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Cocoa: Kenya's newest cash crop



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President Ruto unveils cocoa as a new cash crop in Kenya

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BY WINNIE JELAGAT
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SANG (PCO)

President William Ruto has launched cocoa farming as a new high-value cash crop and unveiled an aerial seeding programme targeting degraded forests, in a move aimed at increasing farmers' incomes while advancing Kenya's environmental restoration agenda.

Speaking at the Kenya Seed Farm in Endebess, Trans Nzoia County, President Ruto said cocoa cultivation would be integrated into the national tree-growing programme.

The President disclosed that farmers are projected to earn up to Sh500,000 per acre even as the Government scales up innovative technologies such as aerial seeding and the JazaMiti digital platform to achieve its 15-billion-tree target.

"We want to plant trees that also give us food and fruits so that as we conserve our forests, we can improve our livelihoods and move forward together as one," he said.

The President noted that cocoa was gazetted as a scheduled commercial crop two years ago and that about five million hectares of land have been identified as suitable for its cultivation.

To support the rollout, the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research

Organisation (KALRO), in collaboration with the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), will multiply and distribute quality cocoa seedlings developed through research programmes.

The Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), which has been tasked with providing technical support for cocoa cultivation, cited a comparative economic analysis showing cocoa's strong earning potential.

According to the study, cocoa can generate about Sh 552,000 per acre annually, compared with Sh 400,000 for avocado, Sh 300,000 for coffee, Sh 180,000 for potatoes, Sh 117,000 for macadamia, Sh 53,000 for tea and Sh 35,000 for maize.

He described cocoa as a promising income-generating crop capable of creating a new agricultural value chain covering production, processing and marketing. The crop is widely used in the manufacture of chocolate and beverages.

President Ruto urged farmers to embrace emerging high-value crops to improve productivity, diversify income sources and enhance household earnings.

The cocoa initiative was unveiled alongside a major forest restoration drive during which the President led the planting of more than 20,000 indigenous tree seedlings and launched an aerial seeding exercise

over degraded sections of Mt Elgon Forest.

As part of the programme, KEFRI prepared 325 kilogrammes of indigenous tree seeds for aerial dispersal using a Kenya Defence Forces helicopter. The exercise covered 35 hectares of degraded land in Kiptorgot Forest, Mt Elgon.

The seeds comprised seven indigenous species: *Podocarpus falcatus*, *Croton macrostachyus*, *Acacia sieberiana*, *Olea africana*, *Juniperus procera*, *Sesbania sesban* and *Vachellia abyssinica*.

The aerial seeding initiative is designed to complement conventional tree planting by restoring difficult-to-access degraded landscapes. Similar exercises are planned in Cheptais and Kaberwa in Mt Elgon, Maragoli Hills in Vihiga County, the Mau Forest Complex and Enosupukia in Narok County, Homa Hills in Homa Bay County and Nandi North in Nandi County.

The President said the Government would continue leveraging innovation and technology to achieve its 15-billion-tree growing target while creating economic opportunities for communities.

Technology featured prominently at the celebrations with the launch of a new USSD code, 4831532#, allowing Kenyans to access the JazaMiti digital platform without internet connec-



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1. President William Ruto plants a cocoa tree seedling in Endebess Sub-County, Trans Nzoia County, after launching cocoa farming as a scheduled cash crop in Kenya.
2. President William Ruto (right) receives seed samples from Dr. Jane Njuguna, CEO/Director KEFRI during the launch.



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tivity or smartphones.

The platform helps users identify suitable tree species, record tree-growing activities and locate registered tree nurseries. It has documented two billion trees planted since 2022, providing a digital mechanism for tracking

progress towards national restoration targets.

Last year, the Government distributed two million fruit tree seedlings and is targeting 5.2 million this year as part of efforts to combine environmental conservation, food security and wealth creation.

President Ruto said integrating commercial tree crops such as cocoa into the national tree-growing campaign demonstrates how environmental sustainability can go hand in hand with economic empowerment and rural development.

KenGen conference to promote green energy industrial transformation

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI
(KNA)

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) will host Sustainable Energy Conference (SEC) 2026 next month.

Set to take place from November 24 to 27, 2026 at the KenGen Olkaria Geothermal Spa in Naivasha, the continental summit aims to bridge the gap between Africa's vast renewable energy potential and tangible economic prosperity.

Addressing the media

during the launch, KenGen Acting Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Eng. Ronoh Kibet highlighted the stark financial situation confronting the continent.

Citing data from the International Energy Agency, Eng. Kibet noted that while Africa accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the world's population, it captures less than 3 per cent of global energy investments and a meager 2 per cent of clean energy investments, leaving roughly 600 million people

without electricity access. "Africa does not suffer from a shortage of resources. It suffers from a shortage of investment in transforming those resources into prosperity," Eng. Kibet stated.

"We have the sun. We have the wind. We have the rivers. And beneath our feet, extraordinary geothermal resources. What we need now is the capital, the partnerships and, above all, the discipline to turn that potential into economic progress," he added.

The KenGen CEO further



KenGen Acting Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Ronoh Kibet, addresses the media during the launch of the Sustainable Energy Conference (SEC) 2026.

emphasized that generation metrics alone do not define success.

"The true measure of Africa's energy transformation will not simply be how many megawatts we generate. It will be how many industries we power, how many jobs we create and how many lives we transform," he explained, adding that electricity serves as an enabler, industry acts as the multiplier,

and prosperity remains the ultimate dividend.

Notably, the four-day conference is projected to draw more than 1,500 delegates from over 80 countries, including 200 investors, 40 financiers, 100 utilities and power producers, and 100 corporate exhibitors.

The SEC 2026 is designed to transition dialogue into concrete deals, moving from commitments to

capital and from potential to active projects.

The forum is anchored on four strategic pillars: benchmarking performance against global peers, fostering targeted networking, securing robust financing, and enabling intra-African trade.

Emphasizing the significance of the venue, Eng. Kibet noted that Olkaria stands as living proof of what becomes possible when a nation invests in its own potential.

KenGen currently boasts an overall installed capacity of 1,786 MW with more than 90 per cent of this generation capacity stemming from clean, renewable sources, including 826 MW from hydro, 754 MW from geothermal, and 25.5 MW from wind, and the remainder from thermal.

Mombasa Port expands capacity as cargo hits record high

KPA invests billions in new berths, smart systems and transport infrastructure to support rising cargo volumes and position Mombasa as a leading regional logistics hub.

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) is accelerating expansion and digital transformation projects at the Port of Mombasa following record growth in cargo volumes.

The volumes are driven by increased trade, investor confidence and the expansion of Special Economic Zones.

The port handled a record 45.45 million metric tonnes of cargo in 2025, up from 40.99 million metric tonnes in 2024, representing an increase of 4.46 million tonnes or 10 per cent.

Container traffic also recorded strong growth, rising to 2.11 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) from 2.0 million TEUs in 2024, while transit cargo climbed by 19.5 per cent to 15.88 million metric tonnes.

To accommodate growing demand, KPA is constructing the Sh19-billion

Berth 19B project which will add capacity for an additional 300,000 TEUs.

The berth will be 240 metres long with a 15-metre draft and will be capable of handling vessels of up to 45,000 deadweight tonnes.

KPA Managing Director Capt. William Ruto said the construction is progressing as planned, currently 56 per cent complete.

He added that part of the facility could be operational before the end of the year to help manage increased cargo volumes during the peak December season.

To support the expected growth, KPA is also investing in additional cargo-handling equipment and training personnel to enhance operational efficiency.

"We are ready, our staff are ready, and we have acquired more equipment that will be arriving before the Christmas season to

handle the growing cargo volumes," Capt. Ruto said.

As part of its digital transformation agenda, KPA recently commissioned a Sh1-billion Vessel Traffic Management and Information System (VTMIS) aimed at improving vessel turn-around times and enhancing marine safety.

The system integrates real-time vessel tracking, radar surveillance, marine communications, weather monitoring, oil-spill detection and digital port management functions across key operational sites at the port.

The authority has also completed a smart gate at Gate 24 to automate cargo movement processes, reduce manual interventions and ease congestion at entry and exit points.

"That smart gate initiative is what we learnt from other ports in terms of automation and reducing manual interfaces," Capt. Ruto noted.

Meanwhile, at the Dongo



Volumes of containerized cargo at one of the berths at the Port of Mombasa.
Photo: Andrew Hinga/KNA

Kundu Special Economic Zone, KPA is implementing a Sh41.1 billion port development component that includes seven berths and cargo yards covering 1,300 acres.

Construction of the first 300-metre multipurpose berth began in October 2025 and is expected to be

completed by December 2028.

According to KPA, berth construction is currently at 23 per cent while yard development is 50 per cent complete.

The authority is also implementing an Sh8.3 billion road infrastructure project to improve cargo

evacuation, safety and connectivity between the port, Gates 18 and 20, Kipevu Road and the wider Northern Corridor transport network.

Capt. Ruto said the project was 58 per cent complete and expected to be finished by mid-next year.

Mau Mau road network in Murang'a County set for completion

Kindiki says stalled 225-kilometre Mau Mau roads project will be completed by June next year as government accelerates infrastructure and irrigation investments in Murang'a.



1. INSET: Completed section of Ikumbi - Karinga-Kinyona-Mairi road in Kigumo Constituency, Murang'a County.
2. Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki accompanied by a section of Murang'a leaders inspecting Ikumbi-Karinga-Kinyona-Mairi, a section of the Mau Mau road.

BY BERNARD MUNYAO
AND FLORENCE
KINYUA (KNA)

The Government has secured funding to resume the construction of the Mau Mau roads project after stalling for years.

The roads will be completed by June next year, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki has said.

Speaking during an inspection tour of development projects in Kigumo and Kandara Constituencies, Kindiki said the government had settled pending payments owed to contractors, paving the way for the completion of the road network.

The Deputy President said the Mau Mau roads programme in Murang'a covers 225 kilometres and is being implemented at an estimated cost of Sh8.8 billion.

"The Mau Mau roads programme in Murang'a covers 225 kilometres. The funds have been secured, and we expect the projects to be completed by June next year," said Kindiki.

He noted that the project had experienced delays following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic but construction has resumed following the stabilisation of the economy.

During the tour, Kindiki inspected the Ikumbi-Karinga-Kinyona-Mairi section of the road, which has remained incomplete for years, affecting the

movement of people, farm produce and access to essential services.

The Deputy President said completing the road network would improve connectivity, ease transportation and enhance access to markets for farmers and traders.

He further directed contractors to work with local leaders and road authorities to address access challenges facing households in the area's hilly terrain.

"Because this is a hilly area, some residents have no access roads connecting their homes to the main road. We have instructed the contractor to assist, but our first priority is to complete the main road before addressing the feeder roads," he said.

Kindiki also asked contractors to support surrounding communities through corporate social responsibility initiatives, including improvements to schools and other public institutions affected by infrastructure challenges.

The Deputy President revealed that the government had disbursed Sh177 billion to clear outstanding contractor payments for stalled road projects across the country, enabling the resumption of construction on more than 6,000 kilometres of roads.

He further announced plans to tarmac an additional 1,285 kilometres of roads in Murang'a at a cost

of Sh56 billion to strengthen connectivity and spur economic growth.

The DP also inspected the Kahaini-Kaburugi-Kibereke Road in Kandara Constituency as part of the government's broader infrastructure development agenda.

Beyond roads, Kindiki launched the Sh293 million Kinyona-Karinga Irrigation Project in Kigumo Constituency, which is expected to benefit 1,500 households and irrigate 750 acres of farmland.

He said the initiative would enable farmers to transition from rain-fed agriculture to high-value crop production, boosting productivity and household incomes.

"Through this project, 1,500 families will access reliable irrigation water, enabling them to engage in high-value farming, increase their incomes and put more money in their pockets," he said.

The Deputy President also called on public servants, chiefs and village elders to enhance communication on government programmes and projects to ensure citizens access accurate information on development initiatives.

He said improved public awareness would help communities understand and benefit from ongoing investments in infrastructure, agriculture and sports development.

Ministry unveils Sh600-billion plan to revive stalled irrigation projects

Thirty-four long-delayed irrigation and water projects targeted for revival as Kenya seeks to expand irrigated acreage to 1.5 million and strengthen food security.

BY KOSURI VALARIE (KNA)

The Government has earmarked Sh600 billion to revive 34 stalled irrigation and water projects across the country in a major push to boost food production, enhance climate resilience and reduce reliance on rain-fed agriculture.

Irrigation Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho said the projects, some dating back to the colonial era, form part of a national strategy to expand Kenya's irrigated land to 1.5 million acres and strengthen food and nutrition security.

Speaking after concluding public participation forums for the proposed Kapnyemis and Ndubenet irrigation projects in Nandi County, Kimotho said the government is committed to increasing access to water for agriculture and supporting communities vulnerable to changing weather patterns.

"The government is committed to expanding irrigation, strengthening climate resilience and improving food and nutrition security through reliable access to water," he said.

The public participation forums, held in Nandi Hills, Emgwen and Aldai Constituencies, brought together residents, farmers, local leaders and technical teams from the National Irrigation Authority to discuss the proposed projects and their expected benefits.

Kimotho revealed that 15 water projects had been initiated in Nandi County and were expected to benefit more than 30,000 residents.

At Kapnyemis in Ollesos Ward, the government plans to rehabilitate the existing dam, construct a water storage tank and install a reticulation system to support irrigation on approximately 150 acres.

The project is projected to benefit about 900 households by enabling farmers to grow high-value crops, diversify agricultural production and integrate crop and livestock farming. It will also support school kitchen gardens aimed at improving nutrition.

Meanwhile, the Ndubenet project in Emgwen Constituency will involve desilting an 86-acre reservoir, stabilising embankments, constructing a spillway, installing concrete intake structures and developing a 30-kilometre water distribution network.

Once completed, the infrastructure is expected to support irrigation on about 928 acres, expanding agricultural production and reducing farmers' vulnerability to erratic rainfall.

"The projects will increase agricultural productivity, create employment opportunities and boost household incomes in line with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)," the PS said.

He added that involving communities in project planning and implementation would enhance accountability, ownership and sustainable management of the water infrastructure.



State Department for Irrigation Principal Secretary, Ephantus Kimotho, addressing the public at Kapkitany in Aldai Constituency. Photo: Kosuri Valarie.



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TENDER NOTICE

Maseno University invites tenders from eligible candidates for the following:-

S/No.	Tender No.	Description of Service	Tender Closing Date	Eligibility
1	MSU/PQ/001/2026/2028 -MSU/PQ/022/2026/2028	Prequalification of Suppliers 2026/2028	28th October, 2026	As indicated in the Prequalification tender document
2	MSU/PQ/023/2026/2028 -MSU/PQ/048/2026/2028	Prequalification of Suppliers 2026/2028	29th October, 2026	As indicated in the Prequalification tender document
3	MSU/PQ/049/2026/2028 -MSU/PQ/065/2026/2028	Prequalification of Suppliers 2026/2028	30th October, 2026	As indicated in the Prequalification tender document

A complete set of tender documents may be downloaded from Maseno University Website www.maseno.ac.ke or www.tenders.go.ke at no cost.

Bidder's shall submit an original and a copy of the tender documents clearly marked "original" or "copy" and packaged together, sealed and duly completed tender documents in plain envelopes indicating Tender Number and without identifying the sender must be addressed to:-

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY
State Department for Environment and Climate Change

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (CESIP), 2027- 2032

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, through the State Department for Environment and Climate Change, invites members of the public, county governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, informal-sector representatives and other stakeholders to submit their views, comments and recommendations on the **Draft National Circular Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan (CESIP)**. The Draft Strategy outlines Kenya's proposed transition towards a circular economy, focusing on key sectors including agriculture and food systems, plastics and packaging, electrical and electronic equipment (e-waste), textiles and fashion, and mining, quarrying and construction.

ACCESS THE DRAFT DOCUMENT
<https://environment.go.ke/call-public-participation>

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Stakeholders are requested to review the Draft Strategy and submit their views, comments and recommendations using the CESIP Table of Comments template.

S/No	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Provisions in the draft CESIP	Proposed Amendment	Rationale for Amendment/ Recommendation (Where necessary)
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P.O. Box 30126-00100, Nairobi, Kenya

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 27 OCTOBER 2026

Your views will help strengthen the Strategy and support an inclusive, practical circular economy transition for Kenya.

Dr Eng. Festus K. Ngeno, MIEK, CBS
Principal Secretary
State Department for Environment and Climate Change





REPUBLIC OF KENYA



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE -BID MEETING	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.2/OT/006/SS/26-27	Provision of Guarding Services	Thursday 22.10.2026	Monday 26.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m. (Stima Plaza, Auditorium)	Thursday 12.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP1/9A.3/OT/03/26-27	Procurement of Sub-Transmission Network Tools	Thursday 22.10.2026	N/A	Wednesday 12.11.2026 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.3/OT/04/26-27	Procurement of Liveline Rubber Goods	Monday 26.10.2026	N/A	Tuesday 24.11.2026 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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Broadcasting PS Isaboke hails communicators for promoting government policies and projects

Broadcasting and Telecommunications PS urges Information Officers to embrace digital tools and AI while strengthening public communication on government programmes and development initiatives.

BY IAN CHEPKUTO (KNA)

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke has commended government communicators for promoting government policies, programmes and development projects.

The PS urged Information Officers (IOs) and Public Communications Officers (PCOs) to intensify their effort to keep citizens informed through accurate and timely communication.

Speaking during a familiarisation tour of the Directorate of Information headquarters at Uchumi House in Nairobi, Isaboke highlighted the important role communicators play in government.

He said they bridge the gap between government and citizens by providing credible information on policy implementation and development progress across the country.

Isaboke noted that effective communication enables citizens to understand public policies and track the delivery of services.

“The work you do is very important because through your communication Kenyans are able to understand government policies, track ongoing projects and appreciate the progress being made in different parts of the country,” Isaboke said.

The Principal Secretary observed that as the government rolls out transformative programmes nationwide, communicators must ensure the public receives accurate information on project implementation, impact and benefits.

He particularly lauded the Kenya News Agency (KNA) for providing credible, verifiable and factual news coverage, saying its presence in all 47 counties has made it an important platform for documenting development at the grassroots.

“I appreciate what KNA is doing. Through your credible work, we are able to track and assess the government’s progress in implementing its programmes and projects. Your presence across the country is critical in ensuring that information reaches Kenyans,” he said.

However, Isaboke challenged officers to move beyond routine reporting and adopt a more analytical approach that explains the purpose of policies, progress of projects and the impact of government interventions on citizens’ lives.

He cited KNA’s coverage of the proposed Dangote East African Oil Refinery as an example of how development reporting helps the public understand the significance of major national projects.

The PS also called on government communicators to uphold the highest professional standards by prioritising accuracy, verification, impartiality and



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary, Stephen Isaboke (second right) is shown a publication by William Inganga of KNA Press Center (right), as Director of Information John Kahuthu (second left) and Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Temesi Mukani (left) look on during a visit to the Directorate’s headquarters at Uchumi House, Nairobi.

responsible reporting.

As the media landscape continues to evolve, Isaboke encouraged communicators to embrace emerging technologies, digital platforms and artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance the reach, efficiency and relevance of their work.

“Government communicators must remain relevant by combining traditional reporting skills with digital storytelling, multimedia production and the responsible use of emerging technologies,” he said.

Information and Broad-

casting Secretary Temesi Mukani called for stronger collaboration among government communication units to enhance consistency, accuracy and timely dissemination of information on government policies and development programmes.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

The Affordable Housing Board Invites bids from interested and eligible firms for the following tenders:

S/No.	Tender Description	Tender No.	Opening Dates
1.	Request for Proposal for outsourcing the Call Centre and Customer Care Services for the Affordable Housing Board.	AHB/RFP /01/2026-2027	Monday, 9th November 2026 at 11:00 Am

- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained electronically from the Affordable Housing Board website www.affordablehousingboard.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. Tender documents obtained electronically will be free of charge. Those who download the tender documents and intend to submit a bid are required to forward their particulars to the email procurement@affordablehousingboard.go.ke for record and for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums.
- Completed Request for Proposal documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description shall be delivered in the Tender Box located on the **23rd Floor, Prism Tower, 3rd Ngong Avenue** so as to be received as shown above. Bulky documents shall be delivered and Registered at the Office of the **Head, Supply Chain Management Services Prism Tower 21st Floor**.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Affordable Housing Boardroom, located at **Prism Tower 21st Floor**, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. **Late tenders shall be rejected.**
- The Affordable Housing Board may cancel the tender proceedings at any time before the award. Clarifications and addendums related to this notice shall be posted on the Board’s website www.affordablehousingboard.go.ke.

Chief Executive Officer
Affordable Housing Board.
P.O. Box 27521 -00100
NAIROBI, KENYA



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

VETERINARY SURGEONS AND VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS INTERNSHIP VACANCIES

The Directorate of Veterinary Services, State Department for Livestock Development in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development announces internship vacancies for eligible veterinary surgeons and veterinary paraprofessionals who graduated in the year 2025 or earlier. This is a statutory requirement under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, No. 29 of 2011 Sections 15 (1) and 17 (1). Internship will be guided by the Internship Policy and Guidelines for the Public Service, the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Regulations of 2013 and the Kenya Veterinary Board Internship Guidelines. The internship is scheduled to begin in **January 2027**. The deadline for submission of application is **13th November, 2026**.

Mandatory Requirements for the Internship are as follows:

- Temporary registration as a veterinary intern for the year 2026 by the Kenya Veterinary Board
- Certificate of Training (BVM, BSc, Diploma or Certificate level) from Universities and other training Institutions recognized by the Kenya Veterinary Board
- KCSE Certificate
- KCPE Certificate
- National Identity card
- Birth certificate
- KRA PIN certificate
- Valid Certificate of Good Conduct
- SHA Registration
- NSSF registration
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- Bank Account in your name
- Two recent passport size photographs

Application procedure is as follows:

- Register with KVB as an intern by visiting the website: www.kenyavetboard.or.ke.
- AFTER** getting the certificate of registration as an intern from KVB, apply to the Director of Veterinary Services by filling your personal details via the following link: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/usKyRfAj>
- The date for placement of successful applicants will be communicated to eligible applicants through their email addresses in due course

For any clarifications contact Directorate of Veterinary Services internship office via the following email: infodvs@kilimo.go.ke and copy to vetinternship2026@gmail.com

Principal Secretary
State Department for Livestock Development



Community-led health services key to nutrition response in Turkana

County, partners call for stronger community-led approaches as donor support declines

BY PETER GITONGA (KNA)

Turkana County is tapping community health services and the Social Health Authority (SHA) to sustain vital nutrition and healthcare interventions as donor funding for emergency health programmes dwindles.

During a close-out meeting for Phase I of the six-month Emergency Integrated Nutrition and WASH Response Project, Chief Officer for Preventive and Promotive Health Services, Agnes Mana, said the project complements government efforts, underscoring the importance of integrated outreaches.

The project is implemented by the county government in partnership with Save the Children Kenya (SCI) and funded by the Eastern and Southern Africa Humanitarian Fund (ESAHF).

The project targeted 10 sub-counties, aiming to reduce acute malnutrition among hard-to-reach and mobile populations.

“Taking services to our people through integrated outreaches is key, especially for mobile populations along migratory routes,” the Chief Officer said.

Over its course, the initiative established 184



Health stakeholders during close-out meeting for Phase I of the six-month Emergency Integrated Nutrition and WASH Response Project.

outreach sites delivering nutrition screening, immunization, antenatal and postnatal care, child welfare services, and WASH interventions.

The County Government supplied 10,133 bags of Corn Soya Blend (CSB++), while partners supported additional outreach sessions.

UNICEF bolstered WASH services, and World Vision’s unconditional cash transfers reached 8,950 households.

Ms Mana called for stronger household visits, defaulter tracing, and targeted interventions through school health and One Health approaches, while noting the county’s immunization coverage of

66 per cent requires urgent attention.

UNICEF Kenya Health and Nutrition Coordinator, Francis Kidake, emphasized the need for cost-effective, government-led service delivery with communities at the centre of planning.

“We are not going to run away from outreaches. Turkana is not yet at the WHO threshold, so we must find the best ways to sustain them even with shifts in donor funding,” he said.

He urged health teams to draw on documented evidence, including the R-SWITCH study and Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) experience.



DIGITAL HEALTH AGENCY (DHA)

INVITATION TO TENDER

Digital Health Agency (DHA) is a State Corporation established pursuant to the provisions of the Digital Health Act No. 15 of 2023 mandated to amongst others, develop, operationalize and maintain a Comprehensive Integrated Health Information System to manage the core digital systems and the infrastructure required for seamless health information exchange.

The Agency invites sealed tenders for the following:

S/N	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender closing date	Eligibility
1	DHA/ONT/08/2026-2027	Framework Agreement for Supplying, Installing, Testing and Commissioning of Low Earth Orbit Satellite Solution	2 nd November, 2026 at 10:00am	AGPO (Youth, Women, PWD)

Qualified and Interested tenderers may obtain further information during from the procurement office during office hours from **9am to 3pm**.

Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded **free of charge** from the following websites: **www.dha.go.ke** or **www.tenders.go.ke** as from **21st October, 2026 at 12p.m.**

Late bids shall be rejected and returned unopened.

Chief Executive Officer
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Nairobi, Kenya

KENYA RAILWAYS

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Railways (KR) is a Government-Owned Enterprise established under the Government-Owned Enterprises Act No. 25 of 2025. The Corporation’s Vision is to be a provider of world-class rail services, while its Mission is to develop a safe, reliable, and sustainable integrated rail network.

Kenya’s railway system comprises the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) (Mombasa - Malaba with branch lines to Nanyuki and Kisumu) and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) (Mombasa - Naivasha), with ongoing extension to Kisumu and Malaba.

The Corporation invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

S/N	Positions / Designation	Grade	No. of posts	Job Ref	NOTE
1.	General Manager – Corporate Services	RG 2	1	KRBR174	New
2.	General Manager – Legal Services & Corporation Secretary	RG 2	1	KRBR175	Re-advertisement

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS

- Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application: -
Applicants **MUST** provide the following documents on application:
- I. A Signed application letter;
 - II. A detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating current and previous employers, positions held, level of education, current and expected salary, notice period required to take up appointment and names of at least three professional referees;
 - III. Copies of academic and professional certificates; and
 - IV. Copy of National Identification Card or Passport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

- Candidates should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application;
- I. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted;
 - II. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates during interviews;
 - III. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents; and
 - IV. Beware of fraudsters misusing the Company name to solicit money from unsuspecting job seekers.
- Only Successful candidates will be expected to present the following Chapter Six Clearance Certificates: -

- I. Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
- II. Valid Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
- III. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
- IV. Current Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC); and
- V. Current Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

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Applications without the relevant qualifications, copies of documents /details as sought for will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates who meet the required qualifications are invited to submit their applications via the job link available on the Kenya Railways website: www.krc.co.ke. Applicants must clearly indicate the Position Applied for and the Vacancy Reference Number in the subject heading. A detailed step-by-step guide to the application process is available on the Corporation’s website.

NOTE: These positions are open to KENYAN Citizens ONLY.

Successful candidates will be offered a competitive remuneration package in accordance with the Corporation’s guidelines. Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by 9th November, 2026 by 5.00pm so as to reach:

The Managing Director
Kenya Railways
P.O. Box 30121 -00100
NAIROBI

Please note that applications will ONLY be via the Job-link, hard copies shall not be considered.

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



Trans Nzoia secures Sh18b to boost infrastructure

Eight road projects covering 292 kilometres, 14 modern markets and new student accommodation facilities are set to transform connectivity, trade and skills development across the county.

BY SANDRA OMONDI (KNA)

Residents of Trans Nzoia County will benefit from a major infrastructure development programme after the government committed Sh18 billion.

The projects targeted include roads, modern markets and student housing projects aimed at accelerating economic growth and improving

livelihoods.

President William Ruto said the allocation will finance eight road projects spanning 292 kilometres across the county to enhance connectivity, ease movement of people and agricultural produce, and link communities to markets and essential services.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the

20-kilometre Endebess-Kolongoi-Matumbi-Salama Road which is being constructed at a cost of Sh1 billion, the President reaffirmed the government's commitment to completing key transport infrastructure projects in the region.

"I came here when I was still Deputy President and we started the Endebess-Suam Road. We have come to ensure its com-

pletion. Only a very small section remains," Ruto said.

He said the construction of the Endebess-Bwala-Matumbi-Posta Road had begun. The Sh1.2-billion project is expected to be completed within the next year and will further improve access within the county.

Beyond roads, Ruto said the government has earmarked Sh2 Billion for the construction of 14 modern markets in areas including Suam, Cherangany,

Kiminini, Endebess and Kwanza. The facilities are expected to provide traders with safe and all-weather working environments while boosting local commerce.

The President further revealed that Kitale National Polytechnic will receive a hostel facility capable of accommodating 4,500 students as part of the government's broader programme to expand student housing in Technical and Vocational Education and Training

(TVET) institutions.

"We want to ensure that TVETs and polytechnics also have hostels in Trans Nzoia, so that students have access to decent housing," he said.

President Ruto noted that the investments are intended to ensure Trans Nzoia remains fully integrated into the country's development agenda through improved infrastructure, expanded economic opportunities and enhanced access to essential services.

Uasin Gishu Jua Kali artisans secure Sh500m government contracts

BY EKWAM SYLVESTER AND BRIAN SERONEI (KNA)

Jua Kali artisans in Uasin Gishu County have secured government contracts worth more than Sh500 million through their participation in the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) and Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) markets.

This has boosted business growth, employment and household incomes.

The achievement was highlighted during a review meeting convened by the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA), in partnership with the State Department for Housing, at the authority's regional offices in Eldoret.

The meeting brought together welders and fabricators from various Jua Kali associations to assess progress in integrating local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) into government-funded infrastructure projects through structured subcontracting.

Collins Ngige, Director of MSME Inclusion at the State Department for Housing, commended the artisans for their contribution to the Affordable Housing Programme and called for strategies to sustain their businesses beyond the completion of the projects.

He said the government is exploring partnerships with Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions to provide artisans with workshop space where they can manufacture products, earn income and train students in practical skills.

"We have an MoU with TVETs. You can construct on their land and offer oppor-



Director of MSME Inclusion at the State Department for Housing Collins Ngige (right) and MSEA North Rift Regional Director CPA Alton Kogo (sixth right) pose with welders and fabricators from various Jua Kali associations while displaying windows supplied to the Pioneer Affordable Housing Project in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

tunities to train students at your large workshops. This is, in essence, sustainability after affordable housing ends," Ngige said.

He noted that linking artisans with training institutions would provide an additional revenue stream while helping equip young people with marketable technical skills.

MSEA North Rift Regional Director CPA Alton Kogo said local Jua Kali groups had demonstrated their ability to meet quality standards, comply with project requirements and deliver steel, metal and woodwork components on time.

Kogo said the authority had helped coordinate local enterprises to secure contracts worth more than Sh500 million from the State Department for Housing.

He urged beneficiaries to manage their earnings responsibly and reinvest profits to sustain their businesses after the current housing contracts end.

"Do not misuse the capital and the profits you gain from this project, but rather invest to ensure continuity of your income beyond the

housing programme," he said.

Kogo observed that limited access to upfront capital had initially prevented many groups from securing and executing contracts.

However, earnings from successive local purchase orders (LPOs) had enabled some businesses to expand their operations and improve their financial capacity.

He said reinvesting profits would help enterprises build financial reserves, purchase equipment and independently finance future contracts.

Kogo added that integrating Jua Kali businesses into affordable housing and ESP markets was an important step towards expanding employment, strengthening local manufacturing and promoting economic growth.

He said MSEA would continue supporting MSMEs to access government procurement opportunities, noting that bringing informal businesses into the formal economy also expanded the tax base and strengthened compliance.



THE NATIONAL TREASURY

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREFERENCES AND RESERVATIONS FRAMEWORK IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ASSET DISPOSAL FRAMEWORK

Section 7(2)(i) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 (The Act) mandates the National Treasury to develop policy on the administration of preference and reservations scheme and registration of target groups under preference and reservations scheme as prescribed.

Further, Section 157 of The Act provides for participation of candidates in preference and reservations in public procurement and asset disposal, while Section 158 provides for their integration into procurement planning and reporting.

The State Department for Public Investments and Assets Management/National Treasury hereby invite members of the public and all interested stakeholders to participate in the review of the draft document on Development of Preferences and Reservations in Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Framework.

The Draft Framework is intended to strengthen the implementation of preferences and reservations in public procurement and asset disposal, promote inclusive participation and expand opportunities for eligible persons, enterprises and groups, in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya, The Act, applicable Regulations and other relevant legal and policy instruments.

The Framework addresses, among other matters:

1. participation of youth, women and persons with disabilities;
2. participation of disadvantaged, marginalized and other eligible groups;
3. access by micro, small and medium enterprises;
4. citizen participation and local content;
5. preferences and reservations in procurement of goods, works and services;
6. preferences and reservations in the disposal of public assets, including mechanisms that facilitate participation by eligible groups;
7. eligibility, registration and verification requirements;
8. monitoring, reporting and accountability on preferences and reservations; and
9. measures to prevent abuse, fronting, collusion and other practices that undermine the objectives of preferences and reservations.

Members of the public, businesses, professional bodies, civil society organizations, development partners, public institutions and other stakeholders are invited to review the Draft Framework and submit their views, comments and recommendations, including proposals relating to the application of preferences and reservations in both procurement and asset disposal.

Comments should identify the relevant provision and, where possible, provide a proposed amendment and supporting rationale.

Your input is essential to ensuring the document is equitable, implementable, and fit for posterity.

Please submit your written feedback using the tracked changes/comments in the draft document or separate report so as to reach the undersigned by **3rd November, 2026**, through the following email addresses; pspublicinvestment@treasury.go.ke and dpd4553@gmail.com, or hard copy addressed to:

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Public Investments and Assets Management
P.O Box 30007 - 00100
NAIROBI

We welcome your positive contribution to this important national assignment.

CYRELL ODEDE WAGUNDA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Government engages Bomet clergy to promote national development agenda

BY LINET CHEPKEMOI (KNA)

The State Department for Economic Planning has intensified public engagement across the country to improve public understanding of government policies, development programmes and opportunities for citizen participation.

The initiative, dubbed Gumzo la Uchumi Mashi-nani, (Grassroots Economic Dialogue Initiative) targets religious leaders and seeks to strengthen communication between the government and citizens by involving clergy and other influential community leaders in disseminating information about national development priorities.

Speaking during a public forum in Bomet, Principal Secretary for Economic Planning Dr. Boniface Makhokha said religious leaders are important partners because of their influence and regular inter-

“The government is keen on accommodating the views and needs of members of the public in budget-making, and that is why public participation is a key ingredient where members of the public are free to air their concerns” .

action with communities, particularly in rural areas.

He said the government had previously engaged students, small-scale traders, opinion leaders and other members of the public but recognised the need to involve clergy to ensure information about development programmes reached more citizens.

The Bomet meeting brought together religious representatives from 20 areas across the county, including Ndaraweta, Ndanai Abosi, Embomos, Mutarakwa, Chesoen, Mogogosiek, Chepchabas, Kongasis, Chemaner, Chemagel, Kipsonoi, Siongiroi, Chebunyo, Kapletundo, Kimulot, Longisa, Nyongores, Singorwet, Rongena and Silibwet.

Makhokha said the engagement intends to bridge information gaps, counter misinformation and equip religious leaders with accurate information about government policies, projects and programmes.

He noted that religious institutions command considerable public trust and play an important role in shaping values, promoting responsible citizenship and supporting community development.

The PS emphasised that public participation is a constitutional requirement, noting that government programmes, projects and budgets should be communicated transparently to enable citizens to contribute to decisions affecting their lives.

He urged clergy to participate actively in budget-making processes through public hearings and written memoranda, saying their contributions could help the government align resource allocation with community priorities.

“The government is keen on accommodating the views and needs of members of the public in budget-making, and that is why public participation is a key ingredient where members of the public are free to air their concerns,” he said.

The forum also explored ways religious leaders could participate in public-sector budget consultations and discussions on long-term national development plans.

Immigration Department commits to beef up cross-border security

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND FREDRICK MARITIM (KNA)

The Government is committed to strengthening cross-border security through enhanced collaboration with state agencies.

Speaking during a panel discussion at Eldoret National Polytechnic, where government agencies brought services closer to citizens as part of preparations for this year’s Mashujaa Day celebrations, the Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services Dr. Belio Kipsang underscored the importance of a coordinated approach to securing the country’s borders, protecting national interests and safeguarding the economy.

He noted that effective security requires collaboration among government institutions responsible for immigration, wildlife protection and border management, alongside reliable identification systems and authentic travel documents.

“We shall be looking at the issues of borders, wildlife and transitional rights, and how we secure our country so that when we go to bed, we know our surroundings are safe and our economy is secure,” he said.

Dr. Kipsang emphasized that the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services plays a central role in establishing and maintaining the identity of every Kenyan throughout their lifetime.

He described identity documentation as the foundation of citizenship, “The birth certificate becomes the root of your identity. National identity cards affirm an individual’s belonging to the Kenyan

family, while passports enable citizens to travel beyond the country’s borders.”

The PS observed that access to reliable identification and travel documents is particularly important for young people seeking educational, employment and business opportunities beyond their immediate communities.

He encouraged residents of the North Rift region to take advantage of passport services to pursue opportunities both locally and internationally.

Beyond identity management and border security, Dr. Kipsang highlighted the government’s efforts to make public services more accessible through digital platforms, reducing the need for citizens to travel to government offices to obtain essential documents.

“Today, services are not only available in offices; they are also available on digital platforms. We are bringing government services into the hands of the people,” he said.

Dr. Kipsang cited the use of the e-Citizen platform as an example of how digital transformation has eased access to government services, allowing citizens to apply for documents and access other services conveniently.

He said the platform receives approximately 600,000 visits daily, demonstrating the growing demand for online government services and the potential of digital systems to ease congestion at public offices.

The PS also highlighted

cards could be obtained within seven days, while passports are processed within three to seven days.

He further explained that the government had introduced electronic birth notification systems to simplify birth registration, enabling parents to obtain

birth certificates more conveniently following the birth of a child in a hospital.

Under the system, a newborn is assigned a unique personal identifier through electronic notification, allowing parents to use the identifier to access

and print the birth certificate without necessarily returning to government offices.

Dr. Kipsang said such innovations are part of broader efforts to improve efficiency, reduce administrative burdens and ensure that citizens could access

services with greater ease.

He further linked efficient public service delivery to the government’s responsibility to account for public resources, noting that citizens who pay taxes expect tangible benefits from the services provided by state institutions.



National Irrigation Authority

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF 19TH OCTOBER 2026

Reference is made to the publication of the call for proposals in the Government Advertising Agency’s MyGov edition of 22nd September 2026.

The National Irrigation Authority (the Authority) hereby extends the submission deadline for proposals from interested and eligible investors in irrigation water management and land leasing for strategic agricultural production at Bura Irrigation Scheme, as outlined below;

S. No.	Agricultural Enterprise	LOT	Land Rent/ Acre (Kshs)	Water Fees (Kshs)	Indicative acreage	Description of Expected Activities	Submission Deadline	Submission Deadline
1.	Sugar (35,000 acres)	R1	3,500/=	5/ m ³	25,000	• Construct water abstraction, infield irrigation infrastructure and farm development, • Farm identified value chain as the main crop and a suitable rotational crop	22 nd October 2026 at 12.00 Noon local time	5 th November 2026 at 12.00 Noon local time
		R2			10,000			
2.	Cotton (10,000 acres)	C1	3,500/=	5/m ³	10,000	• Interested investors are encouraged to consider Agro-processing facilities and related services. • Establish technologies that promote efficient irrigation water use		
3.	Rice & Fodder crops (5,000 acres)	F1	2000/= per acre per season	1,000/= per acre per season	2,000			
		F2						
		F3						
		F4						
	TOTALS				50,000			
4.	Irrigation Water Management		N/A	N/A	up to 50m ³ /s	• Annex 1 Schedule of requirements		

Please incorporate the clarification(s) in preparation and submission of your proposal as provided. The other details, terms and conditions remain the same

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY



Roads department invites public views on FY 2027/28 budget priorities

Stakeholders call for increased funding, timely project completion and innovative financing to accelerate road infrastructure development.

BY BRIDGIT NASURUMBI (MYGOV)

The State Department for Roads has intensified efforts to align infrastructure investments with public needs by seeking stakeholder and citizen input on its proposed FY 2027/28 Budget and Medium-Term expenditure priorities.

Speaking during a virtual public participation and stakeholder engagement forum, Secretary Administration, Evans Mutari, representing Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua, underscored the critical role of public participation in shaping road infrastructure projects that respond to the needs of Kenyans while ensuring prudent use of public resources.

The forum reviewed the Department's performance between FY 2023/24 and FY 2025/26 and discussed planned allocations, key outputs and strategic priorities for the FY 2027/28 to FY 2029/30 period.

During the review period, the Department constructed 2,089.25 kilometres of roads, rehabilitated 189.83 kilometres, maintained 95,791.45 kilometres under various maintenance programmes and completed 48 bridges.

Looking ahead, the Department plans to construct 3,030 kilometres of roads, rehabilitate 209 kilometres, complete 21 bridges and maintain

114,983.76 kilometres of roads during the Medium-Term period.

Stakeholders highlighted several challenges affecting implementation of road projects, including inadequate funding, maintenance backlogs, delayed payments to contractors, land acquisition and wayleave constraints, climate-related risks, axle-load violations and vandalism of road assets.

Participants emphasised the need for efficient allocation and utilisation of available resources, enhanced inter-agency collaboration and timely completion of ongoing projects. They also identified Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and other innovative financing mechanisms as viable options for mobilising additional resources and accelerating infrastructure delivery.

The State Department for Roads reiterated its commitment to inclusive planning and continuous stakeholder engagement as part of broader efforts to enhance accountability, address infrastructure gaps and ensure that public investments deliver tangible benefits to citizens.

The Department noted that improved road connectivity remains central to Kenya's socio-economic transformation by enhancing access to markets, essential services and economic opportunities across the country.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD INVITATION TO BID

Tender No.	AHB/DISPOSAL/02/2026-2027
Tender Description:	Proposed disposal/Sale of commercial business spaces at the Pioneer Affordable Housing Estate in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County

The Affordable Housing Board Invites bids from eligible interested bidders and persons for the sale and lease of business space at the Pioneer Affordable Housing Project in Uasin Gishu County. The following spaces are available for sale and lease as lotted below.

LOT 1 – BLOCK A			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	AS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	AS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	AS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	AS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	AS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	AS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	AS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	AS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	AS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	AS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	AS014	900,000.00	7,500
12	AS015	1,300,000.00	10,900
13	AS016	1,700,000.00	14,200
LOT 2: BLOCK C			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	CS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	CS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	CS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	CS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	CS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	CS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	CS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	CS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	CS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	CS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	CS014	900,000.00	7,500
12	CS015	1,300,000.00	10,900
13	CS016	1,700,000.00	14,200
LOT 3: BLOCK G			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	GS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	GS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	GS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	GS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	GS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	GS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	GS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	GS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	GS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	GS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	GS014	900,000.00	7,500
12	GS015	1,300,000.00	10,900
13	GS016	1,700,000.00	14,200
LOT 4: BLOCK H			
1	HS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	HS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	HS006	900,000.00	7,500

S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
4	HS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	HS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	HS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	HS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	HS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	HS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	HS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	HS014	900,000.00	7,500
12	HS015	1,300,000.00	10,900
13	HS016	1,700,000.00	14,200
LOT 5: BLOCK L			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	LS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	LS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	LS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	LS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	LS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	LS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	LS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	LS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	LS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	LS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	LS014	900,000.00	7,500
LOT 6: BLOCK M			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	MS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	MS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	MS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	MS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	MS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	MS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	MS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	MS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	MS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	MS013	900,000.00	7,500
11	MS014	900,000.00	7,500
LOT 7: BLOCK N			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
1	NS004	1,000,000.00	8,300
2	NS005	900,000.00	7,500
3	NS006	900,000.00	7,500
4	NS007	1,000,000.00	8,300
5	NS008	1,100,000.00	9,200
6	NS009	1,100,000.00	9,200
7	NS010	1,100,000.00	9,200
8	NS011	1,100,000.00	9,200
9	NS012	900,000.00	7,500
10	NS013	900,000.00	7,500

S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
11	NS014	900,000.00	7,500
12	NS015	1,300,000.00	10,900
13	NS016	1,700,000.00	14,200

LOT 8- PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR LEASE ONLY			
S/No	Shop Name	Reserve Price	Plinth Area (M ²)
Ground floor	Open space	27,000,000.00	217,000
first floor	Open space	22,700,000.00	190,000
Roof top	Open space	26,900,000.00	225,000
LOT 9 – PIONEER CLUB HOUSE FOR LEASE ONLY			
Ground floor	Open space	21,000,000.00	175,000
First floor	Open space	21,000,000.00	175,000
Roof top	Open space	16,000,000.00	135,000

- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained electronically from the Affordable Housing Board website www.affordablehousingboard.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. Tender documents obtained electronically will be free of charge. Those who download the tender documents and intend to submit a bid are required to forward their particulars to the email procurement@affordablehousingboard.go.ke for record and for the purpose of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addendums.
- Completed Request for Proposal documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description shall be delivered in the Tender Box located on the **21st Floor, Prism Towers, 3rd Ngong Avenue** so as to be received on or before **10th November, 2026 at 11:00 a.m** Local time. Bulky documents shall be delivered and Registered at the Office of the Head, Supply Chain Management Services Prism Tower 21st Floor.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Affordable Housing Boardroom, located at Prism Tower 21st Floor, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. **Late tenders shall be rejected.**
- Clarifications and addendums related to this notice shall be posted on the Board's website www.affordablehousingboard.go.ke

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Kenya targets 50 per cent local manufacturing to cut imports

Government seeks to boost value addition, create jobs and expand industrial parks as it pushes to halve reliance on imported goods.

BY ARON KINYAMASYO AND EMMANUEL MWENDWA (KNA)

Kenya is targeting to increase the share of locally manufactured goods from the current 30 per cent to 50 per cent as part of efforts to reduce import dependence, create jobs and accelerate value addition.

Industry Principal Secretary Dr Juma Mukhwana said Kenya currently imports nearly 70 per cent of the goods it consumes, presenting a significant opportunity to expand domestic production and stimulate employment.

Speaking during a media briefing in Nairobi ahead of the Kenya Industrialisation Summit and Changamka Shopping Festival scheduled for November, Dr Mukhwana said manufacturing remains central to the country's economic transformation agenda.

"We want to have a Kenya where we are manufacturing 50 per cent of all the items that we need," he said.

The PS noted that Kenya must move beyond exporting raw agricultural products and minerals and focus on processing them into

higher-value products for both local and international markets.

He identified tea, coffee, avocados and macadamia nuts as key products with significant potential for value addition through local processing, saying this would create jobs and strengthen the country's export capacity.

Dr Mukhwana said the government is promoting County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) to decentralise manufacturing and spur industrial growth beyond Nairobi and its neighbouring counties.

He revealed that 34 county industrial park projects have been initiated, with 15 already completed while the rest are at various stages of implementation.

The PS urged county governments to allocate land for industrial development and prioritise processing locally available raw materials, stressing that successful industrialisation requires close collaboration between the national and county governments.

He also highlighted opportunities presented by Kenya's regional and international trade agreements, noting that increased local

manufacturing would enable businesses to tap into larger export markets.

In addition, the government plans to establish more industrial parks across the country to support production, value addition and exports, he said.

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) Chairperson Hitesh Mediratta said rising demand for locally manufactured goods would encourage companies to expand production, invest in innovation and develop new products.

He noted that the Changamka Shopping Festival would provide a platform for manufacturers to showcase Kenyan-made products and connect with consumers, retailers, distributors and potential business partners.

More than 200 exhibitors are expected to participate in the event.

Mediratta called on consumers, government agencies and institutions to support locally manufactured products, saying stronger domestic demand would help drive industrial growth.

He noted that manufacturers require affordable



Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana [Centre] addressing the media in Nairobi ahead of the upcoming Kenya Industrialization Summit, 2026 and Changamka Shopping Festival which will be held from 2nd-7th November, 2026 at Kenyatta International Convention Center [KICC] in Nairobi. He was accompanied by Kenya Association of Manufacturers [KAM] Chairperson, Hitesh Mediratta, [Right] and Deputy Representative for United Nations Industrial Development Organization Ms. Lynette Luvai [Left]. Photo by Aron Kinyamasyo.

financing, reliable and competitively priced energy, efficient transport and logistics systems, modern infrastructure and predictable tax and regulatory policies to remain competitive.

The KAM chairperson also called for stronger implementation of trade agreements, including the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Kenya-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), to help manufacturers access wider markets.

He emphasised that promoting local products must be accompanied by quality, affordability and innovation to build consumer confidence and enable Kenyan goods to compete effectively with imports.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Deputy Representative and Partnerships Officer Lynette Luvai said industrialisation requires adequate, innovative and accessible financing, particularly for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as well as women- and youth-led businesses.

She noted that industrial development is critical to creating decent jobs, increasing value addition and building resilient economies capable of competing in regional and global markets.

Luvai reaffirmed UNIDO's commitment to working with the Government, KAM and other partners to promote competitive, inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

She added that the summit and shopping fes-

tival would bring together manufacturers, investors, universities, technical and vocational education institutions and other stakeholders to discuss industrial policy, financing, innovation and market access.

Dr Mukhwana said the summit is expected to generate policy recommendations aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of Kenyan products, improving collaboration between government, industry and academia, attracting investment into manufacturing and increasing awareness of locally produced goods.

He urged Kenyans to view manufacturing as an investment opportunity, noting that enterprises can start small and scale up as they develop products and access new markets.

Kisumu Polytechnic to launch Sh1.2 billion textile factory

World Bank-funded facility will integrate training, research and garment production while anchoring the region's cotton-to-textile value chain.

BY FAITH LUMUMBA (KNA)

Kisumu National Polytechnic will operationalise its Sh1.2 billion textile factory in January 2027 as preparations for the launch enter the final phase.

Construction of the World Bank-funded facility is nearing completion, with the contractor expected to complete the remaining works by the end of this month ahead of the project's full completion in December.

Funded through the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP), the factory brings together production, training and research under one roof, positioning the institution as a key player in Kenya's

textile value chain.

The facility is designed to host the entire cotton-to-garment process, from spinning cotton into yarn and weaving fabric to producing finished garments.

It also features training workshops, research and innovation laboratories, technology transfer centres and student accommodation facilities.

Speaking during an inspection tour by a World Bank technical team, Kisumu National Polytechnic Chief Principal Dr Wycliffe Okumu said the institution is developing a comprehensive implementation framework to ensure all components of the project operate as an integrated industrial and training ecosystem.

"We want to fully opera-

tionalise the value chain by coming up with a detailed implementation plan," Okumu said.

"Students will gain practical experience by learning inside a working factory, and securing raw materials is now our immediate priority," he added.

To support production, the institution is engaging cotton farmers, political leaders and Members of County Assembly across the Nyanza and Western regions to establish a reliable supply of seed cotton for the spinning unit.

The polytechnic has also signed 26 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with industry players, including Rivatex East Africa, Thika Cloth Mills and Ethiopia's Kombolcha Textile Share Company.

According to Okumu, the partnerships will facilitate staff training, technology transfer and skills development for students.

He added that the institution plans to open the facility to other Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions through staff capacity-building programmes and student access initiatives, positioning Kisumu as a regional hub for textile technology and innovation.

To ensure sustainability beyond donor funding, the polytechnic intends to incubate micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) around the factory to support value addition, create jobs and generate revenue.

However, Okumu noted that energy costs and waste management remain key challenges.

While some sections of

the factory will be powered by solar energy, heavy industrial machinery will require additional power sources.

"We are exploring off-grid energy solutions to reduce dependence on expensive grid electricity," he said.

The institution is also planning to construct an effluent treatment plant to manage liquid waste generated by industrial processes.

The design, developed internally by the polytechnic's Building and Construction Department, is awaiting approval from the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

Okumu said the proposed facility would also serve as a research project and demonstrate the institution's technical capacity to undertake major infrastructure development and rehabilitation works.

Governing Council Chairman Eng. Judah Ochieng said attention had now shifted from construction to developing a clear framework for production, maintenance and management of the textile centre of excellence.

"We have had challenges with construction, supervision and procurement that delayed operationalisation. The big question now is how we will run this factory," Ochieng said.

"From January, the challenge is what we will produce. We must put pen to paper on how we will operate and maintain the facility," he added.

EASTRIP National Coordinator and TVET Director Archer Arina, who led the inspection team, said issues identified during earlier assessments had been addressed, paving the way for the factory's commissioning and operationalisation.

Treasury fast-tracks 2027/28 budget cycle ahead of the 2027 General Election

BY WASIDIA FRESHWIN
AND PHAELINE MOTARI
(KNA)

The National Treasury has accelerated the budget preparation process for the 2027/28 Financial Year to allow Parliament to review and approve expenditure estimates by March 31, 2027, ahead of the August 2027 General Election.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi said the revised budget calendar is intended to provide economic certainty and ensure uninterrupted delivery of public services during the election period.

In remarks delivered on his behalf by National Treasury Principal Secretary Dr Chris Kiptoo during the opening of the Public Sector Hearings on the 2027/28 Budget and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, Mbadi said public participation remains a constitutional requirement under Article 201(a) of the Constitution.

“As we prepare the 2027/28 Budget Estimates, our fiscal policy

will advance the Government’s priorities under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and the Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTP IV). Our approach is clear: pursue growth while restoring fiscal discipline,” Mbadi said.

The CS said Kenya’s economy had demonstrated resilience, recording an average growth rate of five per cent between 2022 and 2025, with real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth reaching 5.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2026.

He noted that the government remains committed to fiscal consolidation, with the budget deficit projected to decline from 6.8 per cent of GDP in the 2025/26 financial year to 5.9 per cent in 2027/28 and further to 4.9 per cent by 2030/31.

According to Mbadi, the fiscal framework is anchored on sustained economic growth of at least 5.3 per cent, inflation within the target range, a stable exchange

rate, increased revenue mobilisation and prudent expenditure management.

To strengthen domestic revenue collection, the Treasury is implementing the National Tax Policy and Medium-Term Revenue Strategy, which seeks to broaden the tax base, streamline incentives and modernise tax administration through digital systems.

Mbadi directed accounting officers to comply with Treasury Circular No.10 of 2026 and submit sector budget proposals ahead of the presentation of the Draft Budget Policy Statement to Parliament on November 16, 2026.

State Department for Economic Planning Principal Secretary Dr Boniface Makokha said all sector proposals had been aligned with national development priorities and long-term economic objectives.

He revealed that implementation of Kenya Vision 2030 currently stands at 66.1 per cent, led by strong performance in the political pillar at 88.2 per cent.



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1. Kenya Seed Company Limited invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers for;

The tender information is as below: -

NO	TENDER REF: NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE CATEGORY	BID SECURITY (KSH)
1.	KSC/NOT/SGS/01/2026/27	Provision of Security Guarding Services.	OPEN	600,000.00
2.	KSC/NOT/GLC/2/2026/27	Provision of Group Life Assurance Cover.	OPEN	200,000.00
3.	KSC/NOT/RFP/3/2026/27	Request for Proposal for Provision of Tax Consultancy Services	OPEN	200,000.00
4.	KSC/NOT/CS/4/2026/27	Provision of Cafeteria Services	RESERVED FOR WOMEN	Submission of tender securing declaration form
5.	KSC/NOT/NS/5/2026/2027	Supply, Delivery Installation and Commissioning of Network Switches.	OPEN	100,000.00

2. The tender is conducted under open tendering method and is open to all eligible and interested Tenderers.

3. Eligible and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during normal office working hours at **Procurement Department, Kenya Seed Company Limited, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale.**

4. A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates/tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fees of **Ksh 1,000.00** in cash or Banker's cheque payable to Kenya Seed Company Limited or be accessed from Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) or www.kenyaseed.com free of charge. Interested bidders who opt to download the Tender Document shall be required to register/submit their contact details to procurement@kenyaseed.co.ke for recording and any further clarification or addenda.

5. Completed tender documents properly SEALED, to be addressed to **Managing Director, Kenya Seed Company Limited, P.O Box 553 - 30200, Kitale** and deposited into the **tender box** at the Company's Headquarters, Mbegu Plaza, Ground Floor, Kitale, so as to be received on or before **28th October, 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** Tenders will be opened on the same date and time at Conference Room, Mbegu Plaza, Kitale in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Electronic tenders shall not be accepted and any late tenders shall be rejected.

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INTERNSHIP VACANCIES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development has declared **6,000** vacancies for internship (Cohort 2) under the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP).The programme seeks to equip young professionals with relevant skills, expose them to real-world of work environment, and strengthen their capacity to contribute to the implementation of the Affordable Housing Programme and the country's broader socio-economic development agenda. The vacancies are available in the following professional areas:

S/ No	Profession	Award Level	Required number
1.	Architecture	Degree	475
2.	Architectural Assistant	Diploma	330
3.	Civil Engineering	Degree	275
4.	Construction Management	Degree	500
5.	Electrical Engineering	Degree	250
6.	Mechanical Engineering	Degree	350
7.	Quantity Surveying	Degree	300
8.	Quantity Surveying Assistant	Diploma	300
9.	Structural Engineering	Degree	300
10.	Structural Assistant	Diploma	225
11.	Health and Safety	Degree	300
12.	Land Surveying/Geo Spatial	Degree	230
13.	Landscape Architecture	Degree	250
14.	Realtors	Degree	330
15.	Valuers	Degree	115
16.	Social Development	Degree	115
17.	Urban and Regional Planning	Degree	200

S/ No	Profession	Award Level	Required number
18.	Data Science and/or Artificial Intelligence	Degree	50
19.	Gender and Development Studies	Degree	50
20.	Building Inspector	Diploma	290
21.	Inspector Civil Engineering	Diploma	300
22.	Inspector of gas/ refrigeration	Diploma	175
23.	Inspector Plumbing and Drainage		
24.	Property Managers	Diploma	250
25.	Inspector Electricals	Diploma	75
26.	Communication and Branding	Degree	20
27.	Environmental Practitioners	Degree	30
28.	Interior Design	Degree & Diploma	30
Total			6000

Requirements for Appointments

For appointment to an internship position, a candidate must:

- Have a Bachelor's degree or Diploma, as specified for each of the above professional areas, from a recognized university;
- Have graduated not earlier than the year 2020;
- Be proficient in computer skills; and
- Have not benefited from a similar programme.

Internship Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include, but not limited to;

- Completing duties mutually agreed upon and assigned by the supervisors;
- Documenting relevant skills acquired in their areas of deployment in the Affordable Housing Programme and Marketing project sites across the country; and
- Actively participating in any relevant mentorship activities and additional responsibilities designed for the programme.

Duration of Internship

Twelve (12) months- Non renewable

Stipend

The interns will be paid a stipend by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, at a rate as determined by the Government

Certificate

On successful completion of the Internship Programme, the interns will be awarded a certificate by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.

Interested and qualified applicants are requested to make their applications through the Public Service Commission's job portal accessible through www.publicservice.go.ke or www.psckjobs.go.ke by **9th November, 2026**

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Kenya hosts first Global Education in Emergencies summit

Nairobi forum brings together 21 countries to advance resilient education systems and ensure learning continues during crises

BY PHILLIP RUTTO AND HEZEKIEL GIKAMBI (PCO)

Kenya has strengthened its position as a regional leader in crisis-responsive education by hosting, for the first time on African soil, the global annual convening of the Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE).

The three-day forum, held in Nairobi, brought together governments, United Nations agencies, development and humanitarian partners, civil society organisations, refugee and host communities, academics, teachers and youth representatives from 21 countries to chart new pathways for safeguarding education during emergencies.

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Education through the State Department for Basic Education and the University of Nairobi, the meeting was held under the theme, “Working Better Together:

Shifting Power, Transforming Systems.”

Speaking during the opening session, Education Secretary Nelson Sifuna described education in emergencies as a fundamental right and a critical investment in child protection, human dignity, resilience and sustainable development.

“Education in emergencies is not an optional component of humanitarian response. It is a fundamental right and an essential investment in child protection, human dignity, resilience and sustainable development,” Sifuna said.

He noted that millions of children worldwide continue to lose learning opportunities due to conflict, displacement, climate-related disasters and disease outbreaks, with refugee and displaced learners among the most affected.

The choice of Nairobi as host city recognised Kenya’s experience in



State Department for Basic Education Director General Dr Elyas Abdi addresses delegates during the closing session of the three-day global Education in Emergencies forum held in Nairobi.

sustaining learning amid recurring floods, droughts, landslides and insecurity, as well as its efforts to support large refugee and host populations.

Closing the forum on behalf of the Ministry of Education, State Department for Basic Education Director General Dr Elyas Abdi said education in emergencies must be viewed as a core responsibility of the education sector rather than solely a humanitarian concern.

He said Kenya’s response is anchored on the Education Sector

Disaster Management Policy (2017) and the National Education Sector Strategic Plan 2023–2027, which seek to strengthen preparedness, risk reduction and continuity of learning.

“Education in Emergencies is an essential responsibility of the education sector and a critical component of our commitment to ensuring that every child has access to education, even in times of crisis,” said Dr Abdi.

The Director General highlighted the impact of climate-related disasters on learning institutions, noting that rising water levels in Lakes Baringo, Bogoria, Nakuru, Elementaita, Naivasha and Turkana have submerged schools, while floods and landslides have displaced learners and disrupted education in several regions.

Delegates underscored the need for stronger local leadership, predictable financing, reliable data systems and greater community participation in designing and implementing emergency education programmes.

Participants from countries

including Syria, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo shared experiences of sustaining education under difficult conditions and called for stronger collaboration between governments, donors and local communities.

The forum also reaffirmed the central role of teachers in maintaining learning continuity and providing psychosocial support to children affected by crises.

As the meeting closed, delegates committed to translating discussions into practical actions, resource allocation and policies that place affected communities at the centre of decision-making.

“No child’s future should be determined by the crisis into which they were born,” Sifuna told participants, a message that resonated throughout the summit.

Dr Abdi urged stakeholders to move from commitments to measurable results, stressing that every child, regardless of circumstance, deserves access to safe, inclusive and quality education.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE JUDICIARY

TENDER NOTICE

The Judiciary invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

S/N	Tender Number	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender closing/Opening Date
1.	JUD/OT/006/2026-2027	Proposed Completion of Voi Law Courts	ALL	3rd November, 2026 at 10:00 AM
2.	JUD/OT/007/2026-2027	Proposed Refurbishment of Judiciary Executive Offices at Kenya National Library	ALL	3rd November, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Tendering is open to all qualified and interested tenderers who may view and obtain tender documents from the Judiciary’s website www.judiciary.go.ke and from the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) website www.tenders.go.ke. Any request for clarifications must be made in writing at least **five (5) days** prior to the tender closing dates. All clarifications and addenda will be posted on the Judiciary and on the Public Procurement Information Portal websites.

Bids submitted should be in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes and Public Procurement Capacity Building Levy (PPCBL) of 0.03% of the quoted amount that should remain valid for **One Hundred and Twenty (120) days** from the tender closing date.

Tenders must be accompanied with a tender security valid for **150 days** from tender closing date in the form of a guarantee issued by Financial Institutions approved and licensed by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) or by Insurance Companies registered and licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), addressed and payable to the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.

Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the tender number and name and deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Main Gate, Supreme Court entrance, City Hall Way, Nairobi and addressed to:

THE CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY
ATT: DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES
P.O. BOX 30041-00100, NAIROBI, KENYA

To be received on or before tender closing dates.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers’ representatives who choose to attend at **Supreme Court Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 74**, or as will be advised.

Late tenders shall be rejected.

HON. WINFRIDAH B. MOKAYA, CBS
CHIEF REGISTRAR OF THE JUDICIARY





KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following items as detailed in the respective tender documents:

TENDER No.	DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY	OPENING DATE
KRC/2026/2889/337	Request for proposal (RFP) for provision of consultancy services for asset valuation	750,000.00	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2903/420	Provision of consultancy service for ERM maturity assessment and support 2026	N/A	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2904/369	Provision of mortgage debt collection services	N/A	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2928/410	Supply, installation, configuration and commissioning of next generation firewalls	150,000.00	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2921/411	Request for proposal for sustainability strategy implementation, review, integration and reporting services	60,0000	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2896/412	Supply, delivery, installation, configuration, testing, commissioning and support of an enterprise wireless local area network (WLAN) and network access control (NAC) solution.	80,000.00	3 rd November 2026
KRC/2026/2897/422	Supply, delivery, installation, configuration, testing, commissioning and support of a unified IP telephony / unified communications solution	180,000.00	3 rd November 2026

Prospective bidders may download the tender documents from the Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited website www.kenyare.co.ke **free of charge**. Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly bearing the correct tender number and name should be deposited in the tender box located on the 16th floor of Reinsurance Plaza Aga Khan Walk NAIROBI or be sent to:

Managing Director
Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited
Reinsurance Plaza, Nairobi
Aga Khan Walk
P.O. Box 30271 - 00100 NAIROBI

To be received as detailed above or in the Invitation to tender. Tenders will be opened the same day and time in the Corporation’s Boardroom in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend. Tenders that are delivered after the submission deadline will be rejected.

Prices quoted **MUST** be expressed in currency indicated in the invitation to tender and must be inclusive of all applicable Government taxes and should remain valid for a period of **120 days** from the closing date of the tender.

Bidders who download the tender documents from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately via email to procurement@kenyare.co.ke. This is for record and any further tender clarifications and addendum where necessary. The particulars should include: Name of Firm, Postal Address, Telephone Number, Email Address, Tender Number and Tender Name. Bidders should request for clarifications through the said e-mail. The purpose of the e-mail is for submission of tenderers particulars above **ONLY**.

Any canvassing or giving of false information will lead to automatic disqualification.

Three months anti-GBV drive launched in Western

BY MELECHEZEDECK
EJAKAIT AND
SHILLA NICOLLE AKINYI
(KNA)

The Government has launched a three-month Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) in Western Kenya to accelerate action against gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide, with a focus on faster arrests, investigations and prosecution of offenders.

The initiative, spearheaded by the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, brings together security agencies, the Judiciary, health facilities, schools, religious leaders and community structures to strengthen prevention, protection and access to justice.

Speaking during the launch in Kakamega, Principal Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action Anne Wang'ombe said the initiative followed recommendations by the Presidential Technical Working Group on GBV and femicide, which called for intensified and coordinated action across the country.

"It is for this reason that the Ministry is launching the RRI here in Western region after launching one in the Central region," she said.

Wang'ombe said the Government was determined to end GBV and called on stakeholders to coordinate their efforts and work towards specific targets during the three-month period.

"We want them now to do it in a coordinated manner as we have set up targets and timelines with a view of getting rid of GBV cases in Western region," she said.

The PS said the region had

The Judiciary will be expected to fast-track GBV cases and minimise unnecessary adjournments, while police will prioritise arrests and ensure investigations are conducted effectively to support prosecution.

recorded 3,191 GBV cases, including rape, defilement and femicide, between January and September this year, making it one of the country's hotspots.

She said each county would implement measures based on its specific challenges, while key institutions would have defined responsibilities.

The Judiciary will be expected to fast-track GBV cases and minimise unnecessary adjournments, while police will prioritise arrests and ensure investigations are conducted effectively to support prosecution.

Religious leaders will be expected to promote peaceful families and address GBV through their programmes, while schools will sensitise learners on the vice and reporting mechanisms.

Wang'ombe said health facilities should prioritise GBV cases, while Community Health Promoters would be trained to identify, screen and report cases within their communities.

Western Regional Commissioner Allan



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.

Machari said combating GBV required a coordinated approach involving national and county governments, police and other stakeholders.

"We acknowledge and agree that the fight should be a concerted effort by all stakeholders as it cannot be won by one particular organisation or set-up," he said.

Machari said all police stations in the region had gender desks, while

counties had GBV centres and protection units. He added that community sensitisation and multi-sectoral coordination had strengthened referral and case management.

Kakamega County Executive for Social Services, Sports, Youth, Gender and Culture Jackline Masicha said the RRI provided an opportunity to turn existing GBV policies and recommendations into measurable action.

Western Region Police Commander George Seda said police had intensified operations against illicit brews and drugs, which he linked to many GBV cases.

"We are currently undertaking consistent raids. We are making arrests daily and taking perpetrators to court," he said, adding that police were also working with communities and other agencies to improve surveillance and enhance safety.



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Public Notice

Notification of the Full Roll-Out of the Electronic Monitoring and Tracking of Goods Under Customs Control and Transition to the Multi-Vendor User-Owned e-Seal Framework

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) hereby notifies Importers, Exporters, Clearing and Forwarding Agents, Transporters, Bonded Warehouse Operators, Partner States and all other Stakeholders that the Commissioner of Customs & Border Control will commence the roll-out of the Multi-Vendor User-Owned Framework of the Regional Electronic Cargo Tracking System (RECTS), **effective 26th October, 2026.**

TAKE NOTICE that the electronic seals presently owned by KRA under RECTS for tagging on Dry Cargo and Motor vehicle units shall **cease to be in operation with effect from the 26th October, 2026.** Thereafter, the electronic monitoring and tracking of goods under Customs control shall be undertaken exclusively by means of devices supplied by the approved Vendors in line with the Multi-Vendor User-Owned Framework. E-fuel electronic seals presently owned by KRA under RECTS for monitoring of wet cargo, shall be progressively phased out. This Framework shall be based on private commercial agreement between the approved Vendors and users. Users are at liberty to select any of the approved Vendors.

The list of the approved Vendors may be obtained in the KRA website (www.kra.go.ke) or by email to cmu@kra.go.ke or visit the Cargo Monitoring Unit, 13th Floor, Times Tower or any other Customs Offices.

Commissioner for Customs and Border Control

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Public Notice

Clarification on the Implementation of the eTIMS-IFMIS Integration

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), in collaboration with the National Treasury, wishes to clarify that the integration between the Electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS) and the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) supports the validation of tax invoices generated through both the Electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS) and the Tax Invoice Management System (TIMS).

The integration is intended to enhance transparency and accountability in Government transactions, streamline invoice validation and payment processes and strengthen tax compliance through automated verification of tax invoices.

Accordingly, all suppliers conducting business with Government entities are hereby informed that both valid eTIMS and TIMS invoices are accommodated in the IFMIS-eTIMS integration and are subject to the applicable invoice validation requirements before proceeding through the IFMIS payment workflow.

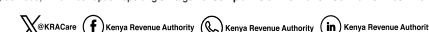
KRA and the National Treasury remain committed to supporting Government entities and suppliers in the implementation and effective utilisation of the integrated solution to facilitate seamless invoice validation, enhance tax compliance, and support the timely processing of legitimate supplier payments.

For further information and support, please contact the KRA Contact Centre at Tel: 020 4 999 999, 0711 099 999, or Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke

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Digital learning enhanced in 10,382 Junior schools

Government launches the country's largest classroom technology programme across all 47 counties, equipping public junior schools with interactive smart boards and teacher laptops while training more than 64,000 teachers to drive digital learning, strengthen Competency-Based Education and prepare learners for opportunities in the digital economy.

BY KNA TEAM

Thousands of learners across Kenya will benefit from enhanced digital learning following the nationwide rollout of Phase II of the Digital Literacy Programme (DLP). Through the programme some 10,382 public junior schools have been equipped with interactive smart boards and teachers given laptops. The simultaneous launch across all 47 counties under the National Digital Class Experience marks a major milestone in the Government's drive to modernise education, bridge the digital divide and prepare learners for participation in an increasingly technology-driven economy. Implemented through the Information and Communications Technology Authority (ICTA), the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy under the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP), with support from the World Bank, the programme seeks to expand digital access, improve learning outcomes and prepare learners with skills needed in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The nationwide rollout follows a landmark live digital classroom demonstration presided over by President William Ruto at Kiminini Junior School in Trans Nzoia County, where learners and teachers from different parts of the country interacted in real time, showcasing the power of technology to break geographical barriers and democratise access to quality education. Government officials have described the initiative as one of the most significant investments in the country's education sector since the introduction of digital learning under the DigiSchool programme. Launching the programme in Kericho County, ICTA Board Chairperson Lily Ngok said the rollout is more than a distribution of digital equipment. "Today is not just about handing over gadgets. We are handing over the oppor-



Eng John Tanui, Principal Secretary for the State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy speaking during thenationwide rollout of Phase II of the Digital Literacy Programme.

tunity," Ngok said. She noted that the first phase has already reached 10,382 public junior schools, representing nearly half of all public junior schools in Kenya, with the Government targeting approximately 21,000 schools by April 2027. According to Ngok, the initiative seeks to ensure that all learners, regardless of where they live, enjoy equal access to quality education and digital resources. "We cannot talk about a digital Kenya if our classrooms remain analogue. Every child deserves an opportunity to learn, innovate and compete in the digital world," she said. Ngok revealed that more than 64,000 teachers have already undergone training in the use of smart boards, laptops and digital learning resources, enabling them to effectively integrate technology into classroom instruction under the Competency-Based Education (CBE) curriculum. She said digital content for Grades Seven and Eight has already been developed and quality-assured, while Grade Nine content is being finalised. The resources are hosted on an education cloud accessible to teachers, learners and parents, with some content already adapted for learners with visual and hearing impairments. Ngok urged school administrators, teachers and communities to ensure

the devices are actively utilised and properly safeguarded. "The success of this programme will not be measured by the number of devices delivered but by how effectively they are used to improve learning outcomes," she said. At Kisii Comprehensive School, Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke described the programme as a transformative investment in Kenya's future workforce. "Seeing learners confidently using digital devices and responding to computer-based questions at such a young age is encouraging. It demonstrates that Kenya is building a generation capable of competing globally in innovation, technology and digital skills," said Isaboke. He said early exposure to technology enables learners to acquire critical digital competencies, access educational resources and prepare for careers in emerging sectors. Isaboke linked the success of digital learning to the Government's broader Digital Superhighway Programme, which seeks to deploy 100,000 kilometres of fibre-optic infrastructure and establish 25,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots nationwide. According to the PS, nearly 50,000 kilometres of fibre infrastructure have already been rolled out through partnerships involving ICTA, the Communications Authority of Kenya, Kenya Power and private telecommunications operators. In Kisii County alone, approximately 250 kilometres of fibre-optic cable

have been laid, connecting 179 institutions and supporting 32 public Wi-Fi hotspots. "We are not only providing devices. We are building the infrastructure that will enable every learner to access digital opportunities regardless of where they live," he said. In Nyeri County, East African Community and ASALs Principal Secretary Dr Carol Karugu described digital learning as a powerful tool for eliminating educational inequality. "For a long time, access to quality education has depended on geography and economic circumstances.

Technology is helping us level that playing field," said Dr Karugu. At Chuka Township Junior School in Tharaka Nithi County, Blue Economy and Fisheries Principal Secretary Betsy Njagi said the initiative would revolutionise the way learners and teachers interact. "Today we are ensuring that the digital economy comes to our classrooms. This initiative is aligned with the Government's broader digitisation agenda," said Njagi. She noted that interactive smart boards support live lessons, audio-visual interaction, handwriting recognition, annotations and wireless sharing of content between classrooms. The technology is expected to promote collaborative learning and knowledge exchange among schools regardless of their physical location. "Digital learning will expose our learners to opportunities beyond their immediate environment and better prepare them for participation in a technology-driven economy," she said. Njagi added that over 64,000 teachers have already been trained nationally to integrate digital technology into classroom instruction. In Marsabit County, leaders described the programme as a game changer for remote and underserved regions. County Commissioner Stanley Kamande said the initiative would help address teacher shortages

while expanding access to specialised instruction. "Our children deserve the same opportunities available to learners anywhere else in the country. Digital learning is helping bridge that gap," said Kamande. He noted that learners in remote areas will now have access to broader educational resources and enhanced learning support. Marsabit County Director of Education William Kamugunah welcomed the initiative but called on communities to safeguard the devices from theft and vandalism. In Bomet County, Principal Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs Aurelia Rono challenged teachers and public servants to embrace emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI). "The future belongs to those who embrace technology. Digital literacy is no longer optional. It is essential for success in the modern world," she said. Rono said the smart boards and laptops would strengthen curriculum delivery and make classroom instruction more interactive. In Vihiga County, Teachers Service Commission County Director Joyce Chesang urged schools to ensure the devices are put to full use. "The devices must not remain locked in stores or offices. They should be fully integrated into teaching and learning because that is why they were provided," she said.

“The future belongs to those who embrace technology. Digital literacy is no longer optional. It is essential for success in the modern world,” she said.



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Makueni residents to benefit from Sh450m water project

Athi-Kalawa Water Supply project to deliver clean water to homes, schools and health facilities while reducing waterborne diseases and long journeys to fetch water.

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI
(KNA)

More than 22,000 residents of Kalawa Ward in Mbooni East Sub-County will benefit from improved access to clean and reliable water following the commissioning of the Sh450 million Athi-Kalawa Water Supply (AKWASH) Project by Makueni County Governor Mutula Kilonzo.

The project, which draws water from the Athi River for treatment and distribution, is expected to transform livelihoods in the area by providing a sustainable water supply to households, schools, health facilities and business centres.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, Governor Mutula said the project will serve approximately 22,000 people, 12 trading centres, six health facilities and 18 schools through an extensive distribution network that includes 35 water kiosks.

“Residents will now

access clean and reliable water. The project has reduced the average distance travelled in search of water from about five kilometres to less than one kilometre,” the governor said.

The project was implemented through a partnership between the County Government of Makueni, World Vision and the Coca-Cola Foundation. The Coca-Cola Foundation contributed Sh360 million through World Vision, while the county government invested Sh90 million towards the initiative that began in 2019.

Mutula lauded the partners for supporting the project, noting that access to safe water would significantly reduce diseases associated with contaminated water sources.

To safeguard the investment, the governor directed the county’s energy directorate to budget for solarisation of the facility and installation of CCTV surveillance systems to curb

vandalism that has affected several water projects in the county.

The governor also highlighted the county’s efforts to improve sanitation and hygiene through community sensitisation and school-based programmes promoting handwashing and the elimination of open defecation.

“We are training students and communities on proper hygiene practices and encouraging villages to become open defecation-free zones,” he said.

World Vision East Africa Regional Director Lilian Dodzo said the project had achieved its objective of delivering clean and safe water to households in Kalawa Ward.

She noted that the water supply system would reduce cases of waterborne diseases and spare women and children the burden of trekking long distances to fetch water from the crocodile-infested River Athi.

“This project ensures communities have access to



Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. (left) and World Vision East Africa Regional Director Lilian Dodzo commissioning the Sh450 million Athi-Kalawa Water Supply (AKWASH) Project in Kwakiliu in Kalawa Ward, Mbooni East Sub County.

clean water while enabling children, especially girls, to remain in school and focus on their education,” Dodzo said.

She added that easier access to water would free women to engage in productive economic activities and improve household welfare.

Residents welcomed the project, describing it as a life-changing development. Martha Wambua, one of the

beneficiaries, said families no longer have to risk encounters with crocodiles and hippopotamuses while fetching water from the river.

“We used to worry whenever our children, especially girls, went to fetch water from the river. Having water closer to our homes will improve their safety and allow them to concentrate on their studies,” she said.

As part of the support package, World Vision donated 10 tonnes of water treatment chemicals and two motorbikes to strengthen water services management.

The AKWASH project is expected to enhance access to safe water, improve public health outcomes and strengthen hygiene and sanitation standards across Kalawa Ward and the wider Mbooni East area.

Manufacturing: Kenya’s path to world-class status by 2060



BY DR. JUMA MUKHWANA

As Kenya begins to look beyond Vision 2030, we must ask ourselves a fundamental question: what will transform our country into a prosperous, globally competitive and world-class economy by 2060? The answer is manufacturing.

No country has achieved lasting prosperity by exporting raw materials and importing finished products. Wealthy nations build industries, create value, develop skills and export competitively. If Kenya is to attain world-class status, we must become a nation that produces.

Manufacturing should not be viewed as just another sector of

Industrialisation, not imports, will determine whether Kenya achieves world-class status by 2060. By expanding local manufacturing, adding value to agricultural produce, supporting homegrown industries and embracing technology-driven production, the country can create millions of jobs, strengthen its counties, boost exports and position itself as Africa’s leading industrial and economic powerhouse.

the economy. It is an ecosystem that drives growth across agriculture, transport, technology, finance and small businesses. Every factory creates jobs, stimulates innovation and strengthens local supply chains.

This is why Kenya must move beyond assembly and progressively deepen local production. Assembly is important, but it should be a stepping stone. Our long-term goal must be manufacturing components, developing technologies and building industrial capabilities that are locally owned and globally competitive.

Agriculture must play a central role in this transformation. Every major agricultural value chain should lead us to a simple question: what can we manufacture from it? Whether it is coffee, tea, milk, cotton, livestock or horticultural produce, we must capture more value before products leave

our borders.

The Government’s County Aggregation and Industrial Parks are designed to support this agenda by bringing processing and value addition closer to farmers. Rather than transporting raw materials, we should increasingly transport finished products and value.

Industrialisation must also spread beyond Nairobi. Every county has unique opportunities, whether in agro-processing, textiles, leather, fisheries or dairy products. Our counties must become the workshops of Kenya, creating jobs and wealth where people live.

The automotive sector demonstrates the possibilities before us. Kenya has assembled vehicles for decades. The next step is manufacturing more components locally and positioning ourselves to lead in electric mobility. As the global transport industry evolves, Kenya

should be producing electric buses, motorcycles, batteries and related technologies, not simply importing them.

The same opportunity exists in leather, textiles, pharmaceuticals and food processing. These sectors can create thousands of jobs while reducing import dependence and expanding exports.

Importantly, industrialisation today is not about low-tech factories. The factories of 2060 will be powered by automation, artificial intelligence, robotics and advanced digital systems. Kenya has an opportunity to build smart, green industries from the outset.

To achieve this, we must invest heavily in technical skills, innovation and research. Our education system must produce graduates who can design, build, programme and solve problems.

At the same time, local manufacturing requires market

support. Through the Buy Kenya, Build Kenya agenda, we must strengthen domestic value chains and give competitive local products a fair opportunity in the marketplace. However, support for local industry must never compromise quality. Made in Kenya must become a mark of excellence.

Government can provide infrastructure, industrial parks, policy support and market access. But government alone cannot industrialise Kenya. Entrepreneurs, investors and innovators must build the factories that will power our future. Ultimately, the responsibility for industrialising Kenya rests with us.

By 2060, I envision a Kenya that exports machinery, pharmaceuticals, processed foods, vehicles, textiles and advanced manufactured products across Africa and beyond. A Kenya where farmers supply thriving industries, where young engineers develop world-class innovations, and where manufacturing creates millions of productive jobs.

That future will not be built by imports arriving at our ports. It will be built in our factories, industrial parks, laboratories, workshops and universities. Kenya’s road to world-class status runs through the factory floor. The time to build that future is now.

The author is the Principal Secretary, State Department for Industry.

Garissa farmers turn floods into opportunity, harvesting profits

Community group transforms flood-prone land into a thriving farm, proving the potential of climate-smart agriculture in arid regions.

BY ERICK KYALO (KNA)

For years, floods in northern Kenya have been associated with devastation, displacing families, destroying infrastructure, sweeping away farms and livestock, and triggering costly emergency responses.

But in Gurufa village, Sabena Ward in Garissa County, a group of enterprising residents has turned a recurring disaster into a source of livelihood and prosperity.

The 36-member group, operating under the name Taleh Farm, has transformed flood-prone land into a productive agricultural venture, demonstrating how communities can adapt to climate challenges and build resilience through

innovation.

Gurufa village is frequently cut off during heavy rains due to its flat terrain and sandy soils, which create vast waterlogged areas that force residents to relocate temporarily. Rather than viewing the floods solely as a threat, the farmers saw an opportunity.

According to founding member Abdiqani Dubat, the group began preparations during the drought period by clearing 20 acres of bushland and constructing an underground water reservoir to capture floodwaters for irrigation.

"We started this farm in 2023 after clearing the shrubs and preparing the land. When floods came, there was water everywhere and most residents had

moved away, but we took advantage of the conditions and began farming," said Dubat.

Their first season yielded rice, watermelons, onions and tomatoes, generating more than Sh500,000 in profit and recovering their initial investment. Encouraged by the success, the farmers diversified into pepper, simsim, groundnuts, sukuma wiki, spinach, maize and sunflower, which also delivered positive returns.

The group later ventured into Napier grass production during the dry season, creating an additional income stream by supplying pasture to local livestock keepers.

Despite the achievements, access to water remains a major challenge. The farm relies on a nearby



NDMA Chief Executive officer Col (Rtd.) Hared Adan speaking at Taleh farm during a recent visit.

community borehole powered by solar energy, but water demand from residents and livestock limits irrigation opportunities. To overcome this obstacle, Islamic Relief donated a diesel generator and elevated water tank, enabling irrigation at night, although fuel costs remain high.

Wild animals, particularly monkeys and wild boars, have also posed a

threat to crops. The challenge was addressed after the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) installed an electric fence around the farm earlier this year.

Group advisor and treasurer Fatuma Abdi Dubow said members initially contributed over Sh400,000 to establish the project. As pastoralists with limited farming experience,

they faced a steep learning curve and initially hired 10 farm workers. Over time, members developed agricultural skills and reduced the workforce to two, significantly lowering operating costs.

Fatuma also highlighted market challenges, noting that more than a tonne of harvested sunflower remains unsold due to the lack of processing facilities in Garissa. She appealed to both county and national governments to support farmers through investments in equipment, infrastructure and market access.

NDMA Chief Executive Officer Col. (Rtd.) Hared Adan praised the initiative, describing it as evidence that arid and semi-arid counties can become major food production zones if supported with adequate infrastructure and water resources.

Kenya to unite youth in agriculture under regional platform

Proposed Youth in Agrifood Systems in East Africa (YASE) Kenya chapter aims to give young agripreneurs a stronger voice in policy, investment and agrifood transformation.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU

Kenya has begun the process of establishing a national youth agriculture platform to bring together fragmented youth groups under a single voice.

The move aims to strengthen their participation in policymaking, investment opportunities and agrifood sector transformation.

The proposed Kenya chapter of the Youth in Agrifood Systems in East Africa (YASE) will serve as the country's affiliate to a regional platform endorsed by East African Community (EAC) partner states, creating a structured mechanism for youth engagement in agriculture and related value chains.

Speaking during a national capacity-building workshop in Nairobi on the CAADP Kampala Declaration, the Regional Agri-Food Systems Investment Plan (RASIP) 2026-2035, and youth empowerment in agrifood systems, Kimathi Githachuri, Youth in Agribusiness Programme Advisor at the EAC Secretariat, said the initiative was driven by young people who sought stronger representation at national and regional levels.

He noted that about 185



Kimathi Githachuri, Youth in Agribusiness Programme Advisor at the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat (second left), discussing with young agripreneurs from various counties who are participating in the EAC national capacity building workshop in Nairobi.

young people from the eight EAC partner states met during a regional expo last December and called for the creation of an apex body to coordinate youth voices and advocacy in the agrifood sector.

Githachuri said the EAC Secretariat subsequently initiated the establishment of YASE, whose governance structure has already been validated by partner states and endorsed by Ministers of Agriculture under the Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security.

The regional platform will comprise 24 representatives, with each partner state nominating two private-sector youth representatives aged below 35 years and one government representative.

He explained that national chapters would provide the foundation for

regional representation by bringing together existing youth organisations and initiatives rather than creating parallel structures.

The platform is expected to address challenges facing young people in agriculture, including limited access to skills development opportunities, financing, markets and meaningful participation in policy processes, while strengthening resilience to economic and climate-related shocks.

Charles Lusweti, Head of the Youth in Agriculture Unit at the Ministry of Agriculture, said Kenya had made significant progress in developing frameworks for youth participation but required stronger coordination to unlock the full potential of young agripreneurs.

He identified agro-processing, value addition and market access as key

growth areas capable of generating employment and sustainable enterprises for youth.

Lusweti said the government is also pursuing measures to reduce the country's import bill by increasing local production of commodities such as edible oils, noting that crops including sunflower, sesame and canola present significant business opportunities for young entrepreneurs.

He added that young people could also play a greater role in agricultural input distribution, advisory services and other technology-driven value-chain activities.

According to Lusweti, about 10,000 youth agripreneurs are already using digital platforms to provide advisory services to farmers, demonstrating the growing role of technology in attracting young people to agriculture.

County security teams put on notice over petroleum safety breaches

Government orders tougher enforcement against illegal fuel and LPG operations as safety risks mount across counties.

BY FATUMA SAID (PCO)

County security teams have been directed to step up enforcement of petroleum laws and regulations as the government moves to curb rising safety violations in the petroleum and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sectors.

Principal Secretary for Petroleum, Kello Harsama, said stronger enforcement and closer coordination between national and county agencies are crucial to protecting lives, property and the integrity of Kenya's petroleum supply chain.

Speaking in Nairobi during a sensitisation workshop bringing together the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) and County Security Committees, Harsama warned that unsafe handling, storage and transportation of petroleum products continue to pose serious risks to communities and businesses.

He said petroleum-related incidents can lead to loss of life, destruction of property, environmental degradation and disruption of economic activities while straining emergency response systems.

"Our responsibility is to ensure that the growth of the petroleum and LPG sectors goes hand in hand with public safety, regulatory compliance and responsible business practices," said Harsama.

The PS challenged County Security Committees to work closely with chiefs, assistant

chiefs, county governments, community leaders and industry players to identify safety risks and take action before they escalate into major incidents.

He also called for intensified public awareness campaigns through barazas and community engagements to educate residents on the dangers of illegal fuel storage, unlicensed petroleum businesses, unsafe LPG installations and improper handling of petroleum products.

Harsama urged security agencies to encourage members of the public to report suspicious activities and safety violations, saying community vigilance remains a key pillar in preventing accidents.

The PS further raised concern over rapid urban expansion that has brought petroleum facilities closer to homes, schools, markets and other public spaces, increasing safety risks.

He called on county governments, in collaboration with EPRA and planning authorities, to strictly enforce zoning regulations governing the location of petroleum and LPG facilities.

At the same time, Harsama urged counties to designate land for petroleum tanker parking yards, citing the growing practice of drivers parking tankers in residential areas, along roadsides and at fuel stations while in transit.

He said the proposed facilities would reduce risks to communities, improve traffic management and enhance the safe transportation of petroleum products.

New 50-bed inpatient block to transform healthcare at Meteitei hospital

Sh270 million expansion project will raise Meteitei Hospital's bed capacity to 116, easing congestion and improving access to inpatient care for residents of Tinderet and neighbouring communities.

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA (KNA)

Residents of Tinderet Sub-County and neighbouring areas will benefit from improved healthcare services following the launch of a Sh270 million project at Meteitei Sub-County Hospital in Nandi County.

President William Ruto launched the construction of a new 50-bed inpatient block at the hospital during his recent development tour of Tinderet.

Once completed, the new ward will increase the hospital's bed capacity from 66 to 116, helping ease congestion and improve patient care, particularly for those requiring admission, observation and long-term treatment.

The expansion is also expected to enhance the hospital's ability to serve not only residents of Tinderet but also patients from neighbouring communities who often rely on the facility for essential medical services.

Meteitei Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Peter Kiplagat said the additional capacity would significantly improve patient management and the quality of care.

"The new 50-bed block will greatly enhance our ability to admit patients and deliver services in a more organised environment. It will also enable us to meet the growing demand for healthcare services in the area," Dr Kiplagat said.

He noted that adequate inpatient space was critical in ensuring timely and effective treatment, especially for patients requiring close monitoring, prolonged care and post-operative recovery.

Dr Kiplagat added that the expanded facility would particularly benefit expectant mothers, children, the elderly and patients suffering from conditions that require hospital admission.

Residents have welcomed the project, saying it will reduce the need to travel long distances in search of specialised treatment and lower the financial burden associated with healthcare.

A trader at Meteitei Trading Centre, Joseph Bett, described the investment as a major milestone for the local community.

"When a hospital can accommodate more patients, families gain confidence in the availability of healthcare services close to home. This project will greatly strengthen healthcare delivery in the area," he said.

"The new 50-bed block will greatly enhance our ability to admit patients and deliver services in a more organised environment. It will also enable us to meet the growing demand for healthcare services in the area," Dr Kiplagat said.



President William Ruto, right, in white helmet laying a foundation stone for a 50-bed capacity inpatient block at Meteitei Sub-county hospital in Tinderet Sub-county in Nandi.

Bett noted that the hospital expansion is also likely to stimulate local economic activity by creating opportunities for small businesses supplying goods and services to patients, visitors and hospital staff.

Farmers, who form a large part of the local population, also expressed optimism about the development.

Peter Cheruiyot, a maize and dairy farmer from Songhor-Soba, said access to quality healthcare closer to home would ease the burden of transporting sick family members to distant referral hospitals.

"Most farmers depend on daily income to support their families. Travelling long distances for treatment is costly. Strengthen-

ing Meteitei Hospital will bring essential healthcare services closer to us," he said.

Cheruiyot urged the government to ensure the facility is adequately equipped and staffed to maximise the benefits of the investment.

Beyond improving healthcare access, the new inpatient block is expected to strengthen Meteitei Hospital's role within the county's health system by increasing its capacity to manage more patients locally.

Residents have further called for sustained investment in medical equipment, medicines, diagnostic services, water supply, sanitation and emergency care to complement the infrastructure upgrade.

AfDB eyes new investments as Sh82b Thwake dam reaches 94 per cent completion

The African Development Bank is considering funding for irrigation, hydropower and water supply infrastructure as the flagship project nears completion, bringing the promise of clean water, expanded farming, electricity generation and improved connectivity to more than 1.3 million people across Makueni, Kitui and Machakos counties.



The African Development Bank Director for Water and Sanitation Eng. Mtchera Chirwa (far right) and Water Secretary at the Ministry of Water and Sanitation Eng. Samuel Alima (centre) during the tour of Thwake Multipurpose Dam at Mavindini Kathozweni Sub-County.

BY PATRICK NYAKUNDI(KNA)

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is in discussions with the Government to support

implementation of the remaining components of the Thwake Multipurpose Dam project as construction of the main dam approaches completion.

During a visit to the project site in Mavindini, Kathozweni Sub-County, AfDB Director for Water and Sanitation Eng. Mtchera Chirwa commended

the progress achieved so far, saying the lender is considering additional investments in hydropower generation, water supply and irrigation infrastructure.

Chirwa said completion of the three components is critical to realising the dam's full transformative impact in the semi-arid counties of Makueni, Kitui and Machakos.

"So, AfDB is a committed partner. We are here together till the completion of the project. We are discussing the downstream remaining phases and additional investments that are needed in the country," Chirwa said.

He expressed satisfaction with the pace of construction, noting that works had resumed smoothly and were on track for completion.

The project has reached 94.23 per cent completion and is expected to significantly enhance water, food and energy security in the Lower Eastern region.

Once operational, the dam will supply 150,000 cubic metres of clean water daily to about 1.3 million people in Makueni, Kitui and Machakos counties, as well as Konza Technopolis. It will also support irrigation of 100,000 acres of land and generate 20 megawatts of electricity.

Water Secretary Eng. Samuel Alima said the contractor has commenced the final phase of works, including concrete panel installation, construction of the slab and development of a bridge over the embankment.

According to Alima, water

impoundment is expected to begin by the end of January 2027, with commissioning planned for April next year.

"The contractor has embarked on constructing the remaining phases that include concrete panels, the slab and the bridge. Out of 100 concrete panels, 11 have already been completed, with the rest underway," he said.

Alima noted that the bridge will provide a direct link between Makueni and Kitui counties, significantly reducing travel time and transport costs for residents.

Currently, motorists travelling between the two counties must use longer routes through Makindu-Kibwezi or Masii, increasing both travel time and expenses.

The Water Secretary also revealed that the government is investing Sh40 million in rehabilitation and cleanup works along the Nairobi, Ngong and Mathare rivers to improve water quality flowing into the Athi River system and ultimately into Thwake Dam.

Officials said the combined investments in water storage, irrigation, hydropower and distribution infrastructure are expected to spur agricultural production, improve access to clean water and support economic growth across the region.

AfDB Regional Manager for Water Security and Sanitation Eng. Mecuria Assefaw and other government officials accompanied the delegation during the inspection tour.

KDC disburses Sh5.3b to MSMEs in 45 counties, eyes more funding

Development financier taps cooperatives and SACCOs to expand access to capital, spur value addition and unlock investment across key agricultural value chains in the North Rift.

BY EVERLINE KIMORGO (MYGOV)

Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) has disbursed Sh5.3 billion under the Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Recovery (SAFER) Project to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in 45 counties, as it steps up efforts to channel more development financing through SACCOs and cooperatives.

The State development financier said SACCOs and cooperatives are critical in connecting farmers, entrepreneurs and businesses to affordable capital needed for expansion, value addition, job creation and increased productivity across key agricultural value chains.

The announcement was made during an investment engagement forum in Eldoret that brought together SACCOs, cooperatives, businesses and value-chain stakeholders from the North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB) to explore financing opportunities across the region.

The forum focused on unlocking investment in key agricultural value chains, including dairy, tea, coffee, maize, wheat, pyrethrum, avocado and livestock, while encouraging farmers and enterprises to move beyond primary production into aggregation, processing, storage, machinery, logistics, technology and market access.

The initiative is aligned with the Government’s agenda of transforming the MSME sector through increased access to finance, enhanced enterprise capacity, improved market access, technology adoption and greater competitiveness.

Speaking at the forum, KDC Director General, Norah Ratemo, said SACCOs and cooperatives offer an effective channel for bringing development finance closer to communities and enterprises that drive local economies.

“This means finance can reach closer to the farmer seeking to increase production, the dairy cooperative looking to invest in processing, or the entrepreneur who needs machinery or working capital to take a business to the next level,” said Ratemo.

She noted that KDC provides financing through wholesale lending to financial institutions, direct financing to viable cooperatives and enterprises and equity investments for businesses



KDC Director General Norah Ratemo, speaking during an investment engagement forum in Eldoret that brought together SACCOs, cooperatives, businesses and value-chain stakeholders from the North Rift Economic Bloc.

that require long-term capital to expand.

Ratemo said the Corporation was keen to widen the regional reach of its financing programmes to ensure more businesses across the country benefit from development capital.

“We want to see a wider regional spread of KDC financing so that viable businesses across the country can access the capital they need to grow. We want to deepen this impact by taking development capital even closer to enterprises and communities where opportunities exist,” she said.

Nandi County Deputy Governor, Philip Chebunet, called for renewed investment in the cooperative movement, describing cooperatives as critical vehicles for mobilising farmers, building viable enterprises and promoting value addition.

Sh20 billion set aside to upgrade 350 kilometres of roads in Kericho

BY GILBERT MUTAI (KNA)

The Government is cosntructing more than 350 kilometres of roads in Kericho County at an estimated cost of Sh20 billion.

Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir said the investment is aimed at improving connectivity, easing the movement of people and goods, and enhancing access to markets, particularly for farmers and traders who depend on reliable transport networks to sustain their livelihoods.

Speaking to residents at Makutano in Londiani Sub-County during a demonstrative tree-planting exercise to mark Mazingira Day, the Cabinet Secretary said the projects form part of the Government’s broader infrastructure development agenda intended to address transport challenges and stimulate economic growth.

He emphasised improved roads would enable farmers to transport agricultural produce more efficiently, reduce difficulties associated with poor transport networks and strengthen links between rural communities, markets and commercial centres.

“We need to deliver those programmes so that our people can access markets, our goods can access markets and our people can move easily,” Chirchir said.



Roads and Transport CS Davis Chirchir addresses residents at Makutano in Londiani Sub-County. Photo by Gilbert Mutai

He cited the Maku-tano-Londiani road as an example of an ongoing project whose progress was visible to residents, urging Kenyans to assess development programmes based on their implementation and the benefits they deliver to communities.

The CS said the Government is undertaking road works covering more than 12,000 kilometres nationally, underscoring the importance of infrastructure development in improving connectivity and supporting economic activities across the country.

He called on contractors to work closely with relevant government agencies and other stakeholders to ensure that the projects are completed on schedule.

Chirchir noted that cooperation among contractors, government departments and local stakeholders is essential to maintaining progress and ensuring

that the intended benefits of public investment reach residents.

He said the success of the road programme would ultimately be measured by its impact on people’s daily lives, including easier access to markets, improved transportation of goods and more convenient journeys between settlements and service centres.

Reliable roads, he added, would help farmers move their produce to buyers, enable traders to transport merchandise and improve access to essential services for communities across the county.

The Cabinet Secretary linked infrastructure development to the Government’s wider efforts to improve livelihoods, saying investments in transport complement other development programmes, particularly those targeting water supply, irrigation and food security.



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The order of names will be as per the admission document. Graduands are required to confirm the order of their names on the graduation list to be posted on the website (www.tum.ac.ke) by **9th November 2026**. In case of change of names, graduands will be required to attach the necessary approved documents. The deadline for making corrections is **11th November 2026**. In case no such change is raised within the stated deadline, it will be assumed the information on the graduation list is correct and will not be altered. Correction of names should be sent to the email: graduands@tum.ac.ke

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Graduands and guests are advised to be seated by 7:30 am. Graduands and guardians can log into: **X: @Tum001Ke, YouTube: Technical University of Mombasa and Facebook: Technical University of Mombasa - TUM** to follow the graduation proceedings.

ACADEMIC GOWNS

Academic gowns for hire shall be collected from **Tuesday 17th November, 2026**, upon production of graduation fee payment receipt. The attire should be returned not later than **Monday 14th December, 2026**. A fine of **Kshs 500/-** shall be levied per day after the stated deadline.

CONVOCATION FEES

The fees payable for the **13th Graduation ceremony** is as indicated below:

S/No	Award	Convocation fees (Kshs.)
1	Ph.D.	7,500
2	Master's Degree	6,700
3	Bachelor's Degree	6,100
4	Diploma / Certificate	5,500

Clearance for graduation will be done online. Instructions for obtaining online clearance are available on the University's website: www.tum.ac.ke

LIST OF GRADUANDS

The final list of Graduands will be available on TUM website (www.tum.ac.ke) from **Friday 13th November, 2026**

PAYMENTS

Payment for graduation fees should be done through e-Citizen (**Paybill business number:222222**).

Visit the University website <https://www.tum.ac.ke/> under portals click on TUMMIS <https://smis.tum.ac.ke> to get guidance on how to use the e-Citizen platform.

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Kenya joins global school meals coalition leadership, pushes for new financing models

Education Cabinet Secretary says Kenya will co-chair global drive to expand school feeding programmes, including through carbon financing and a debt-for-food initiative with the World Food Programme.



Pictured (left to right): Jean-Sébastien Conty, Deputy Director for Global Affairs, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France; Julius Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary for Education of Kenya; Tuomas Tapio, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland; Dr Fernanda Pacobahyba, President of Brazil's National Fund for the Development of Education (FNDE); and Carl Skau, Acting Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme.

BY MINAYWA LABOSO (PCO)

ROME, Italy - Kenya has joined Brazil, Finland and France as co-chair of the Global School Meals Coalition, positioning the country at the centre of international efforts to expand access to nutritious school meals and secure sustainable financing for school feeding programmes.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba announced Kenya's new leadership role during the opening session of the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Global School Meals Coalition at the World Food Programme (WFP) headquarters in Rome.

"Kenya is deeply honoured to officially join Brazil, Finland and France as the fourth Co-Chair of the School Meals Coalition," Ogamba said, adding that the country would use the position to champion national ownership, sustainable financing and greater international cooperation in school feeding programmes.

The appointment marks a significant milestone for Kenya, which has been an active participant in the coalition's efforts to improve children's nutrition, education outcomes and social protection through school feeding initiatives.

Ogamba said Kenya's assumption of the co-chair role builds on the momentum created in 2024 when President William Ruto hosted the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Coalition's Task Force in Nairobi.

The meeting identified key priorities, including sustaining political commitment, expanding predictable financing, improving programme quality and coverage, strengthening evidence-based decision-making and scaling up advocacy.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that the global school meals movement has gained considerable traction, with more governments and development partners investing in national programmes as evidence of their social and economic benefits continues to grow.

He cited studies showing that every dollar invested in feeding a child can generate up to nine dollars in social and economic returns through improved education, health, nutrition and productivity outcomes.

Despite the progress, Ogamba warned that millions of children remain unreached, while many countries continue to grapple with financing and implementation challenges.

To strengthen its own programme, he said that Kenya is exploring innovative financing options, including a clean cooking initiative that could leverage carbon financing to support school feeding activities.

"The country is also working with the World Food Programme on a pioneering debt-for-food conversion model designed to redirect savings from debt servicing towards long-term investments in food security, resilience and school meals."

Ogamba called on governments and development partners to maintain political commitment and develop new financing approaches to ensure every child has access to nutritious meals while in school.

As co-chair, he said Kenya would work closely with Brazil, Finland and France to sustain global momentum and ensure African experiences and perspectives remain central to the coalition's agenda.

"Our shared ambition remains clear: a future in which every child can access a healthy and nutritious meal in school, and in which every country can build a strong national school meals programme," he said.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority is established pursuant to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Act Cap. 86 Laws of Kenya. Its primary mandate is to provide civilian oversight over the work of the National Police Service.

The Authority seeks to recruit results-oriented Kenyan citizens with drive, vision and creativity to fill the following vacant positions:-

	Job Reference No.	Designation	Job Grade	Vacant Positions
1.	IPOA/HR/12/2026	Senior Office Administrator	IPOA 7	1 Post
2.	IPOA/HR/13/2026	Senior Information Management Officer	IPOA 7	1 Post
3.	IPOA/HR/14/2026	Legal Officer II	IPOA 9	3 Posts
4.	IPOA/HR/15/2026	Investigations Officer II	IPOA 9	4 Posts
5.	IPOA/HR/16/2026	Internal Audit and Risk Officer II	IPOA 9	2 Posts
6.	IPOA/HR/17/2026	Complaints Management Officer II	IPOA 9	3 Posts
7.	IPOA/HR/18/2026	Monitoring Officer II	IPOA 9	2 Posts
8.	IPOA/HR/19/2026	Inspections Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
9.	IPOA/HR/20/2026	Supply Chain Management Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
10.	IPOA/HR/21/2026	Human Resource Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
11.	IPOA/HR/22/2026	Counselling Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
12.	IPOA/HR/23/2026	Records Management Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
13.	IPOA/HR/24/2026	Communications Officer II	IPOA 9	1 Post
14.	IPOA/HR/25/2026	Systems, Network and Security Administrator II	IPOA 9	1 Post
15.	IPOA/HR/26/2026	Database and Applications Administrator II	IPOA 9	1 Post
16.	IPOA/HR/27/2026	Security Officer II	IPOA 9	2 Posts
17.	IPOA/HR/28/2026	Court Process Server III	IPOA 10	1 Post
18.	IPOA/HR/29/2026	Fleet Management Assistant II	IPOA 11	1 Post
19.	IPOA/HR/30/2026	Driver II	IPOA 12	3 Post
20.	IPOA/HR/31/2026	Clerical Officer II	IPOA 12	2 Post
21.	IPOA/HR/32/2026	Office Assistant II	IPOA 13	8 Posts
		Total		41 Posts

How to apply:
Interested candidates who meet the required qualifications are invited to submit their application **ONLINE** through the Careers portal on IPOA website at <https://www.ipoa.go.ke/ipoa/careers>. No Physical applications will be accepted. Detailed job description and specification for these positions are available here: <https://www.ipoa.go.ke/ipoa/careers>. All applications to reach the Authority on or before **10th November, 2026 at 5.00 p.m. East Africa time**.

Director/ Chief Executive Officer,
Independent Policing Oversight Authority,
1st Ngong Avenue, ACK Garden Annex, 2nd Floor,
P.O. Box 23035 - 00100, NAIROBI.

Successful applicants must meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and provide the following documents; clearance certificate from HELB, EACC, CRB, KRA and DCI. Further to this, background checks and verification of academic certificates shall be undertaken before onboarding.

IPOA is an equal opportunity employer and shall not in its recruitment discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, ethnic origin, political affiliation, sex or sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, disability, health or social status. Kindly note that canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

IPOA does not engage any recruitment agencies and no medical examination is required before one attends an interview. IPOA does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, shortlisting or interview). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

New biometric system cuts police clearance waiting time

BY MUTAI KIPNG'ETICH AND SYNTHIA OCHOLA (KNA)

Kirinyaga County residents can now obtain certificates of good conduct within minutes following the installation of a biometric identification system at the Kerugoya Huduma Centre.

The Biometric Multiple Identification System, introduced in partnership with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), has reduced processing time significantly, enabling applicants to

receive police clearance certificates in as little as two minutes.

Kerugoya Huduma Centre Manager Stella Mukami said the system was rolled out three weeks ago and has already attracted a growing number of clients seeking faster and more efficient services.

“We have a system that we have set up along with the DCI called the Biometric Multiple Identification System. If you come here to Huduma Centre at this time, you can get your certificate of good conduct within two minutes,” said Mukami.

She said the technology had eliminated the lengthy waiting periods previously associated with obtaining the document, which often took between two and three weeks to process.

“Previously, people used to wait for a period of between two to three weeks to get a certificate of good conduct, but right now there is no waiting anymore,” she said.

Mukami urged residents of Kirinyaga County and the general public to take advantage of the service, assuring them that the system was operational and ready

to serve applicants.

Applicants seeking the certificate are required to pay Sh1,050 through the e-Citizen platform and present the payment printout at the centre for biometric identification and processing.

The manager also encouraged young people to apply for certificates of good conduct early rather than wait until they need them for employment or other official requirements.

Besides police clearance services, Kerugoya Huduma Centre provides a range of government

services, including same-day birth certificate processing, National Social Security Fund (NSSF) services, Social Health Authority (SHA) services, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) services, national identity card registration and replacement, and National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) services.

Other services available include e-Citizen assistance, voter registration, Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA) services and Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) services.

Kenya’s public service reforms earn continental recognition as Dokota wins award

Continental award spotlights Kenya’s progress in strengthening Cabinet coordination, accountability and implementation of government programmes.



Cabinet Affairs Principal Secretary, Dr Idris Salim Dokota (middle) receiving award.

BY FRANCIS TUNJE (PCO)

Cabinet Affairs Principal Secretary, Dr Idris Salim Dokota, has won the Cabinet Governance and Public Service Administrator of the Year Award at the 7th Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards (APSCA 2026) in Accra, Ghana.

The award not only recognises Dr Dokota’s leadership in public administration but also highlights Kenya’s growing reputation as a leader in public sector reforms, effective Cabinet governance and the implementation of government programmes across Africa.

Presented during the annual continental gathering of policymakers, public administrators and governance experts, the award honours excellence in Cabinet governance and public service administration, with a focus on institutional coordination, accountability and strategic leadership in translating government policies into tangible development

outcomes.

The recognition comes at a time when African governments are accelerating reforms aimed at strengthening public institutions, embracing digital transformation and improving service delivery through more efficient, transparent and citizen-centred governance systems.

The conference was officially opened by Ghana’s Chief of Staff, Julius Debrah, who underscored the importance of responsive leadership and effective public institutions in advancing national development.

Kenya’s delegation was led by Deputy Head of the Public Service Amos Gathecha, who delivered a keynote address highlighting the country’s progress in public sector transformation, institutional performance and service delivery reforms.

Speaking after receiving the award, Dr Dokota described the recognition as a testament to Kenya’s ongoing governance

reforms and a renewed commitment to public service excellence.

“This award is a great honour and a renewed call to service. Effective governance goes beyond making policies and decisions; it requires strong institutional coordination, accountability and a shared commitment to ensuring that Government priorities deliver meaningful results for our citizens,” said Dr Dokota.

He noted that the State Department for Cabinet Affairs plays a critical role in coordinating the implementation of Cabinet decisions, strategic government programmes and public sector reforms through the Whole-of-Government Approach.

For Kenya, the award serves as further validation of ongoing efforts to modernise the public service, strengthen intergovernmental coordination and improve the execution of national priorities through a results-oriented approach to governance.



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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

COUNTRY	KENYA
PROJECT NAME	ROADS FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RREDP)
SECTOR	TRANSPORT
PROJECT ID No	P517267

The Government of the Republic of Kenya intends to apply for financing in the amount of US\$ 600 million equivalent from the World Bank towards the cost of the Roads for Rural Economic Development Project (RREDP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The project will include the following Components:

Component 1: Foundational infrastructure to improve rural connectivity, agricultural productivity, access to markets, services, and economic opportunities. The Authority intends to upgrade approximately 536 km of selected roads in Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, Bomet, Nandi, Narok and Nakuru Counties to bituminous standard using climate-resilient designs, and to construct bridges at selected locations in Lower Eastern region. The works will also include road safety improvements and associated civil works for fibre-optic cables. The works will be procured through a Design-and-Build approach, together with the corresponding construction supervision services.

Component 2: Improvement of access to basic community socio-economic infrastructure. The Authority intends to design and construct key community socio-economic infrastructure facilities in selected Counties of Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, Bomet, Nandi, Narok and Nakuru following a comprehensive needs assessment study.

Component 3: Strengthening rural cross-border connectivity and trade facilitation. Activities will include construction of buildings and installation of digital systems at Olposimoru, Nyamtiro, and Kopanga border stations.

Component 4: Institutional strengthening of selected transport sector and related institutions. Activities will include strengthening institutional capacity for project implementation, road sector planning, and road maintenance management through procurement of goods and services.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, issued in July, 2016 and revised in September, 2025 (7th Edition) (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, on the World Bank’s external website, on the Kenya National Highways Authority website, www.kenha.co.ke, and in at least one newspaper of national circulation in Kenya. Initial Selection of contractors will be required for the 536 km road sections.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services under the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

Kenya National Highways Authority
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management
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
Tel: +254 20 4954116
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Roads, market, and hospital infrastructure to transform Nandi County

Massive infrastructure programme to boost transport, agriculture, and economic growth

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA (KNA)

The Government plans to invest Sh20 billion to construct and upgrade 350 kilometres of roads across Nandi County in a move expected to transform transport, strengthen agricultural production, and stimulate grassroots economic growth.

President William Ruto announced the plan during his development tour of Tinderet Sub-County where he also commissioned the Sh50 million Maraba Modern Market and broke ground for a

new wing at Meteitei Sub-County Hospital.

The President emphasized that road infrastructure lies at the heart of the government's development agenda noting that improved connectivity would ease the transportation of farm produce, open up rural areas, and create new opportunities for trade and investment.

Among the projects is the Timboroa-Kopere road, now nearing completion, which is expected to revolutionize movement between agricultural zones and markets.

Farmers, traders, and transporters will benefit from reliable road networks, reduced transport costs and improved efficiency. Another key route earmarked for development is the Kebeneti-Maraba road, long awaited by residents eager for better access to trading centres, schools, and public institutions.

Nandi County, a major agricultural hub, depends heavily on road network to move commodities such as coffee, maize, sugarcane, and dairy products to markets and

processing facilities.

"Improved roads are expected to reduce transportation challenges, facilitate access to agricultural inputs, and enhance the competitiveness of local produce," President Ruto said.

The President's visit also underscored the government's broader focus on infrastructure development. The commissioning of the Maraba Modern Market promises traders a more organized and conducive environment, while the expansion of Meteitei Sub-County Hospital will improve healthcare access for thousands of residents.

"The investment in roads, markets, and healthcare facilities highlight our commitment to transforming livelihoods and driving economic change at the grassroots level," the President affirmed.



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1. The President unveiling a plaque as he commissions Maraba modern market.
2. President Ruto greeting a trader at the Maraba Modern Market. The market holds 200 Mama Mboga and other traders in the county. The market is equipped with an ICT hub that is enabling young people with digital skills to access online and e-commerce opportunities.



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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

The National Construction Authority (NCA) is a regulatory State Corporation mandated to regulate, streamline and build capacity in the construction industry for sustainable socio-economic development.

The Authority is seeking to recruit for the following position:

No.	Vacant Position and Job Grade	Reference	Number of Posts	Terms
1	Manager, Construction Information Management Systems, Grade NCA 3	REF. NCA 24/2026/2	1	Permanent

Interested applicants should submit their applications through the Authority's recruitment portal <https://recruitment.nca.go.ke> AND send a duly signed application letter and detailed curriculum vitae ONLY to recruitment@nca.go.ke with the reference number and position applied for as the subject. For the detailed job and person specification, visit www.nca.go.ke/careers.

Applications to be addressed to:

The Executive Director
National Construction Authority
P.O Box 21046-00100, Nairobi.

Applications should be received not later than **23rd November at 5:00pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Successful candidates will be required to satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya by submitting compliance certificates as follows:

- i. Certificate of Good Conduct from Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
- ii. Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board;
- iii. Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority;
- iv. Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and
- v. Clearance from an approved Credit Reference Bureau.

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Qs. Susan Rutto
Ag. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS





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PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

University of Kabianga (UOK) invite electronic and non-electronic tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders;

No.	Tender Number/Description	Tender ID	Eligibility	Closing Date
1	UOK/853/0119/2026-27 Supply and Delivery of Stationery	31248	AGPO	Monday 2nd November, 2026 at 11.00am
2	UOK/853/0124/2026-27 Design, Printing and Supply of Examination Booklets	31674	Open Tender	Wednesday 28th October, 2026 at 11.00am
3	UOK/T/002/2026-27 Supply, Installation, Configuration and Training of Smart Classroom for LIPTON Tea Innovations and Technology Academy at University of Kabianga	NA	Open Tender	Friday 30th October, 2026 at 11.00am Pre-bid conference & site inspection will be on 26th October at 11am

Tendering will be conducted under open national competitive method using a standardized tender document. For item **no. 1 & 2**; Interested bidders are required to register on the electronic government procurement system at ([egpkenya URL://egpkenya.go.ke](http://egpkenya.url://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.

For item **no. 3**; Interested, eligible bidders may obtain detailed information and instructions by downloading the tender document free of charge from the University website www.kabianga.ac.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>. Please note that **UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA DOES NOT CHARGE ANY FEE DURING ANY STAGE OF ITS PROCUREMENT PROCESS.**

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

State pledges Sh50 million to complete Endebess Hospital

Additional funding to fast-track completion of the Level Four facility as the government moves to expand healthcare access and strengthen maternal and child health services in Trans Nzoia.



President William Ruto (left, in a helmet) during an inspection of Endebess Level Four Sub-County Hospital, which is 88 per cent complete.

BY SANDRA OMONDI (KNA)

President William Ruto has pledged Sh50 million to complete the Endebess Level Four Sub-County Hospital in Trans Nzoia County. The hospital, which is 88 per cent complete, is expected to start operating by January next year and improve access to healthcare services for residents of Endebess and neighbouring areas. Speaking during his visit to the region, the President said the additional allocation would enable completion of the project which has already received Sh248 million funding. “We are building hospitals all over and we want to ensure that there is equal access to healthcare for everyone at the grassroots,” Ruto said. The President reiterated the government’s commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and bringing essential medical services closer to communities. Once operational, the facility is expected to boost healthcare delivery by expanding access to maternal and child health services, emergency care, dia-

gnostic services and outpatient treatment. The hospital will house a radiology unit, accident and emergency department, maternal and child health wing, outpatient department, a 26-bed maternity unit and 54 newborn cots, among other facilities. The radiology unit will be equipped through the National Equipment Service Programme, enhancing the facility’s capacity to offer specialised diagnostic services. The new hospital is also expected to ease pressure on existing health facilities within the county and reduce the distances residents travel to access quality medical care, particularly maternal and child health services. Linking the project to the government’s Universal Health Coverage agenda, President Ruto said healthcare should be accessible to all citizens regardless of their economic status. President Ruto lauded the Social Health Authority (SHA), saying the programme is designed to broaden access to affordable healthcare services. “Back then, treatment and care were very expensive, but I decided that, according to Article

43 of the Constitution, healthcare is everyone’s right. We changed the coverage to SHA, which has seen many registrations, with about 451,000 people registered in Trans Nzoia,” he said. The President urged residents who have not yet enrolled under SHA to register and benefit from the government-backed health insurance programme. Ruto also addressed delays in the completion of the Wamalwa Kijana Teaching and Referral Hospital, noting that the project requires between Sh300 million and Sh500 million to be completed. He attributed some of the setbacks affecting development projects to political disagreements and called on leaders to support constructive engagement to accelerate service delivery. “Let politics be good and not hateful or violent so that development can be done,” he said. The completion of Endebess Level Four Sub-County Hospital is expected to strengthen healthcare services in Trans Nzoia County and support the government’s broader efforts to achieve universal access to quality healthcare.



MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AUTHORITY

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

Name of project:	KENYA JOBS AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (KJET)
Assignment Title:	CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR THE PROVISION OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (BDS) COHORT 3&4
Project ID No:	P179381
Credit No:	IDA-74500-KE

Reference No.	Region	Description
KE-MSEA-568393-CS-QCBS	1	Provision of generalized Business Development Service (BDS) cohort 3&4 in Kiambu, Murang’a, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Laikipia, Nairobi, Nyandarua, Nakuru, Kajiado.
KE-MSEA-568396-CS-QCBS	2	Provision of generalized Business Development Service (BDS) cohort 3&4 in Mombasa, Lamu, Taita-Taveta, Kilifi, Tana-River, Kwale, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera.
KE-MSEA-568402-CS-QCBS	3	Provision of generalized Business Development Service (BDS) cohort 3&4 in Kakamega, Busia, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kisumu, Homabay, Siaya, Migori, Kisii, Nyamira
KE-MSEA-568405-CS-QCBS	4	Provision of generalized Business Development Service (BDS) cohort 3&4 in Uasin-Gishu, Nandi, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Baringo, Kericho, Bomet, Turkana, West-Pokot, Trans-Nzoia, Narok.
KE-MSEA-568406-CS-QCBS	5	Provision of generalized Business Development Service (BDS) cohort 3&4 in Meru, Tharaka-Nithi, Isiolo, Marsabit, Embu, Machakos, Kitui, Makueni, Samburu.

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank for the Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project. It intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The Consulting services (“the Services”) comprise the provision of Generalized Business Development Services (BDS) for Cohorts 3 and 4 to selected clusters in the designated counties and priority value chains. The assignment will include, among other activities, delivery planning and training of BDS personnel, contextualization and delivery of the approved BDS curriculum, classroom-based BDS training, enterprise diagnostics, preparation and implementation of BDS Growth Plans, mentoring and coaching, support to beneficiaries in accessing co-investment opportunities, value-chain-specific technical support, and monitoring, reporting and quality assurance of BDS delivery.
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found on the following website: www.msea.go.ke
- The Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria shall be:

4.1 Specific experience of the consultant as a firm;

Evidence that the Consultant is legally established/registered and has demonstrated experience in providing Business Development Services, MSME/enterprise development, entrepreneurship development, business mentoring/coaching, cluster development and/or related services.

4.2 Relevant Similar experience

Evidence of successful completion of at least two (2) assignments during the last seven (7) years that are similar in nature and complexity to the proposed assignment. The experience should demonstrate capacity to deliver BDS/MSME/enterprise development services at scale and/or across multiple beneficiaries, clusters, value chains or geographical locations.

4.3 Technical and managerial capability of the firm

Evidence demonstrating adequate organizational, technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment, including relevant organizational structure, project management arrangements, quality assurance systems and experience managing multi-location or multi-beneficiary assignments.

NB: 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 Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 revised September 2023 (Fifth Edition), (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
- Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture and/or sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. In the case of a joint venture, all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Consultants shall clearly indicate the form of association in their Expression of Interest
- A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Consultants shall express interest only in one of the five Regions.**
- Further information can be obtained through kjetprocurement@gmail.com or at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or email) clearly marked with the tender number and description. The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **3rd November 2026 at 1100 hours (East Africa Time).**

Chief Executive Officer
Micro and Small Enterprises Authority
Utalii House Mezzanine Floor
P.O. Box 48823-00100
Nairobi, Kenya



Bungoma Assembly becomes first to earn ISO certification

ISO 9001:2015 certification marks a major milestone in strengthening accountability, efficiency and service delivery at the County Assembly of Bungoma.

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The County Assembly of Bungoma has become the first county assembly in Kenya to attain ISO 9001:2015 certification. The achievement is expected to enhance efficiency, transparency and accountability in legislative operations. The certification, awarded by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), recognises the assembly's successful implementation of internationally recognised quality management systems aimed at improving service delivery, institutional performance and continuous improvement. Speaking during the certification ceremony, KEBS Director General Esther Ngari said the achievement demonstrated the assembly's commitment to embedding quality management standards in its operations and set a benchmark for other county legislatures across the country. Ngari noted that the assembly's core functions, including legislation, oversight, representation, public participation and records management, require robust systems to guarantee efficiency and accountability. "At its heart, a quality management system is about ensuring that an organisation has clear and effective processes, understands the needs of those it serves, monitors its performance and continually improves the way it works," she said. She, however, cautioned against viewing the certification as an

end in itself, stressing that its true value would be measured by the improvements it delivers in day-to-day operations and public service. "The real value of a quality management system is realised when the systems become part of the institution's everyday culture and continue to deliver measurable improvements over time," she added. Ngari encouraged the assembly to explore other internationally recognised standards, including ISO 27001 on information security management, ISO 45001 on occupational health and safety, and ISO 14001 on environmental management, where applicable. Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka hailed the certification as a significant milestone in strengthening governance and institutional performance. "The real test of ISO 9001:2015 will not be the certificate we receive today. The real test will be whether the systems and standards we have established continue to improve the experience of the ordinary citizens," Lusaka said. The governor challenged the assembly to ensure the certification translates into improved public participation, responsive legislation, timely access to information and more effective oversight of public resources. He emphasised that residents expect tangible results in key sectors such as health-care, roads, agriculture, water, education and employment, and urged the assembly to remain focused on delivering meaningful outcomes.



EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

COUNTRY	REPUBLIC OF KENYA
PROJECT NAME	ROADS FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RREDP)
SECTOR	TRANSPORT
PROJECT ID No	P517267

The Government of Kenya, through the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), is preparing the implementation of the Roads for Rural Economic Development Project (RREDP), to be financed by the International Development Association (IDA) and the Government of Kenya.

As part of the preparatory process for upcoming procurements, KeNHA is undertaking an Early Market Engagement (EME) exercise to consult and interact with market players in the transport infrastructure sector and receive feedback that may inform the procurement strategy, contract packaging, technical requirements and bidding documents.

Component 1: Foundational infrastructure to improve rural connectivity, agricultural productivity, access to markets, services, and economic opportunities. The Authority intends to upgrade approximately 536 km of selected roads in Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, Bomet, Nandi, Narok and Nakuru Counties to bituminous standard using climate-resilient designs. The works will also include road safety improvements and associated civil works for fibre-optic cables. The works will be procured through a Design-and-Build approach, together with the corresponding construction supervision services. The proposed procurement approach and packaging are preliminary and may be refined during project preparation, considering relevant feedback received through this EME.

- i. Kericho - Kenegut Border Road (approximately 110 km), traversing Kericho - Ainamoi - Poiywek - Chepkoiyo - Koisegem - Fort Ternan - Gilimori - Kenegut Border.
- ii. Kenegut Border - Nyaru Road (approximately 150 km), traversing Kenegut Border - Mbogo Valley - Kamelilo - Maraba - Kabirer - Sirwa - Lessos - Chuyiet - Kipkabus - Nyaru.
- iii. Neissuit - Embomoss Road (approximately 133 km), traversing Neissuit - Salgaa - Elburgon - Turi - Muchorwe (Seguton) - Langwenda - Kamwaura - Embomoss.
- iv. Embomoss - Mariwa Road (approximately 143 km), traversing Embomoss - Koiwa - Chebole - Siongiroi - Labotiet - Gorgor - Ambosi - Dikikirr - Kilgoris - Enosaen - Anganga - Mariwa.

Component 2: Improvement of access to basic community socio-economic infrastructure. The Authority intends to design and construct key community socio-economic infrastructure facilities in selected Counties of Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, Bomet, Nandi, Narok and Nakuru following a comprehensive needs assessment study.

Component 3: Strengthening rural cross-border connectivity and trade facilitation. This component will involve improvement of rural connectivity and formal trade along selected Kenya-Tanzania road corridors through integrated border infrastructure and stronger trade facilitation systems. Investments at Olposimoru, Nyamtiro, and Kopanga border stations will combine physical infrastructure, digital systems and institutional support.

This notice is issued to inform and invite suppliers, contractors, consultants, service providers, and industry stakeholders to participate in this non-binding engagement process.

Objectives of the Market Engagement

The purpose of this engagement is to:

- Share preliminary information on the scope, anticipated timelines, and procurement approach for the proposed works.
- Gather market insights on capacity, cost drivers, potential delivery risks, and implementation challenges.
- Obtain views on construction methodologies, phasing options, and access constraints to inform procurement planning.
- Enhance market readiness, improve competition, and ensure adequate supplier awareness ahead of the formal bidding process.
- Promote transparency and provide an open consultation platform in line with World Bank procurement principles.

Scope of Upcoming Procurement

1. Upgrading of Kericho - Kenegut Border road to bitumen standards and construction of associated civil works for Fiber Optic Cable (approximately 110 km) – to be delivered under two separate contracts
2. Upgrading of Kenegut Border - Nyaru road to bitumen standards and construction of associated civil works for Fiber Optic Cable (approximately 150 km) – to be delivered under two separate contracts
3. Upgrading of Neissuit - Embomoss road to bitumen standards and construction of associated civil works for Fiber Optic Cable (approximately 133 km) – to be delivered under two separate contracts
4. Upgrading of Embomoss - Mariwa road to bitumen standards and construction of associated civil works for Fiber Optic Cable (approximately 143 km) - to be delivered under two separate contracts
5. Construction of border and community socio-economic infrastructure facilities. The developments will involve construction of buildings including electrical works and ICT cabling.

Who Should Participate

The engagement will be open to:

- Local and international contractors in road and building works.
- Engineering and design consulting and Supervision firms in highways, structures, buildings, MEP, and geotechnical services.
- Professional and industry associations such as IEK, ACEK, EBK and AAK.
- Providers of construction technologies, geotechnical investigations, materials testing, and surveying services.
- Security solutions providers supporting infrastructure delivery in sensitive regions.
- Suppliers of construction plant, materials, and equipment for road works and fiber installation.
- Environmental and Social Experts.
- ICT Experts.

Engagement Format

The market engagement session will be held in a hybrid format to allow both physical and virtual participation. The details are as follows:

- **Date:** Thursday, 29th October, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 am
- **Physical Venue:** Barabara Plaza Auditorium, JKIA, Nairobi
- **Virtual Participation:** A link for online attendance will be shared with confirmed participants.

How to Participate

To facilitate planning for the event, interested firms and individuals are invited to confirm attendance (**indicating the number of participants**) by **Wednesday, 28th October, 2026**, by sending an email to: marketengagement@kenha.co.ke, with the subject line: "Early Market Engagement: Roads for Rural Economic Development Project (RREDP)".

It is recommended that participants should be technically competent in the scope of the procurement as defined above.

Important Notes

- This is **NOT** a solicitation or tender process, and participation does not confer any advantage in future procurement.
- All discussions during the engagement will be **NON-BINDING** and intended solely for consultation.

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A New chapter in Kenya–UK science diplomacy



BY PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

Two weeks ago, I led a Kenyan delegation to the United Kingdom for a knowledge-sharing and partnership programme focused on strengthening Kenya's science, research and innovation ecosystem. The mission was not simply about exchanging ideas. It was about identifying practical ways to transform scientific knowledge into innovation, innovation into enterprise and enterprise into solutions that improve lives.

At the heart of our engagements was one question: how do we make science work better for society?

As Kenya advances its development agenda and begins to look beyond Vision 2030, science, technology and innovation must become more deeply embedded in policy, economic planning and public life. Strengthening the State Department for Science, Research and Innovation as a policy and coordination hub is therefore essential. Equally important is fostering stronger collaboration among universities, research

institutions, industry, investors, government and communities.

Innovation thrives where ecosystems are strong. It does not emerge from isolated institutions but from networks that connect ideas, talent, investment and opportunity.

One of the clearest lessons from the United Kingdom was the growing importance of science diplomacy. Across the world, science is increasingly serving as a bridge between nations, creating avenues for cooperation, knowledge exchange and problem-solving. Kenya must therefore position science, technology and innovation as important tools of international engagement and economic diplomacy.

Scientific partnerships can help expand research capacity, attract investment, facilitate technology transfer and strengthen national competitiveness. In a world confronted by climate change, emerging diseases, food insecurity and rapid technological disruption, international scientific collaboration is no longer optional. It is a necessity.

Our engagements also underscored the value of scientific advice in government. Policy-makers today face increasingly complex decisions involving artificial intelligence, biotechnology, climate resilience, public health and food systems. Effective responses require access to credible, evidence-based expertise.

Strengthening scientific advisory mechanisms can help ensure

that public policy and national investments are informed by the best available evidence. Whether responding to disease outbreaks, regulating emerging technologies or addressing environmental challenges, science-informed decision-making improves national preparedness and resilience.

Another important lesson was the need to strengthen science communication. Scientific discoveries cannot remain confined to laboratories, universities and academic journals. Citizens need to understand how science affects their lives, while young people should see scientists and innovators as role models capable of shaping the future.

Building public trust in science requires deliberate effort. Schools, universities, museums, media organisations and digital platforms all have a role to play in making science accessible and relevant. Strengthening science journalism and public engagement can also help bridge the gap between researchers and society.

Kenya's scientific progress should ultimately be measured not only by research output but by its impact on people's lives.

A critical part of that impact lies in commercialising research. Kenya has talented researchers and promising innovations, yet many ideas never move beyond the laboratory. Bridging the gap between discovery and market application remains one of the most important challenges facing our innovation ecosystem.

The Government is advancing initiatives that support innovators through proof of concept, intellectual property protection, technical validation, investment readiness and market entry. While progress has been made, these efforts must be scaled further if innovation is to become a major driver of economic growth and job creation.

Stronger university-industry partnerships are essential. Universities should increasingly serve as centres of innovation, entrepreneurship and problem-solving, while industry should help shape research priorities and provide pathways for technologies to reach markets.

Innovation clusters offer another practical solution. By bringing together universities, research institutions, businesses, investors and government agencies, clusters can accelerate innovation and commercialisation. Kenya has significant opportunities in areas such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, health, agriculture, clean energy, climate resilience, advanced manufacturing and the blue economy.

The visit also reinforced the importance of sustainable financing. International partnerships are valuable, but they cannot substitute for domestic investment. Long-term scientific advancement requires predictable funding supported by public-private partnerships and strategic international collaboration.

Artificial intelligence presents

particularly exciting prospects. Kenya and the United Kingdom can deepen cooperation in applying AI to healthcare, agriculture, education, climate adaptation and public service delivery while ensuring responsible governance and inclusion.

Our diaspora community in the UK is another invaluable asset. Through research partnerships, mentoring, academic exchanges, technology transfer and investment, the diaspora can help connect Kenya's scientific institutions to global expertise and opportunities.

Ultimately, the Kenya-UK partnership should move beyond knowledge exchange towards co-creation and capability building. Success should not be measured by meetings held or agreements signed, but by the innovations commercialised, institutions strengthened, young people inspired and lives improved.

As Kenya plans for the future, science, technology and innovation must become powerful catalysts for economic transformation. Science must move from the laboratory to society, from knowledge to innovation and from partnership to lasting impact. That is how we will build a more competitive, resilient and prosperous Kenya.

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Water infrastructure strategy to transform ASAL agriculture

Government unveils irrigation and technology-driven farming strategy to boost food security, cut imports, and turn arid lands into engines of growth



Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe (seated second right) follows proceedings during a technical session on restoring degraded agricultural lands for water and food security in Rome, Italy.

BY MICHAEL OMONDI
(KNA)

Kenya has unveiled a water infrastructure strategy with an aim to boost food security, expand irrigation, and unlock the vast potential of the

country's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs).

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe, addressing

a session on the restoration of degraded agricultural lands at the Rome Water Dialogue in Italy, said ASALs are not obstacles to development, but fertile grounds for sustainable investment and innovation.

Nearly 70 per cent of Kenya's landmass lies in arid and semi-arid zones, Kagwe noted, underscoring the urgency of investing in water harvesting, storage, and irrigation to reduce dependence on increasingly unreliable rainfall.

He said the government will channel resources from the newly established National Infrastructure Fund into the construction of 50 mega dams, 200 medium-sized dams, and 1,000 small reservoirs and water pans.

"This network of infrastructure is designed to secure water supplies, stabilize irrigation, and shield farmers from the volatility of climate change," he said.

The CS said the state will lead in building dams and core irrigation systems while also supporting the branding and marketing of Kenyan produce.

He said private investors, local communities, farmer organizations, and cooperative societies will drive production, value addition, and exports.

This approach is expected to generate employment, retain wealth within the country, and strengthen Kenya's competitiveness in both domestic and international markets, Kagwe

said.

He said through the Land Commercialisation Initiative, private investors will be able to lease idle government and community trust land for large-scale production of food, animal feed, and fodder.

The CS noted that technology-driven farming will be promoted via digital soil-testing laboratories, last-mile advisory services, and the rollout of digital soil passports.

These passports will give farmers access to subsidised inputs and AI-powered guidance tailored to their specific needs.

Kagwe said the Kenya Agricultural and Digital Information Centre (KADIC) working with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO), county governments, women, and young people aim to quadruple agricultural output per unit, enhance food self-sufficiency, and cut Kenya's annual food import bill currently estimated at USD3.4 billion.

Reducing imports, Kagwe stressed, will not only conserve national income for domestic investment but also expand opportunities for farmers, agribusinesses, and rural communities.

Kagwe linked the initiative to the country's 10-year plan to plant 15 billion trees by 2032, noting that sustainable water management and ecological restoration are essential to building resilient farming systems.

Lupus: The disease doctors missed until Teresa Wangui lost both legs

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU AND
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Years of unexplained symptoms, misdiagnoses and recurrent blood clots eventually led to a devastating diagnosis for Teresa Wangui, a Nyeri woman whose long search for answers ended only after she lost both legs. For Wangui, illness began quietly.

Growing up in Aguthi Ward, Gichira Sub-location in Nyeri County, she was an ordinary schoolgirl determined to complete her education. But while in Class Seven, something began to change.

"I started feeling sick. That's when I began going to hospital," Wangui recalls.

The symptoms were difficult to explain. She experienced bloating and persistent stomach problems and was treated first for ulcers and later for acidity. At times she would improve, only for the symptoms to return.

The illness increasingly interfered with her education. Despite the setbacks, she completed secondary school in 2012 and later took up various jobs, including working in hotels, while trying to build a life around recurring health challenge.

Then, in early 2018, everything changed. Wangui had become pregnant when she woke up one day in severe pain. She took painkillers, but soon became dizzy and increasingly unwell. At a nearby health facility, she was treated for dehydration and placed on intravenous fluids for several days.

But dehydration was not the problem. Her legs began to feel weak and cold. The pain intensified, making it increasingly difficult for her to walk. She returned to hospital several times as doctors tried different treatments. One laboratory test suggested arthritis, prompting doctors to change her medication. Yet her condition continued to deteriorate. She was even-



Teresa Kariuki believes she lives a "normal" life. From her wheelchair, she washes and hangs clothes, cooks, and carries out other household chores without assistance. (Photo: Benedict Wasiche/KNA)

tually admitted to hospital and informed that she had suffered a stroke.

"Further investigations found blood clots, including a clot affecting my eye and another in my brain," Wangui says. While the clot-related complications were managed, the crisis in her legs continued to worsen. Gradually, she lost sensation and mobility. Then she noticed something terrifying. "My leg started to change colour. It began turning black," Wangui remembers.

Doctors informed her that the affected tissue was no longer viable. Her family sought a second medical opinion, but the options were rapidly narrowing. She was eventually referred to Kenyatta National Hospital, where doctors reviewed her history and conducted further investigations.

Scans revealed extensive problems involving her blood vessels and blood clots. Doctors explained that attempting to remove the clots carried significant risks. Amputation had become the only viable option.

"I thought I was going to die," she recalls.

For Wangui, accepting the recommendation was almost impossible. She had spent years trying to understand what was happening to her body. Now she was being asked to consent to an operation that would permanently alter her life.

"I went into denial." A counsellor spoke to her while doctors continued explaining why the surgery was necessary. Eventually, after several conversations with the medical team, Wangui made her decision. "I told the counsellor, 'I will sign.'" The operation took place a few days later. When she regained consciousness, the reality of what had happened began to sink in. Back in the recovery ward, she remembers pulling back the hospital linen and confronting the loss of both legs. "I started to feel very sad," she says, fighting back tears. "It was very traumatising."

The physical loss was only part of the ordeal. Wangui now had to confront the psychological impact of losing both legs and

the prospect of relying on a wheelchair. For a time, sadness consumed her. "I didn't feel any pain. I didn't feel any heat. The only thing I felt was sadness and hatred."

Counselling and support from those around her helped her begin the long journey towards recovery. Her mother, Rose Muthoni, became one of her principal caregivers, assisting her with daily activities after she returned home. "It was not easy at all, but she helped me a lot. After some time, I slowly began healing," Wangui recalls.

However, returning home brought another difficult reality: the cause of her illness remained unknown. For years, Wangui and her family had seen only fragments of a much larger puzzle: stomach ailments, unexplained pain, pregnancy losses, blood clots and, ultimately, severe damage to the blood vessels supplying her legs. Yet the underlying condition had never been identified.

It was only later, when Wangui came under the care of consultant cardiologist Dr Lois Wagana at Outspan Hospital in Nyeri, that doctors began investigating the possibility of an autoimmune disease.

By then, Wangui was using a wheelchair and experiencing widespread pain. She had also developed a facial rash and appeared physically wasted. Her history of pregnancy losses and bilateral gangrene raised concerns that an autoimmune disorder could be responsible. Blood tests provided crucial clues.

"Some of the laboratory tests required include an erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) test and an antinuclear antibody (ANA) test," explains Dr Wagana. Wangui's ESR was significantly elevated, while her ANA test was positive. "A further test for anti-double-stranded DNA antibodies was also positive," Dr Wagana adds.

Combined with Wangui's clinical

history, the findings pointed to systemic lupus erythematosus, commonly known as lupus. Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissues and organs. It can affect multiple body systems, including the skin, joints, kidneys, heart and nervous system. In some patients, the inflammation affects blood vessels. When blood flow is restricted or blocked, tissues beyond the affected area may be deprived of oxygen and nutrients, resulting in permanent damage. The explanation helped make sense of the devastating vascular complications Wangui had experienced.

For Dr Wagana, Wangui's case demonstrates why lupus is often difficult to diagnose. The disease rarely presents itself through a single obvious symptom. Instead, it manifests in many ways, often resembling more common illnesses. As a result, doctors may treat the individual symptoms separately without recognising them as part of one underlying condition.

Once treatment for lupus began, Wangui's condition improved significantly. Her pain subsided, she gained weight and the facial rash disappeared. Today, she is monitored regularly and receives medication designed to control her immune system and prevent further complications.

Dr Wagana describes her as a patient who has made remarkable progress despite the immense trauma she has endured. Today, Wangui's life revolves around managing a condition she knows will require lifelong care.

She attends regular clinic appointments and seeks medical attention whenever her symptoms worsen. "It is not easy to live with lupus," she says. Fatigue remains one of her greatest challenges. On some mornings, even getting out of bed feels impossible.

"Sometimes in the morning my body doesn't want to get up." She has also learnt to protect herself from prolonged exposure to sunlight because of her sensitivity to it. Sunscreen has become part of her daily routine. Recovery, however, has not meant returning to the life she once knew.

Hustler Fund hits Sh92b milestone in loans

BY WANGARI MWANGI AND
SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

The Hustler Fund has so far disbursed Sh92 billion in loans, with over Sh78 billion already repaid.

Speaking during the launch of a business mentorship programme in Nyeri County, Hustler Fund Chief Executive Officer Henry Tanui said by October 7th 2026, borrowers had collectively saved Sh7 billion through the Fund.

Tanui further disclosed that the Fund is developing a system that could form the basis of a national credit rating framework, enabling borrowers with strong repayment records to access financing from

other lenders by demonstrating their creditworthiness.

Tanui said the initiative marks a shift in the Fund's approach from merely providing credit to supporting entrepreneurs in building sustainable businesses.

The programme was first rolled out in Mombasa County in July this year.

"We have heard testimonies from beneficiaries who have created jobs and demonstrated that it is possible to create employment within our ecosystem using as little as Sh500. Some aspire to become manufacturers while others want to become exporters. We now want to move the conversation towards

sustainability and job creation," Tanui said.

Tanui said Nyeri was selected for the programme because of its strong borrowing and repayment culture.

The CEO said about 400,000 residents of Nyeri have borrowed a cumulative Sh1.84 billion from the revolving fund over the past four years, with the county maintaining a repayment rate of approximately 91 per cent.

"In Nyeri County, people are borrowing to support their businesses, many of them in the agricultural sector. We are here to recognise their efforts and equip them with skills to grow their enterprises," he said.

The aim is to help successful borrowers transform small enterprises into sustainable businesses capable of creating jobs and driving economic growth, he said.

Dubbed Tukuze Hub, the initiative is being implemented in partnership with Strathmore University Business School and the African Management Institute (AMI).

The programme will provide selected borrowers with business training, financial literacy and one-on-one mentorship to help them increase revenues, expand operations and build resilient enterprises.

Strathmore University Business

School Africa Economic Development Hub Project Director Jennifer Kiiru said the programme would offer tailored advisory services based on the unique needs of participating businesses.

She noted that experts would work with entrepreneurs to identify operational challenges and develop customised action plans aimed at improving performance and sustainability.

"This model is unique because we co-create solutions with the entrepreneurs. We walk the journey with them until they are ready to move to the next level, having acquired the skills they need to operate independently," Kiiru said.

Ministry calls for greater participation of women in intra-African trade

BY LYDIA ODINGA (PCO)

State Department for Trade Principal Secretary Regina Ombam (pictured) has challenged women entrepreneurs to leverage opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to expand their businesses, access new markets and drive Africa’s economic transformation.



Speaking ahead of the Africa Women in Trade Forum (AWTF) 2026, Ombam said the government is committed to creating an enabling environment that supports women-owned businesses to access financing, markets and regional value chains.

“Women entrepreneurs are central to Kenya’s trade and economic transformation agenda. When women-led enterprises grow, they create jobs, expand production, strengthen exports and contribute directly to inclusive and sustainable economic growth,” said Ombam.

The forum, organised by the State Department for Trade in partnership with the Organisation of Women in International Trade (OWIT) Kenya and OWIT Africa, will be held from 27 to 30 October 2026 in Nairobi under the theme, “Accelerating Women-Led Trade for Africa’s Economic Transformation.”

More than 500 entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, financial institutions, development partners and corporate leaders from across Africa and beyond are expected to participate in the four-day event, which seeks to strengthen the participation of women-led enterprises in regional and international trade.

The forum comes at a time when African countries are accelerating implementation of the AfCFTA to enhance intra-African trade, deepen regional integration and strengthen cross-border value chains.

Despite their significant contribution to economic growth, women entrepreneurs continue to face challenges that limit their ability to access larger markets and expand their businesses. These include limited access to affordable financing, compliance and certification requirements, inadequate market information, logistical barriers

and difficulties in establishing commercial networks.

Ombam said addressing these constraints was critical to ensuring that women entrepreneurs fully benefit from regional economic integration initiatives.

“Trade must work for everyone. We want women-owned enterprises to move from the margins to the mainstream of Africa’s economic transformation by equipping them with the tools, networks and opportunities needed to grow across borders,” said the PS.

A key focus of the forum will be increasing market access for women-led enterprises through direct engagement with buyers, distributors, investors and financial institutions.

Through business-to-business matchmaking sessions, exhibitions and networking opportunities, participants will have a platform to explore new markets, identify potential business partners and establish commercial relationships that support enterprise growth.

The forum will also promote the development of regional value chains by encouraging collaboration among producers, processors, manufacturers, distributors and exporters. Such partnerships are expected to enhance competitiveness, increase production capacity and create new opportunities for value addition.

Ombam noted that stronger regional value chains would support industrialisation efforts while enabling African businesses to retain greater value within local economies.

“We want to see more women-led enterprises participating in processing, manufacturing, packaging and export trade. That is how we will build resilient businesses, strengthen local industries and increase incomes for communities across Africa,” she said.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: ALL CONTINUING CPSP-K (KNQF LEVEL 7) AND DIPLOMA IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (APS-K, KNQF LEVEL 6) STUDENTS

SUBJECT: **TRANSITION TO THE REVISED CURRICULA EFFECTIVE 2027**

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board (KISEB) wishes to notify all continuing students pursuing the **Certified Procurement and Supply Professional of Kenya (CPSP-K), KNQF Level 7**, and the **Diploma in Supply Chain Management, KNQF Level 6**, of the planned transition to the revised curricula in 2027.

The first examinations under the revised curricula are scheduled for **April 2027**. To facilitate a smooth transition, KISEB will conduct sensitisation sessions for continuing students to explain the key curriculum changes, transition arrangements and related assessment requirements.

The sensitisation sessions will be held **virtually** as follows:

QUALIFICATION	DATE	TIME
CPSP-K (KNQF Level 7)	Thursday, 22 nd October 2026	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Diploma in Supply Chain Management (APS-K, KNQF Level 6)	Friday, 23 rd October 2026	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All continuing students are encouraged to attend the respective sensitisation session to familiarise themselves with the revised curricula and understand the applicable transition arrangements ahead of the April 2027 assessments.

For enquiries or further clarification, please contact KISEB through
Email: info@kiseb.or.ke or **Telephone:** 0111 051 840.

KISEB appreciates the continued cooperation of students, training institutions and other stakeholders as the Board implements the revised curricula to strengthen the quality, relevance and professional standards of supply chain management education and training.

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Kenyans urged to unite ahead of 2027 polls

Government calls for patriotism, ethical leadership and active citizenship to safeguard peace and strengthen democratic institutions during and after the 2027 General Elections.

BY JOHN BRIGHTON (KNA)

The Government has called on Kenyans to uphold national unity, patriotism and responsible citizenship as the country prepares for the 2027 General Election, warning that peace and stability depend on citizens placing national interests above ethnic and regional considerations.

Principal Secretary for National Government Coordination, Ahmed Abdulsalan Ibrahim, said adherence to national values and constitutional principles would be critical in fostering a peaceful, united and prosperous nation before, during and after the polls.

In a speech read on his behalf by Abednego Etyang, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Kenya Institute of Highway and Building Technology (KIHBT), during World Values Day celebrations at Kenya Railways headquar-

ters in Nairobi, the PS challenged Kenyans to embrace cohesion and reject divisive politics.

"As we approach the 2027 elections, I challenge every Kenyan to prioritise the national over individual, ethnic or regional interests. This will ensure that our country remains united and peaceful during and after the election," he said.

Ibrahim noted that Article 10 of the Constitution provides the foundation for national development by outlining principles that guide public institutions, individual conduct and relations among citizens.

He said the State Department for National Government Coordination, through the Directorate of National Cohesion and Values, continues to implement programmes aimed at strengthening the capacity of families, community leaders, faith-based organisations, civil society groups,

youth and political leaders to promote national values.

Among the initiatives is a parental training programme based on a national values manual that has already been rolled out in Nyamira, Kisumu, Kakamega, Nairobi and Bungoma counties.

The PS emphasised that mainstreaming national values requires collective action by government institutions and stakeholders across society, adding that the principles enshrined in Article 10 remain central to the country's Vision 2030 development agenda and future national aspirations.

Meanwhile, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) Chief Executive Officer Abdi A. Mohamud called for greater integrity and accountability in public service, saying corruption thrives where ethical standards are compromised.

"The fight against corruption is inseparable from the promotion of these values.

Corruption thrives where integrity is compromised, accountability is weak and public resources are treated as personal property," said Mohamud.

He urged public officers to ensure fairness, transparency and merit in recruitment, procurement, expenditure and service delivery, while calling on citizens to demand accountability, reject electoral bribery and resist hate speech.

Mohamud said national unity should rise above political affiliations and urged Kenyans to actively safeguard public resources and uphold the rule of law.

This year's World Values Day was celebrated under the national theme "National Values and Active Citizenship" and the global theme "Values and Volunteerism," highlighting the importance of civic responsibility, collective action and service to others in national development.

BRIEFS

Ministry champions coffee reforms to secure global market

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe has called for a fundamental transformation of the global coffee industry, emphasising that its long-term sustainability depends on protecting farmers, strengthening regulatory frameworks, and ensuring coffee production remains economically viable.

Speaking at the International Coffee Strategy Forum in Rome, Italy, Kagwe highlighted the need for stronger partnerships between producing and consuming countries to address declining production, improve farmer earnings, and expand global coffee markets.

Citing Kenya's experience, the CS noted that the country's coffee production has declined from approximately 150,000 metric tonnes to 50,000 metric tonnes, underscoring the need for policies that make coffee farming competitive against alternative agricultural enterprises.

Consequently, he pointed to Kenya's Coffee Act as a key step towards strengthening the regulation of domestic and export markets while advancing coffee research to improve productivity and sector performance.

"The entire global coffee value chain depends on the farmer," stressed Kagwe, warning that without sustainable returns at the production level, the industry risks undermining its own future.

He challenged international coffee companies to invest in the welfare of producers, noting that their long-term commercial interests are directly linked to the prosperity of the farmers who supply their raw materials.

The CS also called for deliberate investment in growing the Kenya Coffee brand internationally, drawing parallels with efforts to promote Kenyan tea and urging governments, industry players, and processors to work together to increase global coffee consumption.

Sh270 million irrigation projects to boost food production in Nandi County

Four irrigation and dam projects targeting Nandi Hills, Tinderet and Mosop will enhance water access for farming, strengthen climate resilience and improve household incomes.

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA (KNA)

Residents of Nandi County will benefit from Sh270 million worth of irrigation and water infrastructure projects aimed at boosting agricultural productivity, enhancing food security and strengthening resilience to climate change.

The projects, being implemented by the State Department for Irrigation, will cover Nandi Hills, Tinderet and Mosop Constituencies, improving water availability for farming and supporting community livelihoods.

The investments include the Sh100 million Bombo-Chemelil Irrigation Project in Tinderet, Sh80 million for Kapnyamis Dam in Nandi Hills, Sh50 million for the Siwo Irriga-

tion Project in Nandi Hills and Sh40 million for the Kipchutoiwo Dam project in Mosop.

Secretary for Land Reclamation and Climate Resilience at the State Department for Irrigation Joel Tanui, together with other government officials, recently toured the project sites to assess preparedness ahead of implementation, which is expected to commence this month.

Tanui said the Bombo-Chemelil Irrigation Project will enable farmers in Tinderet Sub-County to access reliable irrigation water, reducing dependence on rainfall and increasing agricultural output.

"The investment will help farming households reduce their dependence on rainfall, diversify crop production



Irrigation scheme set for expansion to serve more farmers

and improve the consistency of their harvests," he said.

He added that interventions at Kapnyamis Dam and the Siwo Irrigation Project would enhance water availability for irrigation and support increased agricultural production in Nandi Hills.

The Kipchutoiwo Dam project in Mosop is also expected to improve water management and support farming activities in the area.

Nandi Woman Representative Cynthia Muge welcomed the investments, saying they would improve livelihoods,

particularly among women and small-scale farmers who rely heavily on agriculture.

"Most women do the hard labour on farms but have no control over the income," she said, adding that irrigation projects would help create better economic opportunities for vulnerable households.

Muge noted that reliable water supply would enable farmers to grow crops throughout the year, increase production and venture into higher-value agricultural enterprises such as vegetable farming.

Coe hails Kenya's bid for 2029 World Athletics Championships

BY EKWAM SYLVESTER AND FREDRICK MARITIM (KNA)

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe has expressed confidence in Kenya's preparations to host the 2029 World Athletics Championships.

He described the event as a historic opportunity for the country and the African continent.

Coe said the successful delivery of the championships would require close collaboration between the government, World Athletics, Athletics Kenya and other stakeholders, noting that President William Ruto had pledged his full support for the preparations.

Speaking to journalists in Eldoret after a meeting with President Ruto, the Cabinet Secretary and Athletics Kenya officials, Coe said the discussions had focused on establishing a strong foundation for the successful organization of

the global athletics event.

He said the championships would be the first of their kind to be hosted in Kenya and Africa, presenting significant opportunities for athletes and communities across the country.

"I was able to talk to the president about the extraordinary opportunities that these championships will provide, not just for athletes but for people across Kenya," Coe said.

He added that he was pleased with Government's commitment in the preparations, saying the cooperation would be critical in delivering an event of such magnitude.

The World Athletics chief also defended Nairobi's selection as host city following concerns raised after the announcement that other cities, including New York, might have been more suitable.