communities in the county.

Turkana assesses Turkwel Dam ahead of proposed rehabilitation

BY PETER GITONGA (KNA)

The Turkana County Government and the National Programme Coordinating Unit (NPCU) are assessing Turkwel Dam to determine the rehabilitation works required to restore its functionality and support irrigation farming. The assessment, conducted in Turkwel Ward under the Kenya Devolution Support Programme II (KDSP II), will establish the dam’s current condition, identify environmental and social risks, and guide decisions on the proposed Level 2 project. Chief Officer for Administration and Disaster Management Marian Lotieng said the exercise would help identify challenges affecting the dam and establish the interventions needed before rehabilitation begins. “This assessment gives us an opportunity to understand the current status of Turkwel Dam, identify the challenges affecting its functionality, and put in place the necessary measures to ensure that the proposed rehabilitation is properly planned and implemented,” she said. County KDSP II Programme Coordinator Gabriel Lodoso said the findings would provide



Turkana County government and national program coordinating unit during an assessment tour of Turkwel dam.

a baseline for planning and help determine the requirements for the proposed works. The NPCU team, comprising Muthoni Kang’ara and Peris Nyawira, said the exercise would also verify information in the county’s investment plans and establish the project’s readiness for further consideration. “The findings will help inform the next steps, including the necessary safeguards and technical requirements,” Kang’ara said. Turkwel Village Unit Administrator Eleman David said the dam previously supported three irrigation schemes—Tisa, Napool and Nanye—enabling local communities to engage in farming. However, the dam’s current condition and inadequate water supply have disrupted irrigation activities, affecting farmers who depend on the facility for production. Once rehabilitated and fully operational, the dam is expected to benefit approximately 450 farmers in Tisa, 350 in Napool and 800 in Nanye irrigation schemes. Tisa Irrigation Scheme Chairperson Francis Esibitar called for timely intervention, warning that the dam’s condition could expose surrounding communities, livestock and farms to risks during the anticipated El Niño rains. “We are currently living in fear of El Niño. We believe that if there will be floods, people, animals and farms will be affected because the dam has not yet been rehabilitated and may not

hold water as required,” he said. Esibitar also raised concerns over the spread of invasive Prosopis juliflora, locally known as Etirae or Mathenge, around the dam and urged authorities to address the challenges before the rains. The baseline assessment forms part of the ongoing review of county investment plans under KDSP II. Its findings will inform further NPCU review, project design, environmental and social safeguards, and decisions on implementation. Environmental Safeguards Focal Person Ekadeli Philemon, Loima Sub-County Administrator Jackson Imana and representatives of the three irrigation schemes also participated in the exercise.



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Kenya’s pension sector lauded for regional investments

The Mombasa conference positions Kenya at the centre of discussions on mobilising pension capital for infrastructure, housing and long-term economic growth across the continent

BY TIMOTHY MACHI (PCO)

Kenya is positioning its pension sector as a regional hub for mobilising long-term capital, with more than 500 pension and investment leaders from over 25 African countries expected in Mombasa for a major conference on retirement savings and investment. The second Public Service Superannuation Fund (PSSF) Pan-African Pensions Conference, scheduled for November 18-20, 2026, will bring together pension funds, regulators, policymakers and investment experts to examine how retirement savings can be channelled into infrastructure, housing and other productive investments while protecting contributors’ interests. For Kenya, the conference provides an opportunity to showcase reforms in its pension industry and promote the country as a centre for discussions on pension governance, investment diversification, financial inclusion and long-term capital mobilisation. The gathering comes as African pension funds manage an estimated US\$455 billion in assets, increasing pressure on the industry to develop investment frameworks that can unlock the potential of retirement savings to support economic development. PSSF Board Chairperson Amb.

Hussein Dado said Kenya and other African countries need effective frameworks to ensure pension capital was invested responsibly. “The next question is how we can create the right frameworks to deploy this capital responsibly, while protecting members’ retirement savings and supporting sustainable economic development,” he said. PSSF Chief Executive Officer Dr Jonah Aiyabei said the conference would focus on translating pension reforms into practical action. “The conversation must now move from what needs to change to how we make that change happen,” he said. The discussions are expected to examine opportunities for pension funds to participate in infrastructure development, affordable housing and other long-term investments that require stable sources of domestic financing. The conference also comes as Kenya seeks to deepen domestic capital mobilisation to support its development priorities. Pension funds, with their long-term investment horizons, are among the institutional investors that can provide patient capital for projects with long-term returns. Participants will also consider how Kenya and other African countries can expand pension coverage among workers in the informal sector.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RAILA AMOLO ODINGA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE ACADEMY AT KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

In a major boost to public sector governance, ethical leadership, and institutional transformation, the Kenya School of Government (KSG) will soon officially launch the **Raila Amolo Odinga Regional Leadership and Governance Academy** in honor of the late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. The launch ceremony will be officiated by **Canon (Dr.) Ida Odinga** as the **Chief Guest**, marking a historic milestone in honoring the legacy of visionary leadership and dedication to public service. The launch will represent a pivotal milestone in KSG's mandate to build a competent, values-based leadership which integrates results and fosters a culture of trust and transparency in the management of the public service. Conceived as a world-class center of excellence, the Academy will address the country's and the continent's most pressing issues including governance of public service at both national and devolved units, economic modeling, promotion of values and sustainable development.



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Prof Nura Mohamed, Ph.D., EBS-Director General, Kenya School of Government

As Kenya's premier public sector capacity development institution, the Kenya School of Government has led the design, conceptualization, and operationalization of the new Academy, integrating modern governance frameworks into public administration and strengthening institutional capacity for effective service delivery.

Key institutional contributions and envisaged strategic initiatives for the Academy include:

- 1. Regional Leadership and Governance Hub:** The Academy will position itself as a leading regional hub for public sector leadership, governance, and institutional transformation, serving Kenya and the wider African region. Building on KSG's national mandate, multi-campus presence, experienced faculty, and strategic partnerships, it will deliver executive leadership programmes, governance training, policy advisory, and institutional capacity-building solutions that respond to the evolving needs of governments and regional institutions.
- 2. State-of-the-Art Governance Lab:** The Academy is establishing a cutting-edge Leadership and Governance simulation environment, complemented by satellite facilities across KSG campuses. The lab will utilize AI-driven tools, gamification, and real-time stress testing to train public leaders on managing complex crisis scenarios, such as fiscal shocks, climate emergencies, cyber threats, and public unrest.
- 3. Public Sector Leadership Competency Framework:** In

- collaboration with the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Academy will roll out an internationally benchmarked competency framework aligned with Article 232 of the Constitution and the national development transformation agenda. This framework introduces Leadership psychometric Assessment, Emotional Intelligence Assessment, situational judgment assessments, and structured talent mapping to standardize recruitment, promotion, and succession planning across government.
- 4. Policy and Strategic Foresight Hub:** The Academy will host specialized units dedicated to strategic foresight, horizon scanning, and scenario planning (e.g., "Kenya in 2060" scenarios). These units will deliver quarterly reports and evidence-based policy recommendations directly to the Cabinet, Parliament, the Judiciary, and County Governments.
 - 5. Productivity Hub:** A dedicated analytical unit will be established to collect, collate, and disseminate public sector productivity data, culminating in quarterly

- productivity reports submitted to the Office of the Head of Public Service to guide critical decision-making.
- 6. Grassroots and Community Engagement (KSG Mashinani):** Expanding learning beyond formal classrooms, the Academy will introduce the "Under-the-Tree Series Leadership Program"—a mobile learning model designed to deliver civic education, climate resilience strategies, and leadership development directly to local communities.
 - 7. Public Service Mental Health and Wellness Program:** Recognizing the impact of occupational stress on decision-making, the Academy will deploy standardized baseline diagnostic tools (PHQ-9, GAD-7), stress management workshops, and peer support networks to build psychological resilience across the public service workforce.
 - 8. AI Skilling and Digital Competency Development:** The Academy will establish comprehensive AI skilling and digital competency development programmes to equip public officers with the knowledge, skills, and practical

capabilities required to operate effectively in an increasingly digital and technology-driven public sector. The initiative will focus on responsible AI adoption, digital leadership, data literacy, cybersecurity awareness, digital service delivery, and the use of emerging technologies to improve efficiency, accountability, and citizen experience.

In addition to its executive education and research hubs, the Academy is home to **Raila Odinga Knowledge Management Hub & e-Museum**, alongside the **Raila Odinga Library and Public Service Museum of Kenya**. This digital repository and public encyclopedia will archive historical public service policies, administrative circulars, and transformative political philosophies to serve as a reference point for emerging leaders across Africa.

Through monthly Public and Private Sector Leadership Engagement Series, annual *"The Kenya We Want"* symposia, and quarterly engagements with retired senior public officials, the Kenya School of Government is positioning the Academy as a premier continental think-tank.



Collaborations and Partnerships

The establishment of the Academy has been made possible through the generous support of Dr. Manu Chandaria, Chairman of the Chandaria Foundation. In recognition of this valued partnership, a dedicated wing within

the Academy houses the Foundation and an Innovation Hub designed to empower young people through innovation, creativity, and youth-focused initiatives.

The Academy will collaborate with like-minded institutions regionally and

internationally to facilitate public service transformation through strategic partnerships, knowledge exchange, capacity development, and innovation, including but not limited to:

- 1. Collaborative Research and Policy Advisory:** Undertaking joint research and provide evidence-based policy recommendations to address public sector challenges and inform decision-making.
- 2. Staff and Leadership Exchanges:** Facilitating exchange programmes to promote knowledge sharing, professional development, and exposure to best practices.
- 3. Digital Learning:** Developing and delivering online and blended learning programmes to expand access to capacity development opportunities.

- 4. Institutional Benchmarking:** Comparing institutional practices, performance, and service delivery approaches to identify and adopt best practices.
- 5. Joint Conferences:** Organizing collaborative conferences, seminars, and forums to facilitate knowledge exchange, networking, and policy dialogue.
- 6. Resource Mobilization:** Jointly identifying and mobilizing financial, technical, and human resources to support capacity development initiatives.
- 7. Regional Integration:** Promoting collaboration among regional institutions to strengthen cooperation, harmonize practices, and support regional public service development.
- 8. Curriculum Development:** Collaboratively designing and review-

ing training curricula to address emerging public sector needs and align programmes with regional and international standards.

- 9. Monitoring and Evaluation of Capacity-Development Initiatives:** Establishing mechanisms to assess programme effectiveness, measure outcomes, and inform continuous improvement.

Realization of the Academy's stated objectives is expected to strengthen leadership development and governance in Kenya and across Africa. Following its official launch, the Raila Amolo Odinga Regional Leadership and Governance Academy is poised to equip current and future public officers with the skills, values, and resilience needed to drive sustainable development, uphold institutional integrity, and shape a transformative public service for generations to come.

State strengthens anti-doping fight ahead of AFCON, World Championships

Government strengthens testing, education and enforcement systems to safeguard integrity of sport as Kenya prepares to host major international championships

BY ANITA OMWENGA (MYGOV)

Kenya is stepping up anti-doping reforms ahead of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) and the 2029 World Athletics Championships, with the Government seeking to strengthen testing, investigations and enforcement.

Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Salim Mvurya said the Government would continue enhancing the capacity of the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK), expanding testing and education programmes and deepening collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Speaking after a recent visit to Nairobi by WADA President Witold Bańka, Mvurya said Kenya's growing stature in international sport must be matched by strong safeguards that protect athletes and the credibility of competitions.

"Sportsmen and women have to win with integrity and therefore



Cabinet Secretary Youth Affairs, Creative Economy & Sports Salim Mvurya (Right), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) President Witold Bańka (Left) during a media briefing in Nairobi.

we are promoting clean sports," Mvurya said.

The CS said the Government had been implementing a reform roadmap since 2025 to strengthen ADAK and ensure it has the capacity to meet its national and international obligations.

He said Kenya is also reviewing

its anti-doping policy and legislative framework ahead of the implementation of the new WADA Code in 2027.

"We are working with Parliament to ensure the new framework is fully domesticated and aligned with our laws," he said.

Mvurya said the Government

had adopted a multi-agency approach bringing together institutions responsible for intelligence gathering, investigations, enforcement and prevention.

He said the approach was increasingly important as investment in sport and financial rewards for athletes grow, potentially creating incentives for some competitors to seek unfair advantages.

WADA President Witold Bańka commended Kenya's progress but called for stronger action against individuals and criminal networks involved in manufacturing, trafficking and smuggling performance-enhancing substances.

Bańka said Kenya's reputation as a leading sporting nation and its hosting of major international competitions placed greater responsibility on the country to safeguard the integrity of sport.

"Kenya proudly calls itself the Home of Champions. But for that home to remain respected and credible, it must also be clean," Bańka said, calling for zero tolerance for doping and stronger measures to prevent its spread.

He said anti-doping authorities could not tackle the problem alone, particularly where organised networks were involved in the production and distribution of illegal steroids.

"We need strong support from law enforcement," Bańka said, urging closer cooperation between

anti-doping authorities and agencies with powers to investigate and prosecute offenders.

Director of WADA's Intelligence and Investigations Department Günter Younger said athletes were often the most vulnerable participants in the doping chain, prompting the agency to adopt a top-down approach targeting suppliers of performance-enhancing substances.

"The concept is quite easy. Just bring national anti-doping agency experts and law enforcement together to share intelligence and let them work out the synergies and the way how they can work with each other and help each other," he said.

Younger said the approach, first tested in Europe before being expanded to Asia and other regions, had contributed to about 250 operations globally and the seizure of more than 90 tonnes of performance-enhancing substances.

He said the operations had prevented more than 1.8 billion doses from reaching the market, describing the results as a significant achievement.

Younger said Kenya is now being brought into the initiative, with WADA providing technical expertise and supporting the country to strengthen cooperation between ADAK and law enforcement agencies.

Gov't targets 50 per cent local production of essential health products



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Aden Duale, during the sixth PharmaReg AfriSummit 2026 in Nairobi.

BY JUDY SHERI (PCO)

Kenya is accelerating local pharmaceutical manufacturing and strengthening regulation to secure a reliable supply of safe, effective and quality-assured health products for its people.

Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale said

the country's 2026-2030 Health Products and Technologies Local Manufacturing Strategy seeks to ensure that at least 50 per cent of essential health products are manufactured locally.

Officially opening the sixth PharmaReg AfriSummit 2026 in Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary said the strategy will reduce reli-

ance on imported products, strengthen health security and position Kenya as a competitive pharmaceutical manufacturing hub.

He said expanding access to healthcare under Taifa Care and the Social Health Authority must be supported by reliable health products manufactured locally or closer to the communities that

need them.

"True access to health products demands reliable, quality-assured products made at home or closer to home," Hon. Duale said.

The government is supporting local pharmaceutical manufacturers to expand their capacity, attract investment and strengthen the availability of essential medicines and other health technologies.

The Cabinet Secretary said Africa has the markets, technical expertise, human capital and growing manufacturing base required to take greater ownership of its healthcare future. Achieving this goal will require strong regulatory institutions capable of supporting innovation and investment while protecting patients.

Kenya is strengthening the Pharmacy and Poisons Board as the country advances towards attaining World Health Organization Maturity Level 3. The milestone will demonstrate that the national regulatory system performs consistently and meets internationally recognised standards.

The government has also rolled out the National Track and Trace System to strengthen oversight of the pharmaceutical supply chain. The digital system will improve the monitoring of health products and support efforts to prevent substandard and falsified products from reaching patients.

Duale called for regulatory authorities that are efficient, predictable and responsive while maintaining high standards of safety, quality and efficacy.

He noted that stronger regulation is essential for attracting technology transfer, supporting the development of more sophisticated health products and giving responsible manufacturers the confidence to invest in Africa.

Kenya also called for greater continental cooperation to create dependable markets for African-made health products. Sustainable local manufacturing, the Cabinet Secretary said, will depend on stronger collaboration among governments, regulators, procurement institutions, manufacturers and development partners.

Harmonised standards, regulatory reliance, coordinated procurement and improved regional market access can reduce duplication and enable quality-assured health products to reach patients more efficiently across national borders.

The African Medicines Agency provides an important framework for strengthening cooperation among national regulatory authorities and advancing a more aligned pharmaceutical market across the continent.

"Kenya's success is multiplied many times over when Africa succeeds together," Duale said.

The PharmaReg AfriSummit 2026 has convened more than 450 senior leaders from over 16 national regulatory authorities, notified bodies, regional and international organisations, development partners and the pharmaceutical industry.

The Summit provides a platform for stakeholders to agree on practical measures to strengthen regulation, expand local manufacturing and improve access to essential health products.

The Cabinet Secretary urged delegates to move beyond discussions and develop clear commitments that will deliver better access, higher-quality products and improved health outcomes for African patients.

"A partnership formed today can save lives across borders tomorrow. The future of African healthcare will be shaped by the decisions we make today," he said.

Present was the Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr Ouma Oluga; AfriSummit Chairperson Dr Mona Moussli; Haleon General Manager for Sub-Saharan Africa Himanshu Raj, Pharmacy and Poisons Board Chairperson Dr John Munyu, PPB Chief Executive Officer Dr Ahmed Mohamed, and Kenya Medical Supplies Authority Chief Executive Officer Dr Waqo Ejersa, among other delegates.

KSG launches eLITI to boost Public Service digital skills

New institute to lead digital and AI training as Government targets 100,000 public officers by 2027

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A
AND PAMELLA NYAGAH

The Kenya School of Government (KSG) has launched the eLearning and Information Technology Institute (eLITI) to strengthen digital and artificial intelligence (AI) skills across the public service.

The launch coincided with the graduation of 1,239 officers from the Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation in Government Programme and supports the Government's target of training 100,000 public officers by 2027.

Speaking at KSG's Lower Kabete Campus, KSG Council Chairman Charles

Nyachae said eLITI was a strategic investment in preparing public officers for an increasingly technology-driven workplace.

He said digital technologies, data and AI were influencing functions across government, including human resource management, finance, procurement, planning, records management, communication and service delivery.

"Digital capability is therefore no longer the preserve of ICT departments. It increasingly affects human resource management, finance, procurement, planning, records management, communication, every aspect of service

delivery and leadership," he said.

Nyachae stressed that technology adoption must be accompanied by responsible governance, accountability and protection of the public interest.

He noted that the institute will support key national programmes such as DigiKen on Artificial Intelligence for Digital Transformation, which is expected to train 20,000 officers and contribute significantly towards the wider target of equipping 100,000 public servants with digital skills by 2027.

KSG Director General Prof. Nura Mohamed said eLITI would serve as a centre of excellence



Kenya School of Government (KSG) Director General, Prof. Nura Mohamed speaking during the launch of the eLearning and Information Technology Institute (eLITI).

offering training, research, consultancy and advisory services to address skills gaps in government.

He noted that digital government, data governance, analytics and artificial intelligence are increasingly influencing decision-making, institutional management and service delivery throughout the public sector.

"Our approach is deliberately practical. We do not

want digital skills training to become a collection of isolated workshops. The Institute will respond to real institutional needs and result in capability that can be applied in the workplace," he said.

Principal Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui, whose speech was delivered by Elizabeth Birgen, said eLITI would strengthen the public sector's use of emerging technologies while promoting accountability, privacy, security and public trust.

He said the initiative complemented the Regional Centre of Competence for Digital and AI Skilling in the Public Service and other Government efforts to modernise public administration.

Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development Dr Jane Kere Imbunya, in a speech delivered by Dr Samwel Masese, said

technology adoption should ultimately translate into better services and improved experiences for citizens.

"When we invest in digital skills, therefore, we are not simply following a technology trend. We are strengthening the capacity of the Public Service to meet the standards expected of it," she said.

She added that technology should complement rather than replace public servants, enabling them to work more efficiently and deliver greater value to citizens.

Dr Imbunya urged Ministries, Departments, Agencies and county governments to develop institutional training plans and give officers opportunities to apply their knowledge to workplace challenges.

The launch was supported by UNESCO, the University of Oxford, development partners and various government agencies.

Public officers urged to treat citizens with empathy

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Public officers have been urged to treat citizens with empathy, listen to their concerns and take ownership of their problems to strengthen public trust in government.

Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development Geoffrey Ruku said every interaction between a citizen and a public officer can either build confidence in government or diminish it.

Speaking during the official opening of the National Customer Service Week 2026 at Uhuru Park, Nairobi, Ruku challenged public officers to serve citizens with the same care and attention they would give a close family member.

"When a Kenyan walks into an office with a question or a problem, what do they meet first? The government they voted for or the government they hear about?" he asked.

Ruku said officers should consider the circumstances of citizens seeking services, including those who travel long distances, spend money on transport and take time away from work to access government offices.

He said even brief interactions with public officers can have a lasting impact on citizens' perception of government.

Under the theme "Extra Mile: Transforming Public Service Through Customer Service Excellence", and the



Ms. Jane Kere Imbunya Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development (second right) when she visited the customer service week 2026.

tagline "Huduma Bora, Taifa Bora," Ruku said excellence must move beyond a slogan and become part of everyday service delivery.

He commended citizens for providing feedback that helps government institutions identify gaps and improve services.

Ruku said the principles of public service outlined in Article 232 of the Constitution, including responsiveness, prompt and effective service, impartiality, accountability and provision of accurate information, should guide officers in their daily work.

"Excellent customer service is not an extra favour to Kenyans. It is part of the standard that they are entitled to," he said.

Acknowledging challenges such as long queues and occasional system failures, the CS urged officers to maintain courtesy and pro-

fessionalism while seeking practical solutions.

He said effective service goes beyond a friendly smile to listening carefully, explaining procedures clearly, acting promptly and taking responsibility for resolving citizens' concerns.

Ruku further urged officers to "see the human being before the paperwork" by understanding the actual problem facing a citizen and helping resolve it within their mandate.

He cautioned officers against simply referring to citizens from one office to another without taking responsibility for helping them find solutions.

"To the officers who resolve difficult citizens' concerns patiently, your work in government is appreciated. Thank you for carrying the dignity of the public service every day," he said.

Ruku said every interaction with a citizen was an opportunity to build public confidence, urging officers to use the Customer Service Week as a starting point for a renewed commitment to serving Kenyans.

"Personalise customer service with empathy, excellence and a commitment to exceeding expectations, just as you would treat a close family member you love and care about," he said.

The 2026 National Customer Service Week, coordinated by the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, with the Kenya School of Government as the secretariat, provides a national platform for Ministries, Departments and Agencies to showcase reforms and innovations aimed at improving public services.

DP orders fresh inspection of alcohol manufacturers

BY WANGARI MWANGI
AND SAMUEL MAINA
(KNA)

Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki has ordered fresh inspections of all alcohol manufacturers across the country as the Government intensifies efforts to curb illicit brews and second-generation alcohol.

Speaking in Ihururu, Tetu Constituency, Nyeri County, Prof. Kindiki said the Government would seal loopholes in the alcohol sector and ensure manufacturers comply with health and quality standards.

He warned that manufacturers found operating outside the required standards would not be allowed to continue.

"We cannot allow our people to be affected by illicit alcohol. We will tighten this sector and seal all the loopholes. All alcohol manufacturers must be inspected afresh and those who do not meet the required health and quality standards will not be allowed to continue," he said.

The Deputy President linked the measures to concerns over alcohol and drug abuse among young people, calling on parents, churches and other community leaders to support those struggling with addiction.

"I want to ask parents,

the church and all adults to help us talk to our young people who are struggling with alcohol and drug problems. If we do not do that, we will lose a generation that we depend on to take over from us," he said.

Prof. Kindiki spoke after inspecting the progress of the Mau Mau Lot 3 road network in Tetu Constituency.

The roads, including Ihururu Junction-Kanjora-Dedan Kimathi University-Maigayuni and Ihururu Junction-Njoguini-Kahigaini, cover 133 kilometres, with 65 per cent of the works completed.

The Deputy President said the Government would push for speedy completion of the projects, noting that funds had been allocated to complete the roads within less than a year.

He said the roads would improve connectivity and facilitate the transportation of agricultural produce, including tea, coffee and milk, to markets.

"Tetu is one of the constituencies in this part of Mount Kenya with the highest number of kilometres of Mau Mau Roads. The roads will honour Dedan Kimathi more profoundly because of the role he played in the struggle for the liberation of our country," he said.

Kenya seeks to unlock leather sector's export and job potential

Stakeholders call for improved handling of hides and skins, modern slaughterhouse facilities and stronger county-level support to unlock growth in Kenya's leather industry.

BY GLORIA GICHERU
(PCO)

Kenya is seeking to unlock greater value from its leather industry by addressing quality, processing and technical capacity gaps that continue to limit earnings, exports and job creation despite abundant hides and skins.

Stakeholders at the Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit said Kenya has sufficient raw materials to support a competitive leather industry but remains constrained by weaknesses across the value chain, from livestock production and slaughter to tanning and manufacturing.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC), Jimmy Odhiambo, said the country produces approximately three million hides and 18 million skins annually, providing significant opportunities for local manufacturing and industrial growth.

Speaking during a session themed "Unlocking the Value Behind the Hide and the Skin," Odhiambo said the sector's priority should be improving the quality of raw materials and increasing value



Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC), Jimmy Odhiambo, addresses participants during the leather sector session at the Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit at Jamhuri Park, Nairobi.

addition to enable Kenya to produce high-value leather products for local and international markets.

He said leather quality is determined at every stage of the value chain, including livestock husbandry, disease control, slaughter, preservation, tanning and manufacturing.

"Poor handling at slaughterhouses can damage hides and skins before they reach tanneries, reducing their quality and suitability for processing," he said.

Odhiambo urged stakeholders to treat hides and skins as valuable industrial raw materials rather than livestock by-products, calling for stronger col-

laboration among farmers, county governments, slaughterhouses, tanneries and manufacturers.

Industrialisation Secretary Prof. Erastus Gatebe said strengthening the leather value chain was critical to advancing Kenya's industrialisation agenda and improving the competitiveness of locally manufactured products.

He challenged industry players to develop practical solutions to the sector's bottlenecks, noting that leather has significant potential to create jobs, drive innovation and increase export earnings.

During a panel discussion, participants identified fragmented supply chains,

was under review to align it with emerging industry needs and changing market conditions.

He said more than 20 counties lack dedicated leather development officers, limiting technical support and coordination at the grassroots.

Ngugi also highlighted animal traceability initiatives, including Anitrack, as important tools for monitoring livestock and strengthening traceability throughout the value chain.

Stakeholders cited poor slaughterhouse design, inadequate equipment and outdated livestock branding practices as some of

the factors causing defects that reduce the quality and market value of hides and skins.

They called for increased investment in modern slaughter and processing equipment, worker training, improved animal husbandry, disease control and better feeding practices to enhance the quality of hides and skins before they reach tanneries.

Participants said unlocking the sector's potential would require coordinated interventions across the value chain, stronger market linkages, improved production standards and greater investment in value addition locally.



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION INVITATION TO TENDER

PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites bids for the following tenders/Contracts.

CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows;

RFX No.	Contract name and Descriptions	Bid Security	Closing/Opening Date
1000001625	Supply and Delivery of Distribution Transformers -Local Manufacturers.	Required Amount is in the TDS	23.10.2026 @10.00am.

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document.
- Tenderers will be allowed to bid for one or more lots in each category.**
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday] at the address given below.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers, free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under October, 2026 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tenders must be accompanied by bank tender security of amount as specified in the TDS.
Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time indicated in the table above.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal; <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled **(Quick bidding reference)** can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-guide.pdf>. **Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.**
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under the specific tender documents.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.**
- The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

For hand Courier of Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (**Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road.**). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke.

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online only through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>

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- Physical address for hand Courier Delivery: South C, Office Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor; e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke and info@rerec.co.ke

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- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
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Dr. Rose N. Mkalama
Chief Executive Officer



**COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA**

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON THE SATELLITE FREQUENCY LICENSING FRAMEWORK

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

In furtherance of its responsibility to establish a responsive legal, regulatory, and licensing regime, and in its effort to effectively manage the frequency spectrum resource, the Authority has developed the Satellite Frequency Licensing Framework, 2026 to clarify the licensing and spectrum authorization approaches applicable to satellite services in Kenya.

The purpose of this consultation is to invite stakeholders to comment on whether the proposed requirements of the Framework are clear, proportionate, and address the emerging issues related to satellite services and to propose any additional elements to be incorporated into the Framework.

Members of the public and stakeholders in the ICT sector are invited to submit their comments on the framework using the template provided via frequencyreturns@ca.go.ke by **November 6th 2026**.

The consultation paper and submission format documents are available on the Authority's website at: <https://www.ca.go.ke/open-consultations>

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Lwala women turn brick making into lifeline for families

BY SITNA OMAR
(KNA)

Karachuonyo women are earning school fees, putting food on the table and gaining financial independence through a thriving brick-making enterprise despite weather and production challenges.

At first glance, the piles of bricks scattered across Lwala Nyakongo village appear to be little more than stacks of earth waiting to be sold.

But for a group of women in Central Karachuonyo Ward, Karachuonyo Constituency, the bricks represent food on the table, children in school and a measure of financial independence.

Every day, the women mould bricks from soil and water, leave them to dry under the sun and later burn them using firewood. Although physically demanding, the business has gradually transformed the livelihoods of the women and their families.

For Moreen Achieng Ouma, the decision to venture into brick making followed years of watching men dominate the business while women received little of the income.

"We formed the group as women to venture into brick making and selling after a lot of deliberations," says Ouma.



Lwala women arrange cooked bricks after the burning process.

She says men in their households previously made and sold bricks but brought home only a small portion of the proceeds.

"They would give us very little for food but kept the largest share for themselves," she says.

The women decided to take control of the enterprise, believing they would channel more of the income towards their families.

"We sat down and said it was better to venture into the business because a woman will always naturally prioritize her family when she gets money," Ouma says.

The decision has paid off. The women say earnings from brick making have enabled them to feed their families and pay school fees, with some managing to take their children to universities and colleges.

"We have made a lot of progress with the business. We are now able to educate our children. We have also taken some to university and colleges. We are happy that we can now feed our families," Ouma says.

Brick making, however, requires considerable labour and investment.

The women identify suitable soil, pay people to dig it and hire donkey carts to transport it to their worksite. A suitable quantity of soil costs between Sh1,000 and Sh2,000, depending on the amount purchased. Soil bought for about Sh1,000 can produce approximately 1,500 bricks, with each brick selling for about Sh9.

Water is then mixed with the soil to achieve the required consistency. Because the task is phys-

ically demanding, the group hires people to do the mixing before the women mould the bricks by hand.

The freshly moulded bricks are left to dry for several days before burning. The process requires large quantities of firewood, which the women either collect or buy and transport to the site.

"It is a challenge because at times we lack the money for that," Ouma says.

Weather is another major challenge. During the rainy season, brick making comes to a halt as rain can destroy uncured bricks and wet firewood makes burning difficult.

The women need heavy polythene sheets to protect freshly moulded bricks from rain, but many cannot afford sufficient material.

"The rain destroys the uncooked bricks if left uncovered," says Enock Onyango.

Production therefore peaks during the dry season when strong sunshine helps dry the bricks. When the rains begin, the women suspend brick making for about three to four months and turn to farming before returning to the business when the weather improves.

For Winny Akoth, who moved to Lwala from Central Karachuonyo about 10 years ago, limited returns from farming motivated her to join

the enterprise.

"When I came to Lwala, the people here were farmers though they did not make a lot of profit from it, so we joined hands with other women to start a bricks business," she says.

Although farming remains an important fallback, Akoth says brick making provides better returns despite the costs involved.

"The process of brick making requires money," she says, citing expenses for mixing soil and water, firewood and transportation.

The group is now looking beyond production and plans to buy a vehicle to transport bricks to customers.

Carolyn Adhiambo says customers purchasing large quantities often have to arrange their own transport. When a vehicle is needed, the women call for one from Kendu Bay.

"Our target is to buy a vehicle to transport bricks to clients," Adhiambo says.

Owning a vehicle would enable the group to deliver bricks directly to customers while generating additional income from transportation.

The women also play a crucial role in finding customers. Some stand along the roadside looking out for potential buyers and directing them to the brick-making sites.



BY AHMED IBRAHIM

Kenya's response to a rapidly changing and demanding global environment, and its ability to transform into a prosperous middle-income economy, largely depend on the successful implementation of Article 10 of the Constitution, which espouses the National Values and Principles of Governance. This is because national values not only define a nation's identity but also influence the pace and direction of its development.

Sessional Paper No. 8 of 2013 on National Values and Principles of Governance, which was approved by the National Assembly in 2015, recognises that a nation's culture and values evolve over time in response to political, economic, social and technological changes, as well as historical circumstances. The Policy identifies a myriad of challenges that have negatively impacted the National Values and Principles of Governance. Key among these challenges are negative ethnicity and impunity.

Strengthening Kenya through shared values and responsible governance

These challenges can be addressed through deliberate efforts to foster a strong national identity by promoting the values of patriotism, national unity and the rule of law. Inequitable distribution of resources and opportunities undermines citizens' sense of belonging, leading to alienation, marginalisation, injustice, and ultimately weakening national cohesion and unity.

To address these challenges, efforts must focus on entrenching the values of respect for human rights and human dignity, equity, social justice, equality of opportunity, inclusiveness, non-discrimination and protection of marginalised groups. Measures undertaken by the Government in this regard include targeted poverty alleviation and empowerment programmes, equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, and the implementation of affirmative action programmes aimed at supporting marginalised communities.

Kenya has also continued to face governance challenges characterised by weak and unresponsive public institutions, declining public confidence in the

credibility and integrity of State institutions, corruption and insecurity, among others. These challenges are being addressed through the promotion and inculcation of the values of good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability within the public service.

Additional interventions include the effective prosecution and determination of corruption cases, the promotion of open, accountable and participatory management of public resources, the strengthening of institutional and legislative frameworks in line with national values and principles, and the enhancement of affordable and equitable access to dispute resolution mechanisms, arbitration and justice.

The country also faces challenges in achieving sustainable development, including land grabbing, environmental degradation, food insecurity and inadequate healthcare services. To address these concerns, the Government has implemented measures to protect ecologically sensitive areas, curb the irregular allocation of public land and facilitate its recovery, address historical and contemporary land

injustices, enhance equitable access to healthcare, and promote the sustainable management of natural resources.

The successful implementation of the National Values Policy requires that all citizens are aware of, committed to, involved in, and take ownership of the shared National Values and Principles of Governance. Leadership must play a critical role in ensuring sustained commitment to the practice of these values. This is because the implementation and enforcement of national values are fundamentally political processes that require direction and commitment at the highest levels of leadership.

The Government recognises that the successful promotion and inculcation of national values require coordinated and concerted interventions through a variety of strategies. The National Values and Principles of Governance Policy identify the associative approach as the most effective means of achieving long-term impact. Under this approach, citizens actively participate through voluntary and democratically governed associations.

This can be realised through engagement in neighbourhood groups, self-help groups, community-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, religious and faith-based organisations, societies, sports associations, professional bodies, trade unions, labour unions, cooperative societies, business associations and political parties.

The second strategy involves the recruitment and mobilisation of change agents whose role is to nurture and inspire as many value carriers as possible across all sectors of society, including the arts and entertainment industry, educational institutions, families, communities, government, political organisations, the private sector, religious organisations and sporting bodies.

The third strategy outlined in the Policy is the mainstreaming of values to influence behaviour change. Its primary objective is to make national values the foundation upon which public programmes, policies and activities are anchored. In this approach, values become a unifying theme in the planning and

implementation of national programmes.

This strategy has been a key focus of the Government and has led to the inclusion of National Values and Principles of Governance indicators in performance contracting and performance management across public sector institutions. The private sector should consider adopting a similar approach by mainstreaming national values within its operations and activities.

The final strategy seeks to profile and give visibility to Kenyan heroes and heroines who exemplify a commitment to national values in both historical and contemporary contexts. This includes engaging respected role models, champions and ambassadors of National Values and Principles of Governance in mentorship programmes, enabling them to pass on their knowledge, skills and experiences to future generations.

The strategy has also been implemented through the regular recognition of heroes and heroines in a transparent and verifiable manner, as well as through rewarding excellence and outstanding performance, particularly in sporting activities.

— The writer is the Principal Secretary, State Department for National Government Coordination in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary.





Kenya National Highways Authority

Quality Highways, Better Connections



SECTION 1: SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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

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

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ROAD SAFETY AUDIT, ROAD SAFETY SENSITIZATION AND ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

TENDER NUMBER: KeNHA/3012/2026

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this Project that appeared on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website on 28th February, 2025 and on the MyGov newspaper on 11th March, 2025.

2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK) has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group towards the cost of the **Multinational: Kenya – South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru – Kitale and Morpus – Lokichar Road Upgrading Project Phase 1**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the **Consultancy Services for Road Safety Audit, Road Safety Sensitization and Road Safety Management Capacity Building**.

3. The services included under this Project include among others (i) to review the incorporation of previous Road Safety Audits in the detailed design and to ensure that additional proposals, as a result of the audit, are implemented and / or observed during implementation/construction stage. This includes the consideration of all road users including pedestrians and cyclists. ; (ii) to carry out a Pre-Opening (Construction Stage) Road Safety Audit of the Project Road, covering Traffic Management Plans, work zone safety, and substantially completed sections under construction; (iii) to carry out a Post-Construction Road Safety Audit (iv) To design and implement comprehensive Road Safety Awareness and Sensitization Campaigns targeting road users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, schools and other relevant stakeholders. The campaigns should aim to increase knowledge and awareness of road safety practices, promote responsible behaviour, and encourage adherence to traffic rules and regulations; and (v) capacity building of roads agencies (KeNHA, KURA, KeRRA), National Transport and Safety Authority, National Police Service and Ministry of Health on management of road crash database system.

4. It is envisaged that the Consultant's Services will be for a duration of **Forty Eight (48)** months.

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

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

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

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

9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the Assignment Title & Tender No. and deposited in the box at **Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza**, so as to be received on or before **29th October, 2026 at 1100hrs local time**.

Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842,

Attention: Director (Development)
Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, off Mazao road (Opposite Aviation House)
Floor/Room Number: 1st Floor North wing, Block A
City: NAIROBI, KENYA
Telephone: +254 700423606, +254 20 4954200
Email addresses: development@kenha.co.ke, procurement@kenha.co.ke

11. Electronic bidding will NOT be permitted. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Consultants' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **29th October, 2026 at 1100hrs at Local time below**.

Kenya National Highways Authority, Headquarters
Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA),
Off Mazao Road, Block C, 2nd floor Boardroom.

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

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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS (WORKS)
(Two-envelope Bidding Process Without Prequalification)

Employer: Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)

Project: Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP).

Contract title: Upgrading to Bitumen Standards of Selected Link Roads and Construction of 2 No. Footbridges within Meru Town

Country: Kenya

Credit No: 6768-KE

RFB No.: KE-KENHA-533026-CW-RFB

Tender No: KeNHA/3013/2026

Issued on: 13th October, 2026

1. The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) through the Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Horn Africa Gateway Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Upgrading to Bitumen Standards of Selected Link Roads and Construction of 2No. Footbridges within Meru Town. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.

2. The Kenya National Highways Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of Roads and Transport, established under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Upgrading to Bitumen Standards of Selected Link Roads and Construction of 2No. Footbridges within Meru Town.

The scope of works includes the following activities, to be executed within a period of 40 months (28 months construction, 12 months Defects Liability Period):

a) Construction of Runogone - Kaithe Rd (2.5Km)
b) Construction of KEMU – Kambakia Rd (3.7 Km)
c) Construction of Three Steers- Kambakia Rd (1.8Km)
d) Construction of KEMU/Kambakia Link to C91 Rd (3Km)
e) Construction of Eastern Bypass - Hospital Rd (3.4Km)
f) Construction of Western Bypass - Mate Rd (3.4Km)
g) Construction of Foot bridge at Kaaga Boys High School and Meru National Polytechnic

3. Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Goods, Works, non-consulting and Consulting Services issued on July 2016 Revised in September, 2025 (7th Edition) ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders 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 Bidders may obtain further information from the offices of Kenya National Highways Authority at the address below and inspect the Bidding document during office hours, weekdays (Monday to Friday), excluding public holidays, from 08:00 HRS to 17:00 HRS local time.

Attention: Director (Development)
Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority
Block A, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) off Airport South Road, along Mazao Road, Nairobi
First Floor, North Wing
City: NAIROBI, KENYA
Telephone: +254 20 4954000
Email addresses: ddevelopment@kenha.co.ke/procurement@kenha.co.ke

6. A complete set of Bid documents may be obtained by interested Contractors from the Kenya National Highways Authority website: **www.kenha.co.ke** or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP): **www.tenders.go.ke** free of charge. Bidders are encouraged to download RFB documents.

7. The Bid documents enclosed in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the Tender Number and description, should be deposited in the Tender Box located at Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), off airport South Road, along Mazao Road, so as to be received on or before **26th November 2026 at 11:00 HRS local time**. **Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected.**

8. The outer Bid envelopes marked **"ORIGINAL BID"**, and the inner envelopes marked **"TECHNICAL PART"** will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **26th November, 2026 at 11:00 HRS Local time**. All envelopes marked **"FINANCIAL PART"** shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.

Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
Kenya National Highways Authority,
Barabara Plaza, Block C, 2nd Floor, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA),
off airport South Road, along Mazao Road,
P.O. Box 49712 – 00100, Nairobi, Kenya
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procurement@kenha.co.ke

9. All Bids must be accompanied by Unconditional Bank Guarantee (**Bid Security**) of Kenya Shillings Eighty Million (**KES 80 Million**) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency; and Local Labour Method Statement.

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

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

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Electric-powered tuk tuks gain ground in Kisumu

BY ADHIAMBO YVONNE AND
AMANDA WAMALWA (KNA)

Electric tuk-tuks are increasingly appearing on the streets of Kisumu, offering commuters a quieter, cleaner and potentially cheaper alternative to conventional petrol-powered three-wheelers.

The shift comes as Kenya accelerates the adoption of electric mobility as part of efforts to reduce transport-related emissions, noise pollution and operating costs.

Unlike traditional tuk-tuks powered by petrol or diesel engines, electric models use battery-powered motors and produce no tailpipe emissions. Their lower operating and maintenance costs are also attracting drivers seeking to reduce daily expenses.

Petrol- and diesel-powered tuk-tuks cost roughly Sh4.4 to Sh5.3 per kilometre to operate, depending on fuel prices, with operators often spending Sh1,500 to Sh2,000 daily on fuel.

Kenya is rapidly expanding electric mobility as the country seeks to reduce transport emissions and lower operating costs. Electric vehicles have increased from about 1,200 in 2023 to

more than 35,000, driven largely by electric motor-cycles and three-wheelers.

The electric tuk-tuk market is estimated at 5,000 to 8,000 units annually and is growing by more than 25 per cent, according to data cited by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA). Adoption is particularly evident in urban and tourist centres, including Mombasa, Nairobi, Malindi, Diani and Kisumu.

Commercial electric tuk-tuks were introduced in Kenya in February 2024, when Car and General unveiled the Piaggio Apé Elektrik. Since then, more manufacturers and dealers have entered the market, expanding access to electric three-wheelers and charging and battery-swapping services.

The shift is also driven by operating costs. Petrol- and diesel-powered tuk-tuks typically consume Sh1,500 to Sh2,000 worth of fuel daily, while electric models can cost about Sh700 to Sh800 a day to charge or swap batteries. Electric models also require less maintenance because they do not use engine oil, spark plugs or fuel filters.

Also, the cost of buying is lower with Rhinggo



Electric tuktuk operating in Kisumu City.

e-tuk-tuks as it costs about Sh380,000, with financing options such as Lipa Polepole requiring deposits starting at about Sh38,000 and daily payments. A fully charged vehicle can travel about 120 kilometres.

Consequently, Kisumu has since emerged as a growing hub for electric mobility in Western Kenya, with dealers establishing showrooms, operations and battery-swapping infrastructure.

Operators mainly use battery swapping or plug-in charging. Under the battery-swapping system, drivers take depleted batteries to designated stations.

The depleted battery can be exchanged for a fully charged one in less than two minutes for a fee.

Other models can be plugged into a standard 240V outlet at home or at a depot, with a full charge taking four to six hours.

Peter Omollo, who has driven both petrol and electric tuk-tuks, says the difference is immediately noticeable.

“The old tuk-tuk uses a petrol engine, needs fuel, engine oil, spark plugs and frequent servicing. It is noisy, vibrates a lot and emits smoke,” he says.

David Ochonga, another electric tuk-tuk driver, says he was attracted by the potential to use solar energy to supplement charging.

“I was told that the solar panel at the top of the tuk-tuk can charge it,” Ochonga says.

However, he prefers con-

ventional charging because the battery is expensive and he is concerned about possible damage or theft.

He says passengers pay the same fare as they do for petrol-powered tuk-tuks, meaning commuters can experience technology without an additional cost.

For passengers, the absence of engine noise and vibration is among the most noticeable differences.

“As a regular customer, I can say this is better. The ride is smooth, it is not shaking and the driver is not in a hurry to buy fuel. It is very comfortable,” Jane Akinyi says.

Brian Nyongesa says he previously avoided tuk-tuks because of their noise and fumes but now prefers the electric models.

“I used to avoid tuk-tuks because of the noise and smoke, but now I use the electric tuk-tuk because it is quiet and clean,” he says.

The vehicles are also helping reduce noise and air pollution around busy areas such as Kisumu Main Bus Park and Oginga Odinga Street.

However, operators face challenges, including limited charging and battery-swapping infrastructure outside central Kisumu. Battery degradation is another concern, with replacement costs remaining high for owners who do not use battery-as-a-service arrangements.

For drivers relying on home charging, the four- to six-hour charging period also requires careful planning, usually overnight.

Despite the challenges, lower running costs and flexible financing are encouraging more young drivers to consider electric tuk-tuks. Saving up to Sh1,000 a day on energy costs can significantly improve household incomes.

For drivers such as Omollo and Ochonga, the electric tuk-tuk is more than a new vehicle—it is a cheaper and cleaner way of doing business.



TANATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



TENDERS NOTICE

Tanathi Water Works Development Agency (TAWWDA) under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation invite bids for the following tenders:

No	TENDER NAME	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	ELIGIBILITY	BID SUBMISSION DATE
1	REHABILITATION FOR IKINAKO EARTH DAM	TAWWDA/713/0031/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
2	EXPANSION AND AUGMENTATION OF MASINGA KITUI INTAKE WORKS	TAWWDA/713/0030/2026-27 Procuring Entity : TANATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
3	REHABILITATION OF EWASO KEDONG WATER PAN	TAWWDA/713/0028/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
4	REHABILITATION FOR KATULANI EARTH DAM	TAWWDA/713/0027/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
5	REHABILITATION FOR ITUMBULE EARTH DAM	TAWWDA/713/0026/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
6	MAVOKO WATER AND SEWERAGE INTERVENTIONS PROJECT - PHASE IV	TAWWDA/713/0022/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
7	DRILLING AND EQUIPPING MIAMBANI ACC RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOREHOLE WATER SUPPLY	TAWWDA/713/0008/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon
8	DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF KYAMITHENGE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BOREHOLE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT	TAWWDA/713/0003/2026-27	Open	27th October 2026 at 12:00 Noon

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders are available on <https://egpkenya.go.ke/tenders> from **13th October 2026 free of charge**.

Enquires and further information may be obtained from:

The Chief Executive Officer
Tanathi Water Works Development Agency
Private Bag
KITUI, KENYA
Tel: 0792048012
Email: info@tanathi.go.ke , Website: www.tanathi.go.ke





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No.	Job Title	Job Grade	Reference	No of Posts
1	Corporation Secretary and Director, Legal Services	2	VA/1/10/2026	1
2	Deputy Director Finance and Accounts	3	VA/2/10/2026	1
3	Assistant Manager Human Resource	4	VA/3/10/2026	1
4	Assistant Manager Portfolio Management	4	VA/4/10/2026	1
5	Assistant Manager Finance	4	VA/5/10/2026	1
6	Assistant Manager Internal Audit	4	VA/6/10/2026	1
7	Assistant Manager, Risk Management & Compliance	4	VA/7/10/2026	1
8	Senior Assistant Office Administrator	7	VA/8/10/2026	1

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To view the detailed job descriptions for the role and a guide on how to apply, please log on to our e-recruitment platform via careers.jkuates.co.ke

Applicants **MUST** upload the following documents during the application:

- A Signed application letter;
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating current and previous employer(s), position(s) held, and names of at least three professional referees;
- National Identity Card and
- Copies of all academic and professional certificates.

Applications are to be received not later than **Tuesday, 3rd November 2026**.

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Lamu Port hits milestone as 366-metre MV Hamouna docks

BY AMENYA OCHIENG (KNA)

The Port of Lamu is increasingly becoming attractive to marine vessels, underscoring the port’s deep-water capability and its growing role as a trans-shipment and regional trade

“This is the first vessel to discharge over 5,000 TEUs at once. Even our Mombasa Port has not surpassed this figure, making Lamu Port the next frontier in the maritime industry,” Capt. Ruto said.

hub along the LAPSSET Corridor. Recently, the port received MV Hamouna, a 366-metre container vessel which arrived carrying about 14,500 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). About 5,200 of these were

scheduled for discharge at Lamu to be transshipped to other destinations by feeder vessels. MV Hamouna navigated about 14 nautical miles through the Eastern Channel before berthing safely. Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Managing Director Capt. William Ruto said the vessel’s arrival demonstrated Lamu’s rising importance as a strategic maritime hub in the region.

“This is the first vessel to discharge over 5,000 TEUs at once. Even our Mombasa Port has not surpassed this figure, making Lamu Port the next frontier in the maritime industry,” Capt. Ruto said. He noted that the recent groundbreaking of the Dangote East Africa Refinery would further boost port operations and open up more opportunities for maritime and logistics ser-

vices in the region. The port’s capacity to handle some of the world’s largest vessels is supported by its deep-water harbour and modern berthing infrastructure. Its berths have a depth of about 17.5 metres, providing sufficient draught for large ships. MV Hamouna is among the largest vessels to call at Lamu this year. Earlier this year, MV Baltimore Express, a 369-metre container vessel operated

by German shipping line Hapag-Lloyd, also called at the port. In August 2025, another Hapag-Lloyd vessel, MV Nagoya Express, measuring 335 metres, set a vessel-size record at the port. In keeping with maritime tradition, Capt. Ruto presented a certificate of first call and a plaque to the vessel’s master, Capt. Mir Firoozi, during the maiden-call ceremony.

BMA expands global partnerships to boost sea-time, jobs for cadets



Wilhelmsen Ship Management General Manager, Craig De Savoye inspects a guard of honour mounted by trainees of the Bandari Maritime Academy in Mombasa.

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) is strengthening partnerships with global shipping companies to expand sea-time placements, training and employment opportunities for Kenyan maritime cadets and graduates. The academy recently held discussions with Wilhelmsen Ship Management General Manager Craig De Savoye on increasing opportunities for BMA trainees to gain practical experience aboard ships and access employment in the global maritime industry. Wilhelmsen Ship Management, a Norwegian multinational maritime group, manages more than 450 vessels and about 13,000 active seafarers globally. Its cadetship programme provides trainees with practical sea-time experience and potential employment opportunities upon successful completion. BMA Assistant Director, Quality Assurance, Michael Njogah, said increasing the number of sea-time placements would equip cadets with industry-ready skills and improve their prospects for professional certification and employment.

“The partnership not only enhances employability prospects but also secures vital sea-time opportunities for our cadets, which is a critical step in their professional journey,” said Njogah. He urged Wilhelmsen to provide more placement slots, noting that exposure to a world-class maritime environment was essential in developing the practical competencies required by the industry. BMA has previously benefited from Wilhelmsen’s cadetship programme, with its cadets and officers gaining sea-time experience and exposure to international shipping operations. The company operates LNG and LPG carriers, tankers, bulk carriers, container ships, roll-on/roll-off vessels, car carriers, cruise ships and passenger vessels. Njogah said BMA was also pursuing partnerships in areas including capacity building, student exchanges, and graduate and postgraduate training. He noted that such collaborations would help trainees respond to emerging industry challenges, including navigational safety and marine environmental protection, while supporting Kenya’s ambition to become a

regional maritime hub. BMA Nautical Science Trainer Winnie Nyambu urged Wilhelmsen to involve the academy in cadet selection and interviews to help identify qualified candidates and strengthen the recruitment process. She attributed the preparedness of BMA cadets to the academy’s Competency-Based Curriculum, which focuses on practical and industry-relevant skills. She said partnerships with global shipping lines could help translate the Coast region’s maritime potential into skills, jobs and sustainable livelihoods. De Savoye commended the competence and professionalism of Kenyan seafarers and expressed interest in strengthening collaboration with BMA in training, development and recruitment. The partnership comes as BMA seeks to modernise its training infrastructure. The academy and Kenya Shipyards Limited have signed a contract to deliver a training vessel donated by the Republic of South Korea. The vessel is expected to support practical sea-going training for cadets and other seafarers, strengthening capacity in maritime education, research and innovation.



VACANCIES

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) is a Constitutional Commission established by the National Gender and Equality Commission Act No. 15 of 2011 pursuant to Article 59 (4) & (5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The Commission’s mandate is to promote gender equality and freedom from discrimination for all people in Kenya with a focus on special interest groups, which include women, children, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs), older members of society, minorities, and marginalized groups.

The Commission is seeking to recruit a highly motivated, visionary, dynamic and results-oriented candidate to fill the following position:

S/N	Position	Job Ref	Grade	No. of Posts	Duty Station	Terms of Service
1.	Senior Legal Officer	NGEC/HR/1/9/2026	NGEC 5	1	HQ and Regional Offices	Permanent and Pensionable
2.	Senior Supply Chain Management Officer	NGEC/HR/2/9/2026	NGEC 5	1	HQ and Regional Offices	Permanent and Pensionable
3.	Programmes Officer I	NGEC/HR/3/9/2026	NGEC 6	2	HQ and Regional Offices	Permanent and Pensionable
4.	Drivers III	NGEC/HR/4/9/2026	NGEC 9	2	HQ and Regional Offices	Permanent and Pensionable

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates who meet the minimum requirements should submit their applications together with;

1. A detailed Curriculum Vitae;
2. A copy of the National Identity Card;
3. Copies of Academic and Professional Certificates; and
4. Three (3) names of referees (their mobile telephone and e-mail contacts).

Please Note that:

- i) The National Gender and Equality Commission is an equal-opportunity employer. Persons with Disability, Youth, Women and People from Minority and Marginalized communities are encouraged to apply.
- ii) The Commission does not ask for any money nor ask applicants to undergo any medical examination.
- iii) Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.
- iv) Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce their original academic and professional certificates and other testimonials during the interview;
- v) Only successful candidate will be required to provide clearance certificates from KRA, DCI (Police Clearance), EACC, HELB and CRB.
- vi) It is a criminal offence for any applicant to provide false information and documents in the job application.
- vii) Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification

All applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED IN HARD COPY ONLY**, addressed to

The Commission Secretary/CEO
The National Gender and Equality Commission
Solution Tech Place, Longonot Road, Upper Hill
P.O Box 27512-00506
NAIROBI :

Posted or Hand delivered applications should reach the Commission Secretary/CEO on or before **28th October, 2026 before 5.00pm**. A detailed Job Description is found on **www.ngeckeny.org**

Sh49bn projects reshaping the face of Taita Taveta

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA

More than Sh49 billion is being invested in Taita Taveta through over 60 national government projects targeting roads, housing, agriculture, health, electricity, education and social protection. The projects, at various stages of completion and implementation, are spread across the county's four constituencies and formed a key part of President William Ruto's recent four-day working visit to the region. Roads account for a significant portion of the investment, with the 54-kilometre Mto

Mwagodi-Dawida-Mbale-Wundanyi-Bura road undergoing upgrading to bitumen standards at a cost of Sh2.1 billion. The Sh2 billion Cess (Nghonji)-Rekeke-Lake Jipe Phase One road and the Sh646.5 million Taita Taveta Package One and Two roads are substantially complete. Electricity connections have also expanded, with 10,679 new Last-Mile Connectivity connections taking the county's electricity customer base to 78,655. Housing is another major area of investment. The Taveta Affordable Housing Project at KCB Estate comprises 831 units in eight blocks at a cost of

Sh2.3 billion, while the Voi project has 446 units and associated infrastructure valued at Sh1.2 billion. The government is also putting up a 1,680-bed students' village at Taita Taveta University at a cost of Sh736 million, alongside student facilities at Kenya Medical Training College campuses in Taveta and Voi. In trade, the Sh278.5 million Voi Modern Market is among projects under implementation, with Mwatunge, Wundanyi and Maungu also receiving markets under the Economic Stimulus Programme. Agriculture is receiving investments aimed at processing and adding value to farm produce.

A Sh130 million banana processing plant is being developed in Taveta, while the Sh115 million Taveta Rice Milling Plant has been completed. The planned Sh500 million Voi County Aggregation and Industrial Park will support agro-processing, storage and logistics. Irrigation works are also underway in Buruma, Tuhire Challa, Njukini and the Lower River Lumi/Afrika Kusini area. President Ruto said the investments were part of efforts to extend development to all parts of the country. "I am committed to delivering every promise I made to Kenyans and you people of Taita Taveta,"

he said. Governor Andrew Mwadime welcomed the projects, saying cooperation between the national and county governments was helping address development gaps. The investments also extend to health, with Moi County Referral Hospital-Voi, Taveta Sub-County Hospital and Wesu Sub-County Hospital receiving equipment and improvements. Mwatate Sub-County Hospital is undergoing laboratory improvements. Digital infrastructure is expanding through a Jitume Lab in Mwatate and digital hubs at Taveta Technical and Vocational College and Taita Taveta National Polytechnic. The Vindo Stadium project in Voi is also under construction. The facility is designed to accommodate 10,000 spectators and includes an athletics track and pavilion. Government social protection programmes have also pumped millions of shillings into the county. Inua Jamii has channelled Sh863.6 million in cash transfers to 7,240 beneficiaries, while the Hustler Fund has provided Sh614 million in digital micro-credit and matched savings. The NYOTA programme has allocated Sh61 million for skills development, apprenticeships, start-up capital and job placements for 1,355 beneficiaries. More than 245,000 residents are registered under the Social Health Authority. The scale of the investments places infrastructure, agricultural value addition, public services and social protection at the centre of the government's development programme in Taita Taveta.



INTEGRATED MECHANISMS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION (IMPRESSED) PROJECT EDUCATION SECTOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS)

Financing Agreement reference:	ADF Loan No. 2100150043643
CONSULTANCY FIRM SERVICES FOR DESIGN, COMPLIANCE AND SUPERVISION OF FARMING, VALUE ADDITION AND IRRIGATION (SCHOOL FARMS AND HOME-GROWN SOLUTIONS) IN 12 ASAL COUNTIES IN KENYA	

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund, through the African Development Bank Group, toward the cost of the Integrated Mechanisms for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Education (IMPRESSED) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy Firm Services for Design, Compliance and Supervision of Farming, Value Addition and Irrigation (School Farms and Homegrown Solutions).

The services cover design, supervision and commissioning of the Kuno School Farm drip-irrigation system; agronomic supervision of farm inputs and land preparation at Kuno School Farm; technical support for the procurement, installation and commissioning of the flour extruder assembly line for the School Meals Programme; and entrepreneurship training for 6,000 women. The interventions shall be consistent with the Project's Climate Safeguards System (CSS) Category 2 classification and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) requirements for the 12 Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) counties. The assignment will run for 22 months with regular field presence. Further details are provided in the TOR. The National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK), the Executing Agency for the IMPRESSED Project, now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. This Request for Expressions of Interest is being conducted through national competition and is open to eligible consulting firms established and registered in Kenya. Interested consultancy firm must provide information demonstrating their qualifications, including a firm profile, legal and tax status, descriptions of similar assignments and experience in comparable conditions, availability and qualifications of appropriate key staff. Consultants may associate in a joint venture or sub-consultancy arrangement to enhance their qualifications.

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Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's 'Procurement Policy for the Bank Group funded Operations' dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The ToR can be downloaded on our website www.naconek.ke

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P.O. BOX 30040-00100, NAIROBI, KENYA
Email: procurement@naconek.go.ke





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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS)

Financing Agreement reference:	ADF Loan No. 2100150043643
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) OF THE IMPRESSED PROJECT - BASELINE SURVEY, M&E SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING, MID-TERM REVIEW SUPPORT AND END-OF-PROJECT EVALUATION IN 12 ASAL COUNTIES IN KENYA	

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The services cover four areas: review and strengthening of the Project's results-based M&E framework and digital management information system; a comprehensive baseline survey and development of data collection and quality-assurance tools; capacity building, quality assurance of routine monitoring and integration of tracer-study results; and support to the Project's Mid-Term Review and an independent End-of-Project/Impact Evaluation. The assignment covers beneficiaries and activities in twelve counties, with the Consultant based in Nairobi and undertaking regular field visits. The core assignment will run for twenty-four (24) months, and the same Consultant will undertake the End-of-Project/Impact Evaluation as a separate phase towards Project closing.

The National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK), the Executing Agency for the IMPRESSED Project, now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. This Request for Expressions of Interest is being conducted through national competition and is open to eligible individual consultants established and registered in Kenya.

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WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (WRTI)



INVITATION TO TENDER

Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) now invites tenders from Interested and eligible national candidates for the tender listed below;

ITEM NO	TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TENDER NAME	BID SECURITY AMOUNT (KSH)	CLOSING DATE	ELIGIBILITY
1	WRTI/1072/0001/2026-27	Request For Proposal for Consultancy Services on Resource Mobilization	NIL	27 th October 2026 at 13.30 PM Online (e-GP)	Open to All
2	WRTI/1072/0002/2026-27	Provision Of Work Injury Benefits Act Insurance Services for WRTI Employees	100,000.00	27 th October at 15.00PM Online (e-GP)	Open To All

Qualified eligible and interested tenderers are invited to view and download the complete set of tender documents free of charge from the e-GP portal at <https://egpkenya.go.ke>. All enquiries and requests for clarification relating to the tender shall be submitted electronically through the e-GP portal.

Tender opening will be carried out immediately on tender opening date and time in line with e-GP tender opening guidelines.

DIRECTOR/CEO

P.O. Box 842 - 20117 Naivasha - Kenya, Mobile: +254 700 000 321 / +254 731 919 465
Email: wrti@wrti.go.ke, Website: www.wrti.go.ke




EWASO NG'IRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ENNDA

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER No. ENNDA/CONTR/022/2026-2027

Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority is a State Corporation under the Ministry of East African Community, the Asals & Regional Development invites qualified and interested firms to submit their bids for these tenders. Prospective tenderers can access the tender document from <https://www.treasury.go.ke> and Authority's website www.ennnda.go.ke

All enquiries and clarification should be sent via md@ennnda.go.ke.

Completed tender documents must be submitted on or before **17th October, 2026 at 10:00am** at **ENNDA Headquarters Isiolo** and addressed to:

THE Ag. MANAGING DIRECTOR
EWASO NG'IRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
P.O BOX 203 - 60300
ISILO - KENYA








INTEGRATED MECHANISMS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION (IMPRESSED) PROJECT

EDUCATION SECTOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS)

Financing Agreement reference:	ADF Loan No. 2100150043643
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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) OF THE IMPRESSED PROJECT - BASELINE SURVEY, M&E SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING, MID-TERM REVIEW SUPPORT AND END-OF-PROJECT EVALUATION IN 12 ASAL COUNTIES IN KENYA

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CONSULTANCY FIRM SERVICES FOR DESIGN, COMPLIANCE AND SUPERVISION OF CIVIL WORKS (LEARNING, SAFETY, RETENTION AND CLEAN COOKING INFRASTRUCTURE) IN 12 ASAL COUNTIES IN KENYA

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The services cover four areas: site assessment and design of standard learning, safety and retention infrastructure; preparation of site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), compliance and procurement support; construction supervision and quality control, supported by NACONEK-appointed clerks of works; and commissioning, handover and defects monitoring. The assignment will run for twenty-two (22) months and covers a prioritized, phased works programme across twelve counties, with the Consultant based in Nairobi and undertaking scheduled periodic site visits; specialized engineering, geotechnical and cost-estimation inputs shall be procured separately by NACONEK.

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BY FAREED KHI MANI

Changing the tide: Kenya's next agricultural chapter

The Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit just concluded but the real work begins when the farmer returns home.

For three days, from 7 to 9 October, farmers, researchers, investors, county governments, development partners and national policymakers gathered at Jamhuri Park to ask a simple but far-reaching question: what must agriculture change to feed the nation, create dignified work and give the farmer a better return? My answer is equally simple: we must measure transformation from the farm outward.

Not from the number of conferences we hold, not from the number of policies we publish. Not even from the volume of food we produce alone. We must ask whether the farmer can produce at a lower cost, whether the harvest can reach a reliable market, whether value is added close to where production takes place, and whether the family that does the work can earn a fair and predictable income.

That is the standard by which agriculture must be judged.

For too long, Kenyan agriculture has carried the weight of the nation while the farmer carried the risk alone.

The farmer has faced expensive inputs, uncertain weather, weak bargaining power, limited access to affordable finance, inadequate storage, post-harvest losses and markets that often reward everyone except the person who produced the food. These challenges are not abstract. They determine whether a parent can pay school fees, whether a young person sees farming as a business, and whether a community can withstand the next drought or flood.

We have also treated agriculture too narrowly. It is not only what happens on the farm. It is research, seed, soil, water, finance, extension, insurance, aggregation, transport, processing, standards and markets. When one link fails, the farmer absorbs the loss.

Climate variability has made this old model even more dangerous. Droughts and floods are estimated to create economic liabilities equivalent to 2.8 per cent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product every year, with agriculture bearing the cost through crop failure, livestock losses and disrupted markets.

We have therefore come from a period in which farming was often approached as a seasonal activity, dependent on rainfall and vulnerable to shocks, to a point where we must treat it as a modern, data-driven and commercially serious enterprise.

That shift is overdue. There is evidence that the direction is changing.

The Government's fertiliser programme has reduced the price of a 50-kilogramme bag from Sh7,000 in 2022 to Sh2,000, while the price of certified maize seed has fallen from Sh300 to Sh150 per kilogramme. The cost of sexed semen for dairy breeding has also fallen from Sh8,000 to Sh1,400 per dose.

The National Farmer Registration System has expanded from approximately 300,000 farmers to 7.2 million crop farmers and 3 million livestock keepers. That is important because public support works best when it is targeted, traceable and connected to the farmer who needs it.

We are also seeing movement in production and value chains. Tea earnings have risen from Sh138 billion to Sh180 billion. Milk production has increased from 4.6 billion litres to 5.2 billion litres, while the value of dairy products has risen from Sh4.9 billion to Sh8.9 billion. Meat export value has grown from Sh8.9 billion to Sh12.9 billion. In fisheries, the value of the sector has increased from Sh37 billion to Sh59 billion.

These gains matter, but they should not make us complacent. National statistics become meaningful only when it can be felt in a farmer's household.

That is why farmers' engagements at the summit were so important. Farmers spoke about the cost of animal feed, delayed payments, sugarcane, cotton, irrigation and livestock losses. Their concerns reminded us that policy must begin with lived experience. A farmer does not experience agriculture as a slogan. The farmer experiences it as a price, a season, a debt, a market and a family decision.

At the summit, we also saw the tools that can help agriculture become more productive and more resilient. Drones, precision application, improved varieties, better breeds, digital extension, soil testing, irrigation equipment and value-addition technologies are no longer distant ideas. They are becoming part of the practical future of farming.

But technology is not a substitute for the farmer. It is a means of giving the farmer better information, better timing and better control.

Consider soil health. About 63 per cent of Kenya's soils are acidic. If a farmer applies fertiliser without knowing the condition of the soil, money is wasted and productivity is weakened. Scientific soil testing is therefore not an elite service. It is a basic tool for protecting the farmer's investment.

The same principle applies to climate change. Our objective is not merely to respond to climate shocks after they occur. We must enable farmers to anticipate, absorb, adapt to and recover from them.

Where we are going must be defined by what the farmer is able

to do. We are going towards an agriculture that is less dependent on chance and more supported by knowledge. A farmer should be able to access reliable information on what to plant, where to plant it, which inputs to use, when to plant, how to manage pests and where to sell.

We are going towards an agriculture that is less dependent on rainfall alone. Irrigation, water harvesting, climate-resilient varieties, livestock feeds and agricultural insurance must help farmers produce through changing seasons. The country cannot continue to depend on rainfall to feed itself while large parts of our land remain exposed

to drought and flooding.

We are going towards an agriculture that keeps more value in Kenya. It is not enough to produce more tea, milk, meat, cotton, sugar, fish or horticultural crops if we continue to export too much raw value and import what we can produce locally. The farmer must participate in the value created after the farm gate.

That means stronger cooperative and producer organisations, functional aggregation, storage, processing and market information. It means private investment that sees the farmer as a business partner, not simply as a source of raw materials. It means public institutions that enable enterprise,

research and innovation instead of attempting to do everything themselves.

We are also going towards a younger agriculture. Young people will not enter the sector because we tell them to. They will enter when agriculture offers skills, technology, dignity, finance and a credible path to income. The future farmer may be a producer, an agronomist, a drone operator, a data specialist, a processor, a logistics entrepreneur or a market-maker. All of these are agricultural jobs.

The test of our plans is therefore not whether the government has announced them. The test is whether the smallholder farmer can produce more efficiently, spend less, earn better returns and participate meaningfully in the markets created by that production.

— Fareed Khimani is the Technical Advisor for Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

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MAZINGIRA DAY PICTORIAL



President William Ruto (right) watering a tree seedling to a farmers after leading the nation in tree planting during the national Mazingira Day celebrations in Uasin Gishu County.



The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital, William Kabogo, waters a tree during a tree planting exercise in Kamae, Kiambu County on Mazingira Day.



Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Cabinet Secretary (CS) Geoffrey Ruku planting a tree seedling at Jeremiah Nyaga National Polytechnic in Mbeere South Constituency, Embu when he led residents in an exercise to mark this year's Mazingira Day.



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke (center) and Kisii County Forest Conservator William Ojijo (right) during a tree planting exercise at Chirichiro Comprehensive School in Kisii Central Sub-County, Kisii County.



Principal Secretary, state Department for ICT and the Digital economy, Eng John Tanui (centre) leads wananchi in tree planting at Narasha Forest, Mumberes (3C) in Eldama Ravine, Baringo County.



President William Ruto (right) hands a tree seedling to a farmer after leading the nation in tree planting during the national Mazingira Day celebrations in Endeless, Trans Nzoia County.



Mohamed Daghar (centre), Principal Secretary, State Department for Transport and other officials plant a tree at Dongo Kundu, Mombasa County to mark this year's Mazingira Day.



Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport Davis Chirchir (left) and his counterpart in the Ministry of Environment Dr Deborah Barasa (right) leading officials from the Ministry of Roads and Transport and road agencies in a tree planting exercise to mark Greening the Highway along the Eastern Bypass.



Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano leads a group of people to plant trees amid a heavy downpour at Njabini Forest in the Kiburu area of Kinangop, Nyandarua County. Photo: Anthony Mwangi/KNA.



Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary Dr Raymond Omollo watering a tree after planting in Lambwe forest conservancy during the marking of this year's Mazingira Day. Photo: Davis Langat/KNA.



EAC and ASALs CS Beatrice Askul during Mazingira Day celebration at Chewoyet National School in West Pokot County. Photo By Parklea Ivor/KNA.

Africa urged to put science at centre of development decisions

BY ANITA OMWENGA
(MYGOV)

African countries must make scientific evidence a central part of development planning, public spending and policy-making, scientists and government officials said at the first Science Summit Nairobi.

The call was made during the first Science Summit Nairobi, where scientists, policymakers and development partners advocated for greater investment in research and stronger links between scientific institutions and decision makers.

Chief Operating Officer at Landscape Alliance (formerly CIFOR-ICRAF), Dr Philip Osano, said scientific evidence should play a central role in shaping development decisions, particularly in areas such as food security, climate action and environmental sustainability.

“Science must inform Africa’s development decisions, ensuring that evidence guides investments and solutions to the continent’s development challenges,” Osano said.

He said research could help address practical challenges by improving agricultural productivity, guiding landscape restoration and strengthening climate-resilient infrastructure.

Osano also called for stronger engagement between researchers and policymakers, including legislators, to ensure that research findings influence



Chief Operating Officer at Landscape Alliance (formerly CIFOR-ICRAF) Dr Philip Osano during the Science Summit held in Nairobi. Photo courtesy

public spending, policy and development planning.

Secretary, State Department of Parliamentary Affairs in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Nick Biketi, said the Summit provided an opportunity for African scientists, institutions and innovators to bring African perspectives into global discussions on science and sustainable development.

He highlighted science diplomacy as an avenue for strengthening cooperation between the Global North and Global South, while noting the contribution of indigenous knowledge to locally relevant solutions.

Biketi called for closer collaboration among scientists, policymakers and legislators, as well as increased private sector participation and public-private partnerships to translate research into practical solutions.

Assistant Director, State Department of Science, Research and Innovation, Dr Caroline Munyiri, said research financing should be aligned with national science, technology and innovation priorities and the country’s socio-economic needs.

She called for stronger continental research collaboration, integrated research systems and inclusive innovation approaches that involve communities in decisions affecting them.

“Science dialogues should translate into actionable outcomes, including policy reforms, sustained cross-border research collaboration and more open and equitable participation in science,” she said.

Munyiri further stressed the need for community ownership of research and called for mechanisms to ensure research outcomes are sustained beyond individual projects and funding cycles.

State intensifies drive to cut cost of farming

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

The Government has stepped up efforts to reduce the cost of agricultural production, with the price of a 50-kilogram bag of subsidized fertilizer going for Sh2,000 from Sh7,000.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki said more than 34 million bags of subsidized fertilizer had been distributed to farmers, saving them an estimated Ksh100 billion in production costs.

The DP added that the Government is expanding support beyond fertilizer to include certified seeds, animal feeds, machinery, veterinary services, agricultural finance, transport and measures to manage climate and market risks.

“Through the government fertilizer subsidy programme, this was reduced to Sh2,500. And further,

from last month, September, this has been reduced to only Sh2,000 for a bag,” Kindiki emphasized.

He was speaking at an Agriculture and Food Security Transformation Summit at the Jamhuri Park showground.

Kindiki said the price of certified maize seed had also been reduced by half, with a kilogramme retailing at Sh150 from Sh300, while a two-kilogramme packet had fallen from Sh600 to Sh300.

The DP said the Government is also using technology to improve the delivery of agricultural services, with the number of farmers registered on the Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS) rising from about 300,000 to 8.9 million.

The platform, he said, enables the Government to identify farmers, their loca-

tion, crops, and livestock, as well as their input requirements, helping improve planning and delivery of subsidized inputs through e-vouchers.

Kindiki said the success of agricultural transformation should, however, be measured by improvements in productivity and household incomes rather than the number of farmers registered or inputs distributed.

“The ultimate measure is not the number of farmers registered, but how much is harvested from an acre, how much a cow produces, how much livestock fetches in the market, the price received at the farm gate, and most importantly, the income that remains in the household,” he said.

He said the Government is also seeking to improve farmer returns by strengthening markets, aggregation, storage, processing and value addition.



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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, competent, and experienced candidates for teaching and administrative positions at The Technical University of Kenya (TU-K).

Table 1: SENIOR LECTURER GRADE XIII A

No.	Department	Specialisation	No. of Posts	Ref. No.
1	Computing and Information Technologies (DCIT)	Any of the specialisations listed under Lecturer	1	TUK/AC/01/2026

Table 2: LECTURER GRADE XII A

1.	Civil and Resource Engineering	i. Structural and Geotechnical Engineering	3	TUK/AC/02/2026
		ii. Transportation and Highway Engineering	2	TUK/AC/03/2026
		iii. Water and Environmental Engineering	1	TUK/AC/04/2026
2.	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	i. Power & Energy	3	TUK/AC/05/2026
		ii. Instrumentation & Control	2	TUK/AC/06/2026
		iii. Telecommunication & Info. Engineering	1	TUK/AC/07/2026
3.	Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	i. Aeronautical Engineering (Aircraft Structures)	1	TUK/AC/08/2026
		ii. Aeronautical Engineering (Avionics)	1	TUK/AC/09/2026
		iii. Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing/Material Science)	1	TUK/AC/10/2026
4.	Surveying and Spatial Sciences	i. Geodetic Science, Hydrographic and Engineering Surveying	1	TUK/AC/11/2026
		ii. Geospatial web development, topographic Mapping and Geovisualization	1	TUK/AC/12/2026
5.	Computing and Information Technologies	i. Computer Networks and Distributed Systems	1	TUK/AC/13/2026
		ii. Software Engineering and Systems Design	1	TUK/AC/14/2026
		iii. Multimedia Technologies and Interactive Media	1	TUK/AC/15/2026
		iv. Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems	1	TUK/AC/16/2026

Table 3: NURSES GRADES IX AND X

1	University Health, Safety and Wellness Services	Nursing Officer Grade X	1	TUK/AD/01/2026
2		Registered Nurse II Grade IX	1	TUK/AD/02/2026

Table 4: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR GRADE XV RE-ADVERTISEMENT

1	Audit and Systems Evaluations	Chief Internal Auditor Grade XV	1 Re-Advertisement	TUK/AD/03/2026
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2. Applicants should specify the positions applied for and quote the reference number on both the envelop and the application letter.
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4. For more details about the vacancies above and the requirements refer to the website: [https:// www.tukenya.ac.ke](https://www.tukenya.ac.ke)

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New Karuri medical college offers fresh hope for healthcare workers

Government invests Sh490 million in KMTC Karuri Campus and student hostel to expand training opportunities, boost healthcare staffing and support universal health coverage.

BY KIPKORIR FELIX AND
GRACE NAISHOO (KNA)

The Government is investing Sh490 million in the establishment of the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Karuri Campus and construction of student accommodation in Kiambaa Constituency.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki inspected construction work at the campus as part of a tour of Government-funded development projects in Kiambu County.

Construction of the campus will cost Sh200 million, of which Sh70 million has already been released for the construction of administration and tuition blocks, a library and skills laboratories.

The Housing Fund will separately finance a 580-bed student hostel at a cost of Sh290 million. The accommodation is expected to support students enrolled at the institution once the campus becomes operational.



Deputy president Kithure Kindiki greets from KMTC students

"The Government will provide the support required to ensure this project is completed on time. The Karuri Campus will expand training opportunities for medical professionals and strengthen the workforce needed to support Universal Health

Care," Kindiki said.

He said trained medical personnel are needed to provide facility-based care, including attending to patients referred to health facilities by Community Health Promoters.

The National Government,

working with county governments, recruited 107,000 Community Health Promoters three years ago to provide preventive and basic healthcare services at household level and connect residents with health facilities.

During the tour, the Deputy President also inspected road projects in Kiambaa Constituency and reviewed the implementation of the wider road programme in Kiambu County.

The Government has earmarked 1,656 kilometres of roads for tarmacking across the county at an estimated cost of Sh152 billion. Of these, 368 kilometres have been completed at a cost of Sh20 billion.

Kindiki said the Government would continue supporting road and health projects in Kiambu County to improve access to essential services and strengthen connections between communities, learning institutions, health facilities and markets.

BRIEFS

Turkana women turn prosopis land into vegetable farms

BY PETER GITONGA
(KNA)

Thirty women in Namakat village, Township Ward, Turkana Central Sub-County, are earning incomes from vegetable farming after transforming land once overrun by invasive prosopis trees into irrigated plots.

The initiative is a partnership between the County Government of Turkana, Building Livelihoods and Empowering Communities (BLEC) and South North Nexus (SNN).

Since 2024, the partners have supported the drilling of a borehole and installation of an irrigation system, enabling the women to grow spinach, cabbage and other indigenous vegetables. Previously, residents relied on vegetables transported from as far as Kitale.

Deputy Governor Dr John Erus said the County Government would continue working with partners on

food security and financial inclusion initiatives aimed at improving livelihoods and reducing poverty.

"Our focus in the next few years is to create a conducive environment for the local population to build wealth and move out of poverty. Looking at projects in Namakat, this is an intervention that perfectly aligns with that goal, and the County Government will expand similar support," Dr Erus said.

He said initiatives that enable communities to produce food and manage their finances help them create value and build sustainable livelihoods.

SNN Director Deborah Hines said combining access to water, vegetable farming and village savings had transformed the community.

"Namakat has gone from barren land colonised by prosopis trees to an area where women grow spinach, cabbage and other indigenous vegetables.

Youth seeking jobs abroad urged to exercise due diligence

BY DICKSON MWITI (KNA)

Young Kenyans seeking employment opportunities abroad have been urged to exercise due diligence, acquire the necessary skills and ensure they have proper documentation before travelling.

Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary Roseline Njogu said the Government is taking information on overseas employment opportunities and available support services directly to communities to enable young people make informed decisions and avoid falling victim to fraudulent recruitment agencies and human trafficking.

Speaking during a diaspora sensitization exercise held on the sidelines of the third edition of the Kazi Majuu Football Tournament at Kianjai Primary School in Tigania West, Ms Njogu

said the Government is committed to expanding opportunities for Kenyans abroad while safeguarding their rights and welfare.

She said more than 600,000 Kenyans have so far benefited from the Kazi Majuu programme which seeks to connect Kenyans with employment opportunities abroad while promoting safe labour mobility.

She added that talent meets opportunity through Kazi Majuu, noting that the initiative uses football and other community activities to engage young people on employment, skills development and opportunities in the diaspora.

The PS said diaspora remittances had continued to make a significant contribution to the Kenyan economy, increasing by 25 per cent from about US\$4 billion in 2024 to US\$5 billion in 2025.



Diaspora Principal Secretary Roseline Njogu greets participating teams during the third edition of the Kazi Majuu Football Tournament. (Photo by Dickson Mwiti)

The third edition of the Kazi Majuu Football Tournament brought together 59 teams and hundreds of young people from Tigania West, with participants receiving football kits and balls while winners were awarded cash prizes.

Ms Njogu said the tour-

namment was not only about football but also providing an avenue for the Government and its partners to engage young people on safe migration, employment opportunities, skills development and the dangers associated with fraudulent recruitment and human trafficking.

Over 5,000 Nyandarua residents to benefit from Mwiymia water project

BY ANTONY MWANGI
(KNA)

More than 5,000 residents of Mwiymia, Blue City and Munanda villages in Kaimbaga Ward, Nyandarua County, will benefit from improved access to clean and safe water, once the reticulation works of the Mwiymia water project are completed.

Nyandarua County Governor Kiarie Badilisha said the project involved the drilling of a borehole to a depth of 214 metres, equipping it with a solar-powered pumping system capable of delivering 30,000 litres of water per hour, and constructing an elevated steel water storage tank with a capacity of 24,000 litres.

The Governor added that the project, currently in its second phase, is already serving 350

households, with the number expected to increase to over 600 households once the water distribution network is completed.

He noted that the borehole provides a reliable source of safe water for domestic use, while also supporting livestock production, thereby strengthening the local economy and enhancing household resilience.

"This project was financed through the Nyandarua County Climate Change Fund under the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Programme as part of climate resilience and water TV security interventions, aimed at addressing the growing impacts of climate variability and prolonged dry spells in Nyandarua County," he said.