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Kipchoge stadium on schedule to host this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations **PAGE 12**



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Dangote refinery to transform regional energy supply chains

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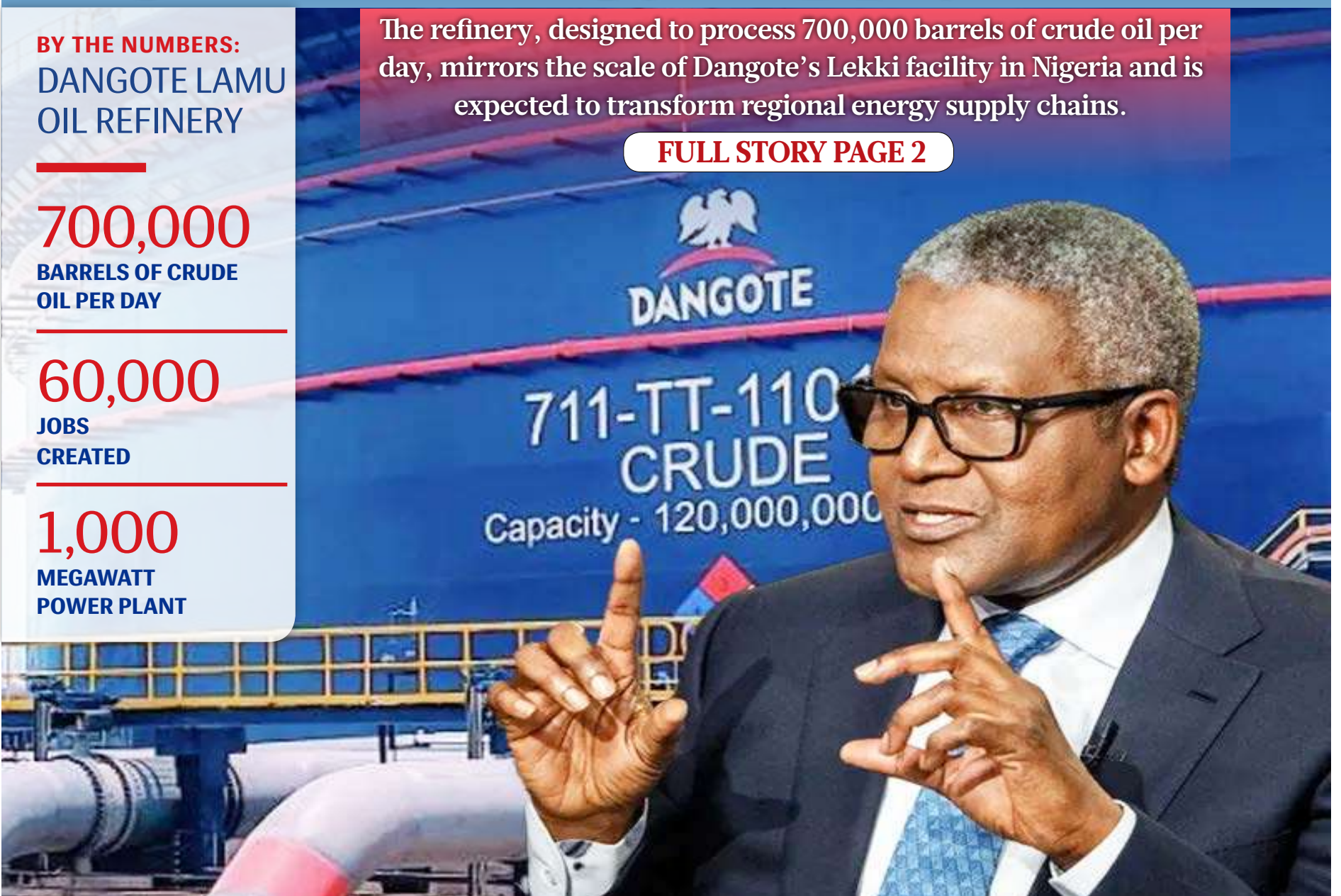
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BARRELS OF CRUDE
OIL PER DAY

60,000
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The refinery, designed to process 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day, mirrors the scale of Dangote's Lekki facility in Nigeria and is expected to transform regional energy supply chains.

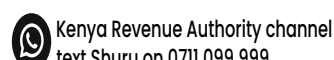
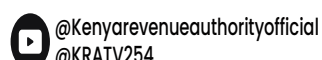
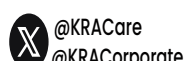
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Kenya to host Sh2.0 trillion Dangote refinery as regional leaders' back the project

President Ruto, Aliko Dangote and regional leaders break ground on East Africa's largest oil and petrochemical complex, pledging jobs, energy security and regional integration.

By KNA TEAM

The just launched Dangote East Africa Petroleum Refinery is expected to transform regional energy supply chains and change the face of trade and investment in Eastern Africa.

President William Ruto and regional leaders including Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, and Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed commended the Sh2.0 trillion oil refinery as Kenya looks forward to consolidating its leadership in continental trade.

During the groundbreaking ceremony in Lamu, President Ruto said the project will drive Africa's efforts to increase value addition and strengthen regional economic integration.

"The refinery will strengthen regional energy security, reduce reliance on imports and bolster our foreign exchange. But this is more than a refinery. It is an integrated industrial complex featuring a 1,000MW power plant, plastic factory and the manufacturing of fertilizers and chemicals," he said.

Billed as East and Central Africa's largest private industrial project, the Sh2.2 trillion oil refinery and petrochemical complex in Lamu County is designed to process 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day. The refinery mirrors the scale of Dangote's Lekki facility in Nigeria.

Africa continues to export raw materials while importing finished products, President Ruto said and called for greater value addition on the continent to create industries, skills, employment and incomes.

The President framed the project as a turning point for Africa's industrial future, "It is a declaration that Africa has entered a new age in which we will increasingly finance, build, process and add value here at home," he said.

He projected that the refinery could boost Kenya's gross domestic product by between 12 and 15 per cent. The refinery is expected to revitalize the implementation of the LAPSET transport corridor which connects the Lamu



1. President William Ruto (third left) pose for a photo alongside (from left) Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, Aliko Dangote, former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, Benin President Romuald Wadagni and President Jean-Lucien Savi de Tové of Togo
2. President William Ruto with President Yoweri Museveni
3. Plant operator machines during the groundbreaking ceremony
4. President William Ruto (right) and Aliko Dangote unveil a plaque to mark the launch of Dangote refinery in Lamu
5. PS Charles Hinga takes regional leaders through the architectural design of Dangote refinery in Lamu
6. Symbolic ground breaking of Dangote refinery in Lamu

Port to the landlocked countries of Ethiopia and South Sudan.

"Located within the LAPPSET development, the refinery can connect refining more closely with regional market because its value goes beyond fuel as related industries may develop around it," Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy

“Today we are not simply breaking ground for a refinery, we are breaking ground for a new chapter in Africa's industrial journey.”

Prime Minister Abiy said.

The Prime Minister said the development of the refinery will help the region to absorb shocks in the global oil market. Abiy said the refinery will help Ethiopia broaden supply options and create newer opportunities for trade and investment.

It will feature a 1,000 megawatt power plant, half of which will be fed into Kenya's national grid, alongside plastics, fertilizers and chemical manufacturing units.

Construction is projected to take 30 to 40 months, targeting operational

readiness by 2030. Aliko Dangote, the founder and the president of the Dangote Group, described the refinery as a direct response to Africa's dependence on imported fuel.

"Today we are not simply breaking ground for a refinery, we are breaking ground for a new chapter in Africa's industrial journey. For too long, our continent has been rich in resources but poor in value creation and addition. We have exported crude oil and imported refined products. Such practice only leads to us exporting our jobs and opportunities," he said.

Addressing questions

about Kenya's limited crude production, Dangote pointed to global models.

"Singapore does not produce a single drop of oil, yet they have a lot of refineries," he said, confirming that the Lamu facility will initially draw crude from international markets while preparing to absorb local production as Turkana and regional fields scale up.

"We respect the scale of African led capital mobilization," said Museveni, noting Uganda's parallel push to develop domestic refining capacity.

To cement collective buy

in, Dangote has reserved a combined 30 percent equity stake for EAC governments. Kenya has already committed \$500 million (Sh 64.7 billion) for a 10 per cent share while Uganda, Rwanda, and Ethiopia have expressed interest.

Dangote announced the establishment of a training school in Lamu to prepare 1,000 local youth for jobs on the project. The facility is expected to ensure that the promised 60,000 employment opportunities benefit the community rather than relying solely on expatriate labour.

Digital Systems integration to transform service delivery – Kabogo

CS Kabogo unveiled next phase of Kenya's digital transformation, linking 22,000 eCitizen services and eliminating delays caused by disconnected systems



Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo (third from left) during the Digital Transformation Public Sector Forum and Awards 2026 in Mombasa. Photo/Courtesy.

BY HANIFA TAMIM (PCO)

The Government is moving to connect and integrate public sector digital systems to enable seamless sharing of information and transform how citizens access public services. Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William

Kabogo, said the next phase of Kenya's digital transformation would focus on moving beyond simply putting services online to ensuring that government systems can communicate and work together. Speaking during the Digital Transformation Public Sector (DTPS) Forum and Awards 2026, the CS

said the Government's priority was to create a people-centered digital government where technology delivers tangible improvements in citizens' lives. "Government's priority for this next phase is to connect the systems we have built, so that every citizen deals with one Government," Kabogo said.

He noted that citizens could still be required to provide information or documents already held by another government agency because institutions often operate separate systems that cannot securely exchange information. The CS said the Government Enterprise Architecture and Interoperability Framework would provide common standards for the development and integration of public digital systems, while the Digital Public Infrastructure Roadmap would guide the development of shared digital foundations for future services. He said public institutions would be expected to adopt common standards, use shared platforms where available and facilitate secure data exchange while observing data protection and cybersecurity requirements. Kabogo also identified Artificial Intelligence (AI) as an important component of the next phase of digital government, saying its responsible adoption could improve decision-making, reduce processing times and make government information and services more accessible. He, however, stressed that AI systems must be supported by reliable data and appropriate safeguards to ensure that citizens are not subjected to unexplained or unfair automated decisions. The CS further called for stronger cybersecurity as more essential government services move online, noting that institutions must incorporate security measures from the design stage and maintain contingency arrangements to ensure continuity of critical services whenever digital platforms experience disruptions. On bridging the digital divide, Kabogo said digital transforma-

tion must remain inclusive, particularly for citizens without smartphones, reliable internet access or adequate digital skills. He cited the expansion of fibre connectivity, Jitume Digital Hubs, public Wi-Fi hotspots, ICT Centres of Excellence and local ICT hubs as part of Government efforts to expand digital access and skills. He also stressed the continued importance of physical support through Huduma Centres for citizens who require assistance to access digital government services. The CS said the success of digital transformation should ultimately be measured by whether citizens experience faster, simpler and more accessible services. Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy Eng. John Kipchumba Tanui, CBS, present said the DTPS Forum and Awards 2026 had reaffirmed the importance of innovation, digital leadership and collaboration in building a more connected, inclusive and citizen-centered public sector. Eng. Tanui said sustained collaboration between Government institutions, the private sector and development partners was essential in translating technological advances into practical improvements in public service delivery. Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke, EBS, also noted that digital transformation must respond to real societal challenges and the specific needs of citizens. He challenged institutions to remain courageous in developing new ideas, projects and approaches, noting that innovation was an ongoing process that requires continuous learning,

Agriculture Summit to set Kenya's food systems priorities for 2026–2030

BY DR. MUCHELULE YUSUF AND BERNADINE MUTANU (MYGOV)

Kenya will use the Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit 2026 to review progress in the sector and set priorities for agriculture and food systems transformation for the 2026–2030 period. The three-day summit, starting tomorrow at the Nairobi ASK Showground, aims to assess the implementation of agriculture programmes between 2022 and 2026. The summit brings together 10,000 stakeholders in the agricultural sector including policy makers, the youth and farmers from across the value chains, with a keynote address expected to be delivered by President William Ruto on Thursday. Stakeholders will agree on measures to strengthen food production, value addition, markets and farmer services. The first day will focus on the performance of key government interventions,

including farmer registration, fertiliser subsidies, tea and coffee reforms, cooperatives, irrigation, livestock vaccination and traceability. The review will assess not only government spending and programme reach but also the extent to which the interventions have translated into functioning services and measurable outcomes for farmers. Among the initiatives highlighted are the linking of insurance to subsidised fertiliser, support for upgrading of the Kapkoro Tea Factory through a Sh51.9 million grant, and the digitisation of livestock health records and livestock markets. The summit will also examine Kenya's food sovereignty and determine areas where the country needs to strengthen domestic production, processing, storage and financing while maintaining access to international trade, technology and investment. Discussions will be organised around five key capabilities: productive

capacity; processing and value retention; institutional and digital capacity; social and democratic capacity; and ecological capacity. Digital public infrastructure will form another key area of discussion, with stakeholders expected to examine how integrated farmer registration and digital systems can improve access to agricultural inputs, extension services, livestock health support, insurance and market information. The systems are also expected to strengthen traceability and accountability in the distribution of subsidised agricultural inputs. The final day will focus on the proposed Joint Agriculture and Food Systems Delivery Compact 2026–2030, which is expected to establish clear responsibilities, measurable milestones, financing mechanisms and public accountability for implementation of agreed priorities. The compact will seek

to identify institutions responsible for specific reforms, track the status of financing and establish timelines for delivery and mechanisms through which citizens can monitor progress and raise concerns. Youth employment and value addition are also expected to feature prominently, with the summit examining opportunities in agritech, veterinary services, animal genetics, logistics, processing and digital marketing. The revival of 4-K Clubs is also expected to support early exposure of young people to agriculture and related enterprises. The summit will further consider how increased processing and value retention in value chains such

as tea, coffee, dairy and horticulture can create jobs and increase incomes at the county level.



INVITATION TO TENDER

Nuclear Power and Energy Agency invites tenders from interested bidders for;

S/ No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Commence-ment Date	Tender Closing Date
1.	NUPEA/895/0014/2026-27	Supply and Delivery of Utility Passenger Motor Vehicle	7 th October 2026	21 st October 2026

Tender document detailing the requirements of the above Tender may be obtained from Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System website, www.egpkenya.go.ke from the date shown above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kenyatta National Hospital is in possession of a number of unclaimed bodies at its Farewell Home. Pursuant to Public Health Act Cap 242 [Subsidiary Legislation PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBLIC MORTUARIES) RULES,1991], interested members of the public are therefore requested to identify and collect the bodies within 7 days, failure to which the hospital will seek authority from the courts to dispose them. The list of the bodies is here under indicated.

S / NO.	TAG NO.	NAME	SEX
1.	00015/25	DOROTHY MUTHOKI	F
2.	00604/25	RICHARD OCHIENG	M
3.	01519/25	ASENATH NANGILA	F
4.	02101/25	MICHAEL KANYI NYAMBURA	M
5.	02576/25	ERICK MUGAMBI NJINE	M
6.	04186/25	AMOS KABERI	M
7.	04223/25	SAMMY KANGETHE	M
8.	04546/25	MIRIAM MUNESI SATIMA	F
9.	04682/25	MARIA DAUDI	F
10.	04751/25	PAUL KITHURA JAMES	M
11.	04840/25	JOSEPH KIBE MWANGI	M
12.	04867/25	JOSPHAT NJOGU MBURU	M
13.	05119/25	DAVID OIGORO OMBATI	M
14.	05236/25	NICHOLAS MUTUA	M
15.	05495/25	ROSALIA ASWANI	F
16.	05652/25	JOSEPH GITONGA	M
17.	05716/25	DANIEL MAINA	M
18.	05989/25	BENSON WANDABWA	M
19.	06023/25	KAMAU NJOROGE	M
20.	06034/25	MOHAMED ALI WANJA	M
21.	06042/25	PETER MURANGIRI	M
22.	06149/25	BLESSINGS MULEI MUNANDI	F
23.	06280/25	PETER MWAURA	M
24.	06442/25	GILBERT NJUNGE GIYAU	M
25.	06595/25	LEONARD KIRUKU NGANGA	M
26.	07114/25	TRACY WADIDA TIKOLLO	F
27.	07164/25	RODAH WANJIKU	F
28.	07262/25	REBECCA KAMANJE KATHIORI	F
29.	06784/25	RAPHAEL MUSEE TITO	M
30.	07817/25	ESTHER MUTHONI	F
31.	07842/25	MUSA MAKARA SIKONG	M
32.	00235/26	KAMAU NJOROGE	M
33.	00242/26	FLORENCE MUHONJA	F
34.	00384/26	JUMA BARAKA HASSAN	M
35.	00509/26	BONIFACE OMOLLO	M
36.	01178/26	ANTHONY WANYONYI	M
37.	01240/26	CHARLES KYALO MUKUMBI	M
38.	01342/26	JEFF MAWIRA	M
39.	01414/26	JOHN OMONDI	M
40.	01445/26	PAUL GETHUKA	M
41.	01725/26	OMAR NABIR	M
42.	01895/26	MILLICENT WAMBUI	F
43.	01896/26	DENIS NJENGA	M
44.	02427/26	CHRISTFORD MUNENE KIRIMI	M

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45.	00174/25	UAC 10/25	M
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47.	02581/25	UAM 122/25	M
48.	04366/25	UAM 219/25	M
49.	04465/25	UAW 236/25	F
50.	04616/25	UAM 249/25	M
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66.	07902/25	UAM 409/25	M
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68.	00173/26	UAM 12/26	M
69.	00214/26	UAW 9/26	F
70.	00363/26	UAM 406/25	M
71.	00448/26	U. A. M 15/26	M
72.	00539/26	U. A. W 28/26	F
73.	00660/26	U.A.M 373/25	M
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79.	01936/26	UAW	F
80.	02165/26	UAM 100/26	M
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85.	02568/26	UAM 125/26	M



THE NATIONAL TREASURY
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC SECTOR HEARINGS FOR THE FY 2027/28 AND THE MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET

RESCHEDULED

The National Treasury will conduct Public Sector Hearings on the proposed FY 2027/28 and the Medium-Term Budget at the **Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC)** on **9th, 12th and 13th October 2026**.

The exercise is undertaken in accordance with **Article 201(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010**, and **Section 36 of the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A)**, which provide for public participation in the budget-making process.

The Public Sector Hearings will be officially launched on **Friday 9th October 2026 at 7:30 a.m.** by **Hon. FCPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury**, and will be graced by **Hon. Samuel Atandi, MP, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, National Assembly**.

The programme for the Public Sector Hearings is provided below:

THE 2027/28 AND THE MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) BUDGET –PUBLIC SECTOR HEARINGS
9TH, 12TH AND 13TH OCTOBER, 2026
VENUE: KICC-Amphi-Theater

PROGRAMME

TIME	SECTOR/PRESENTATION	SESSION CHAIRPERSON
DAY ONE : FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026		
07.30–08.00 a.m.	Arrival and Registration	TNT
8.00 – 10.30 a.m.	Introductory Remarks Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS Principal Secretary/National Treasury Remarks: Dr. Bonface Makokha, PhD Principal Secretary State Department for Economic Planning Remarks: Hon. Samuel Atandi, MP Chairman, Budget & Appropriations Committee, NA Presentation: Macro-Economic Outlook for the FY 2027/28 and the Medium-Term Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS Principal Secretary/National Treasury Key note address/Official Launch Hon. FCPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH Cabinet Secretary	PAS/TNT
HEALTH BREAK		
11.00–12.30 p.m.	Presentation: Health Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
02.00 – 03.30 p.m.	Presentation: General Economic, and Commercial Affairs Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
03.45–05.15 p.m.	Presentation: Energy, Infrastructure & ICT Sector	
DAY TWO: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026		
08.30 – 09.00 am	Arrival and Registration	
09.00 –10.30 a.m.	Presentation: Governance, Justice, Law & Order Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
11.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Presentation: Social Protection, Culture and Recreation Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
02.00 –03.30 p.m.	Presentation: Environment Protection, Water and Natural Resources Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
DAY THREE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026		
08.30 –09.00 a.m.	Arrival and Registration	
09.00 –10.30 a.m.	Presentation: Public Administration & International Relations Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
11.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Presentation: Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		
2.00 –3.30 p.m.	Presentation: Education Sector	
HEALTH BREAK		

Members of the public may also follow the proceedings through a link that will be posted on **The National Treasury's official website and social media platforms**.

Members of the public are encouraged to actively participate and provide their views and submissions as part of the budget-making process.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Sh2 billion onshore drilling rig arrives in Mombasa for Turkana oil project

Massive 2,152-tonne consignment marks transition of Lokichar oil basin into commercial development phase, reinforcing Port of Mombasa's role as East Africa's energy gateway.

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Port of Mombasa has received a consignment of heavy onshore drilling equipment destined for Turkana's Lokichar oil fields, signalling Kenya's step into full-scale commercial oil production.

The 2,152-metric-tonne cargo, including the Sh2 billion GW70 Integrated Onshore Drilling Rig unit, arrived aboard MV Transit Sedanka from Abu Dhabi via Oman, underscoring Mombasa's growing stature as East Africa's premier gateway for energy and infrastructure investment.

The Lokichar oil basin holds an estimated 326 million barrels of recoverable oil and the project aims to be fully operational by December.

The Lokichar crude oil Project has officially transitioned into its highly anticipated commercial development phase, targeting First Oil production by December 2026.

The investments, totaling

about USD 6.1 billion (Sh 791 billion), expected to run over 25 years, stands out as one of Kenya's most significant energy undertakings.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Capt. William Ruto, said the arrival of the specialised cargo highlights the Port of Mombasa's growing role in facilitating strategic national projects, through the efficient handling of oversized and complex project cargo.

Capt. Ruto said once discharged and cleared, the equipment will be transported to Turkana County as part of the broader logistics chain supporting the development of Kenya's petroleum infrastructure.

He said the milestone is expected to provide fresh momentum to the country's oil development agenda, while reaffirming the Port of Mombasa's position as a key gateway for investments in the energy, infrastructure and extractive sectors.

Ruto said KPA is determined to create a seamless transport chain linking rail,

water and road transport into one efficient logistics system.

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

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

The arrival of the onshore drilling rigs for Turkana oil wells comes in the backdrop of the Dangote's Lamu oil refinery project with nearly 3,000 metric tons of equipment arriving at the Lamu sea port.

The planned oil refinery in Lamu and the Turkana crude oil reserves are core anchors of the wider LAPSSET (Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport) corridor project.

The LAPSSET Corridor



1. **INSET: KPA CEO Capt. William Ruto has assured shipping stakeholders that KPA is committed to efficient vessel turnaround, seamless cargo operations and customer-focused services that meet international standards.**
2. **A cargo ship laden with onshore drilling equipment that set sail from Duqm port in the sultanate of Oman docks at the port of Mombasa. The delivery of massive onshore drilling equipment is for the oil production in Lokichar in Turkana County**

Program is a regional flagship project intended to provide transport and logistics infrastructure aimed at creating seamless connectivity between Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

The project connects a population of 160 million people in the three countries and additionally, the LAPSSET Corridor is part of the larger land bridge that will connect the East African coast from Lamu Port to the West coast of Africa at Douala Port in Cameroon.

This week also saw the arrival of 2,930 metric tons of heavy equipment at the Lamu deep seaport for the Dangote refinery project.

The Lamu oil project valued at USD 15 billion (Sh2.6 trillion), a project to be jointly undertaken by the Kenyan government and Nigerian billionaire, Aliko

Dangote, aims to make the Lamu archipelago a major regional energy and logistics hub.

The Lamu refinery will process crude oil from Turkana and other African sources potentially turning Lamu into a regional energy logistics centre.

Capt. Ruto stated that the new refinery will process crude oil from Lokichar and other parts of East and Southern Africa and beyond, before supplying refined petroleum products to regional markets.

Ruto said the ports in Mombasa, Lamu and Kisumu, seek to deepen trade, attract investment, improve connectivity and strengthen the country's maritime economy.

He assured shipping partners and customers that the Port of Lamu is fully prepared to handle current and future cargo

volumes, with KPA committed to efficient vessel turnaround, seamless cargo operations and customer-focused services that meet international standards.

The KPA CEO said the Lamu Port will play a central role through supporting marine operations and handling petroleum tankers, thereby, boosting the Port's operations.

President William Ruto led the groundbreaking of the Lamu oil refinery, which once completed would become East and Central Africa's largest refinery capable of processing up to 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Players in the oil industry contend that the Lamu refinery project will in the long run help reduce East Africa's dependence on imported fuel and cut down costs.

NBA steps up public awareness on GMOs in Coast region

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

The National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has stepped up public awareness efforts to address misinformation and disinformation on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) across the country.

NBA Board Chairman David Wamatsi and Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Ann Karimi led the Authority in a series of stakeholder sensitisation forums in Lamu and Kwale counties over the same.

The engagements are part of a nationwide public awareness campaign aimed at addressing misinformation and disinformation on GMOs and promoting a better understanding of biosafety and biotechnology.

Speaking during the engagements, Wamatsi underscored the Authority's mandate as the regulator of GMOs in Kenya, noting that its primary focus is to safeguard human and animal health and protect the environment.



(L-R) National Biosafety Authority Chairman Mr. David Wamatsi, Lamu County CEC-Agriculture Mr. James Gichu and NBA Acting CEO Dr. Ann Karimi inspect a GMO food crop in Lamu.

"We are here to explain to our farmers and other stakeholders what we do as an Authority so that they can have a better understanding," the Chairman said.

Dr. Karimi reiterated the Authority's commitment to remaining impartial in discussions and debates surrounding GMOs. She said that, as a regulator, the

Authority is neither for nor against the technology, but is guided by science, evidence and its mandate to ensure safety.

Lamu Deputy Governor Mubarak Mohamed echoed these sentiments, noting that Kenya cannot afford to lag behind in technological development.

"We must be ready to embrace new technologies that come with several benefits, including disease control and the development of drought-resistant products," he said.

Earlier, the NBA team held discussions with Lamu County Commissioner Stephen Shogolo to brief him on the Authority's ongoing public awareness campaigns and efforts to engage communities and stakeholders on biosafety and biotechnology.

In Kwale County, the Authority, in collaboration with other stakeholders, held a 10-kilometre community walk dubbed "Walking for a Biosafe Nation" to sensitise residents of Msambweni Sub-County on biosafety,

biotechnology and GMOs.

The walk started at Mwabungu and ended at Kinondo Social Hall, passing through Galu Beach, where participants were taken through the mandate and role of the Authority in regulating GMOs and promoting biosafety.

Led by Wamatsi, the Authority reiterated its mandate as the regulator of GMOs in the country, emphasising that the safety of Kenyans and protection of the environment remain central to its work.

"We are here to explain to our farmers and other stakeholders what we do as an Authority so that they are able to have a better understanding," Wamatsi reaffirmed.

He further stressed the role of the Authority in ensuring that GMOs are regulated in accordance with the law and based on scientific evidence, urging stakeholders to engage with the Authority and seek accurate information on biosafety, biotechnology and GMOs.

Kenya, Rwanda deepen cooperation in leadership and institutional development

Rwanda's Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary engages Kenya's National Defence College, Kenya School of Government and Foreign Service Academy to strengthen institutional linkages, training and capacity building.



Rwanda's Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ambassador Fidelis Mironko (Left) engages with the Kenya School of Government (KSG) Director General, Prof. Nura Mohamed in Nairobi

BY MICHAEL OMONDI (KNA)

Kenya and Rwanda have reaffirmed their longstanding partnership with fresh commitments to deepen cooperation in leadership training, institutional development and public service capacity building.

Rwanda's Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ambassador Fidelis Mironko, concluded a working visit to Kenya with engagements at the National Defence College, Kenya School of Government and Foreign Service Academy, where discussions focused on strengthening institutional linkages, knowledge exchange and professional training.

At the NDC in Karen, Amb. Mironko and his delegation were hosted by the College Commandant, Lieutenant General Juma Mwinyikai, and briefed on the institution's strategic mandate, academic programmes and role in professional military education for senior leaders.

The engagement highlighted the long-standing partnership between Kenya and Rwanda, with the NDC having trained senior Rwandan military

officers and civil servants over the years.

The College has also hosted officials from various Rwandan ministries, departments and agencies, contributing to regional capacity building, leadership development and human capital development.

Speaking during the engagement, Amb. Mironko underscored the value of Kenya's experience in leadership development and institutional capacity building.

"Continued exchange between the two countries will strengthen public institutions and contribute to regional development," he stated.

The two delegations explored opportunities to strengthen institutional linkages in areas including strategic leadership, capacity building, bilateral trade, defence cooperation, and joint educational initiatives.

At KSG, the Rwandan delegation undertook a learning visit focused on public service capacity development, governance, and institutional strengthening. Discussions also focused on the operationalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between KSG and the Rwanda Management Institute.



KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE
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VACANCY

The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) is a State Corporation established by an Act of Parliament and falls under the Ministry of Health. Founded in 1927, the College is entrusted with the role of training various disciplines in the health sector, conducting research and consultancy.

Therefore, the KMTc Board of Directors seeks to recruit competent, result-oriented, knowledgeable, dynamic, visionary and experienced persons to fill the following vacant positions tenable at the Kenya Medical Training College, Headquarters and its Campuses.

S/ No.	Position	Job Grade	Vacancy Reference No.	Number of Vacancies
1.	Senior Lecturer (Dentist)	KMTc 6	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/25/2026	5
2.	Lecturer II (Nursing)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/26/2026	200
3.	Lecturer II (Clinical Medicine)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/27/2026	105
4.	Lecturer II (Orthopedic and Trauma Medicine)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/28/2026	20
5.	Lecturer II (Emergency Medical Technology)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/29/2026	5
6.	Lecturer II (Community Health)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/30/2026	20
7.	Lecturer II (Health Records & Information Technology)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/31/2026	20
8.	Lecturer II (Medical Laboratory Sciences)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/32/2026	5
9.	Lecturer II (Public Health Sciences)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/33/2026	5
10.	Lecturer II (Medical Engineering)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/34/2026	12
11.	Lecturer II (Occupational Therapy)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/35/2026	15
12.	Lecturer II (Nutrition)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/36/2026	15
13.	Lecturer II (Radiography & Imaging)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/37/2026	20
14.	Lecturer II (Physiotherapy)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/38/2026	15
15.	Lecturer II (Community Oral Health)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/39/2026	10
16.	Lecturer II (Optometry)	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/40/2026	5
17.	Librarian II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/41/2026	10
18.	Orthopedic Trauma Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/42/2026	5
19.	Orthopedic Technologist III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/43/2026	2
20.	Pharmaceutical Technologist III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/44/2026	5
21.	Physiotherapy Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/45/2026	4
22.	Registered Clinical Officer III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/47/2026	5
23.	Registered Nurse III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/48/2026	10
24.	Medical Engineering Technologist III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/49/2026	5

S/ No.	Position	Job Grade	Vacancy Reference No.	Number of Vacancies
25.	Medical Laboratory Technologist III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/50/2026	5
26.	Occupational Therapy Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/52/2026	1
27.	Assistant Radiographer III/II	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/54/2026	5
28.	Assistant Director, Human Resource Management	KMTc 4	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/55/2026	2
29.	Senior Assistant Director, ICT	KMTc 3	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/56/2026	1
30.	Principal Legal Officer	KMTc 5	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/57/2026	1
31.	Administrative Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/58/2026	15
32.	Housekeeper II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/59/2026	5
33.	Assistant Housekeeper III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/60/2026	10
34.	Office Administrator II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/61/2026	10
35.	Assistant Office Administrator III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/62/2026	20
36.	Corporate Communication Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/63/2026	20
37.	Corporate Communication Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/64/2026	4
38.	Human Resource Management Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/65/2026	8
39.	Information Communication Technology Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/66/2026	3
40.	Maintenance Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/67/2026	3
41.	Maintenance Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/68/2026	2
42.	Records Management Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/69/2026	20
43.	Records Management Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/70/2026	5
44.	Security Assistant III	KMTc 9	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/71/2026	3
45.	Planning Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/72/2026	2
46.	Supply Chain Management Officer II	KMTc 8	KMTc/QP-12/ EAF/73/2026	10
TOTAL				678

The full details, job summary and requirements for these positions are available at KMTc website: www.kmtc.ac.ke

The successful candidate shall be required to provide the following documents before issuance of the offer letter in compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010: Certificates of clearance from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Higher Education Loans Board (HELb), Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

Applicants whose background and competencies match the above specifications are invited to make their applications **ONLINE** through the College website <http://recruit.kmtc.ac.ke/jobs>. For any inquiries, please email recruitment@kmtc.ac.ke. No hard copy applications will be accepted

Please Note:

- (i) Applicants should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application. Details of academic and professional certificates not obtained by closure of the advert should not be included.
- (ii) Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates, as well as transcripts during interviews.
- (iii) It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- (iv) The application will be closed on **Friday, 30th October 2026**.

The Kenya Medical Training College is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to implementing Affirmative Action. In this regard, Youth, Women, Persons with Disability, and Minorities with the requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.



Quality health training towards realization of Vision 2030



Q & A Spotlight

One Government, One Voice: PS Isaboke explains Kenya's new era of public communication

In this Q&A segment, Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke says the new communication policy will ensure Kenyans receive information early, know who is responsible and get answers when they ask questions.



The Government has unveiled a new communication policy anchored on the principle of “One Government, One Voice” with an aim to streamline official communication, eliminate conflicting messages and strengthen public engagement.

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke in a TV interview said the policy seeks to ensure Kenyans receive accurate, timely and coordinated information on government programmes and public affairs.

He said the approach is built around three key commitments: informing citizens early, establishing clear ownership of government communication and ensuring public institutions respond effectively to citizens' concerns.

Below are edited excerpts of the interview.

Q: There has been concern that communication from the government is disjointed, with different voices talking about different things. What problem is the “One Government, One Voice” policy responding to?

A: Before discussing communication, we must first ask what the government is communicating. When President William Ruto campaigned for office, he held economic forums across the country where wananchi identified issues they wanted addressed. Their views were consolidated into five pillars guiding the Government's development agenda: agricultural transformation, support for micro, small and medium enterprises, affordable housing, universal healthcare, and the digital superhighway and creative economy.

Significant progress has been made in these areas, but communication has not always kept pace with implementation. Many Kenyans are unaware of programmes and achievements because the development story has not been communicated consistently. The new policy seeks to close that gap by ensuring the Government communicates in a coordinated manner and keeps citizens informed about programmes that affect

their lives.

Q: Pamela from Kisumu says government information often reaches citizens after decisions have already been made. Why can't people receive important information earlier??

A: The Constitution requires public participation in government initiatives, including budget planning, infrastructure projects and policy decisions. Government exists to serve citizens and must therefore engage them from the beginning. Our approach is to communicate more, not less. Our mantra is to over-communicate.

Taking an example of the preparations for El Niño rains. Experts identified flood-prone areas such as Nyando, Budalangi, Tana River and parts of Nairobi and issued early warnings. Kenyans have been warned about the expected weather patterns while the Environment Cabinet Secretary, Government Spokesperson and county governments have amplified the message.

The objective was to ensure people did not learn about a disaster after it had occurred.

Q: Brian from Mombasa says different government officials sometimes give different explanations about the same issue.

Who should Kenyans believe??

A: The guiding principle is that the ministry responsible for an issue owns the communication around it. If there is a health emergency such as cholera or COVID-19, the Ministry of Health takes the lead because it has expertise, data and facts. Other government offices, including the Government Spokesperson, communicate using information originating from that ministry. This whole-of-government approach promotes consistency.

Q: David from Kiambu says citizens do not just want the government to talk to them. They want answers. When people raise issues online, who responds?

A: Access to information is a constitutional right. The Constitution guarantees freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information. Public officers are therefore obligated to provide information when requested.

If a Kenyan asks a question, including on social media, that question deserves a response. Ministries have communication departments and digital officers responsible for monitoring online platforms and addressing

concerns raised by citizens. Digital communication must be two-way. Government cannot simply broadcast messages and disappear. It must remain accessible and responsive to citizens.

Q: Information often appears on social media before the government has responded. How are you dealing with that reality?

A: We live in a digital age where information travels faster than traditional communication systems. That is why the new policy adopts a digital-first approach. Kenyans are among the world's most active social media users, and the Government must meet citizens where they are. Ministries, departments and agencies are being encouraged to maintain active digital platforms and use tools such as livestreams to communicate in real time.

Government is also establishing a National Communication Centre, modelled on successful international examples such as Singapore. The centre will provide a single source of verified government information. Government information exists, but it is often scattered across numerous platforms. The centre will help consolidate information on issues ranging from weather alerts and health campaigns to public services and development programmes.

Q: Internet access remains a challenge in some areas. How far has the digital superhighway programme progressed?

A: The President committed to delivering 100,000 kilometres of fibre-optic infrastructure across the country. Initially, the cable was being laid underground, but the Government later partnered with Kenya Power to deploy fibre using existing electricity infrastructure,

accelerating the rollout. About 37,000 kilometres have so far been completed, extending connectivity to areas including Busia, Bungoma, Kitale and Turkana.

Q: Government bloggers and advisers sometimes post political messages online. How can citizens distinguish official communication from politics?

A: There is a clear distinction. My role is development communication, which involves explaining government projects, policies and programmes and what they mean for citizens. Political communication serves a different purpose and operates within the political arena.

Both have their place, but they should not be confused. Development communication focuses on service delivery and public programmes, while political communication focuses on political engagement and mobilisation.

Q: There appears to be confusion around university funding. Where has communication failed?

A: University funding is complex, and the Principal Secretary for Higher Education is best placed to explain the details. From a broader perspective, the reforms were introduced to address longstanding financial challenges in higher education.

The student-centred funding model and means testing were intended to make funding more equitable and sustainable. Like any major reform, implementation has faced challenges, including communication gaps.

What is important is that there is a comprehensive plan behind the reforms, and the Government will continue providing clarification as the framework evolves.

Head of Public Service hails Mau Forest Recovery Programme for ecosystems restoration

Integrated conservation initiative reverses decades of degradation, boosts irrigation, clean energy, and household incomes while advancing Kenya's 15-billion tree target.

BY JEFFTER AFUYO AND
ESTHER MWANGI, KNA

Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service Mr Felix Koskei has hailed the impact of the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MFC-ICLIP), disclosing that the initiative is already restoring degraded ecosystems while improving livelihoods for thousands of households living around Kenya's largest water tower.

Koskei welcomed the MFC-ICLIP as a model for how forest conservation and community prosperity can advance together through an integrated approach that combines ecosystem restoration with sustainable livelihoods.

He noted that the conservation initiative is one of the key projects that

reflect the government's commitment to environmental sustainability and community empowerment adding that it would not only help conserve and restore one Kenya's biggest water tower but also benefit thousands of households through clean energy and improved livelihoods.

Koskei emphasized that the government was committed to achieving the 15 billion tree target in the next ten years as outlined in President William Ruto's environmental plan.

Speaking after inspecting several MFC-ICLIP community projects, including milk coolers at the Kapteta and Milkwen Farmers Milk Cooperative Societies, the Kenyatta Dam and the Mengit Dam rehabilitation, reticulation and irrigation projects in Nakuru the Chief of Staff and Head

of the Public Service said the initiative was born out of a desire to reverse decades of environmental degradation that had severely affected the Mau Forest Complex and the communities that depend on it.

In June, the State Department for Irrigation announced a Sh480 million rehabilitation of Kenyatta Dam under MFC-ICLIP.

The project is expected to support approximately 1,800 households through irrigation covering about 1,200 acres.

It includes rehabilitation of the dam embankment, a solar-powered pump house, a 300-cubic-metre storage tank and water reticulation infrastructure.

The irrigation investment is expected to improve agricultural productivity while providing communities

with alternatives that can strengthen incomes without increasing pressure on protected forest areas.

Koskei who was accompanied by Principal Secretary for the State Department for Environment and Climate Change Dr Engineer Festus Ng'eno and Nakuru Deputy Governor Dr David Kones called on professionals from Kuresoi South, Kuresoi North, Njoro, Molo, and Rongai Sub-Counties to actively engage in the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MFC-ICLIP) to ensure local communities reap its full benefits.

MFC-ICLIP is a 10-year, Sh21.5 billion initiative spanning over 317,000 hectares across major forest blocks, including Eastern, Western, Molo, and South-West Mau.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(No. 13 of 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of land Title, No. **KAKAMEGA/MUNICIPALITY BLOCK IV/463**, located within Kakamega Municipality, Kakamega County, proposes to Change its use from Residential to Public Utility (to include a Substation and a Warehouse), subject to approval by County Government of Kakamega.

Individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with comments, recommendations or objections are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

**C.E.C.M LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN AREAS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING
KAKAMEGA COUNTY.**

P. O Box 36-50100, KAKAMEGA, KENYA.

Registered Planner; Swai Felix Kipkemboi, Reg No 0319,

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of land Title, No. **BUTSOTSO/SHIKOTI/2695**, located within Lurambi Sub County, Kakamega County, proposes to Change its use from Agricultural to Public Utility (to include a Substation), subject to approval by **County Government of Kakamega**.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) invites electronic tenders from eligible firms for the following tenders:

NO	TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE
1.	KEBS-SRBS/T001/2026/2027	OPEN TENDER FOR PROVISION OF FUND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	OPEN TENDER	WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER 2026 AT 1100 HOURS EAST AFRICAN TIME

Tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained from the **Procurement Office, KEBS Centre, Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi**, on normal working days **between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ksh.1,000** as indicated in the tender document, the amount is payable in cash or bankers' cheque or be downloaded for free from KEBS website www.kebs.org or Public Procurement Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke>. All payments shall be made to the Kenya Bureau of Standards, Nairobi.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked **'TENDER NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE TENDER'** indicated on the envelope should be addressed and delivered to:

THE TRUST SECRETARY
KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARDS STAFF RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME- 2011
P.O. BOX 54974 – 00200
NAIROBI.

Or be deposited in the Tender Box located at **KEBS Centre Main Reception** marked **'TENDER BOX'** to be received as indicated above.

Tender opening will be carried out immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at the **KEBS Centre Conference Room A, Adm. Block, Ground Floor**.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

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www.kebs.org



KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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LAUNCH OF GRADE 11 TEXTBOOKS AND LITERARY TEXTS

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development is a government agency under the Ministry of Education mandated by an Act of Parliament; KICD Act No.4 of 2013, to develop, review, and approve programmes, curricula, and curriculum support materials that meet international standards for Basic and Tertiary Education and Training.

The Institute has released the list of approved Grade 11 textbooks and literary texts in readiness for the Grade 11 rollout next year, 2027.

Caution: Use of unapproved textbooks is in contravention of Section 27 of the KICD Act 2013, and anyone found culpable will face the full force of the law.

URGENT SUPPORT CHANNEL

Schools that will not have received the required textbooks distributed by the Government by mid-January 2027, or that receive excess copies than the required number based on their learners' enrolment numbers, are advised to contact the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) through email: bookdistribution@kicd.ac.ke or telephone: **0733762412** for assistance and clarification.

PROF. CHARLES O. ONG'ONDO, PhD., MBS
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Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development.

South Korea donates training ship to boost Kenya’s maritime education

Bandari Maritime Academy set to receive ‘MV MY DREAM’ vessel to enhance seafarer training, strengthen blue economy capacity and deepen Kenya–South Korea maritime cooperation.



1. **INSET:** Bandari Maritime Academy CEO Dr. Eric Katana.
2. **The front facade of the Mombasa based Bandari Maritime Academy which is set to receive a modern training ship from South Korea.**

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)
Kenya’s plans to modernise its maritime sector have received a major boost after South Korea offered to donate a modern training ship for seafarers, including cadets. Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) and Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL) have signed a contract to deliver a training vessel

donated by the Republic of South Korea to support seagoing training at the Academy in Mombasa. Strategically located on a scenic oceanfront, in the vibrant port city of Mombasa, Bandari Maritime Academy is Kenya’s premier center for maritime education and training. The vessel christened ‘MV MY DREAM’, is expected to play a key role in maritime training by providing cadets with practical, hands-on experience in a real shipboard environment. The move is a significant step towards advancing the blue economy in marine research, maritime education, innovation, and capacity building. Stakeholders hailed the donation noting that it comes at a time when there is a surge of blue economy projects and ocean innovations in the coastal counties of Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi and Lamu which are transforming communities and livelihoods.

The vessel will complement the Academy’s Full Bridge Mission Simulator and enhance training in navigation, engine maintenance and operation, seamanship, marine safety, cargo handling, watchkeeping, emergency response, firefighting, lifesaving procedures, and shipboard communication. Speaking during the signing ceremony BMA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Eric Katana said the vessel’s arrival will enhance the Academy’s training capacity and strengthen its mandate to develop skilled human capital for the blue economy sector. The blue economy sector also known as the sustainable ocean-based economy encompasses fisheries, maritime biotechnology, aquaculture, tourism and marine transport and logistics. “The vessel will provide our trainees with invaluable practical experience and complement the simulation-based training offered at the Academy,” said Dr. Katana adding that the vessel will be under the custody of the college for maritime training purposes. He said the donation supports the Bandari Maritime Academy’s mandates in maritime safety, search and rescue, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, marine environmental protection, and maritime capacity-building. Dr. Katana said the signing of the contract paves the way for KSL to commence preparations for the delivery of MV MY DREAM to Mombasa. “This donation of the training vessel further strengthens diplomatic relations between Kenya and South Korea,” he said. The Bandari Maritime Academy is a well-recognized Regional Centre of Excellence in teaching, training, scholarship, innovation and research in maritime skills. “We equip future seafarers and industry leaders with the skills required to navigate the dynamic world of the blue economy,” he said, adding that the blue economy sector is the next frontier for economic resilience and development. He said the training vessel is expected to enhance experiential learning for students undertaking Nautical Science, Marine Engineering, and Ratings courses, enabling them to apply classroom knowledge to actual shipboard operations and develop competencies required in the maritime industry.

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Kenya Institute of Special Education wishes to recruit qualified professional on permanent and pensionable basis for the vacant position below.

S/No.	Position	Grade	Post
1	Assistant Director Human Resource Management – (Re – Advertisement)	KISE Grade 4	1
2	Assistant Director Research, Consultancy and Partnership	KISE Grade 4	1
3	Assistant Director Assessment and Outreach	KISE Grade 4	1
4	Principal Hospitality Officer	KISE Grade 5	1
5	Senior Therapist	KISE Grade 6	1
6	Psychological Counselor I	KISE Grade 7	1
7	Assistant Office Administrator I	KISE Grade 7	1
8	Pharmaceutical Technologist III	KISE Grade 9	1
9	Senior Marketing Officer	KISE Grade 6	1
10	Principal Administration Officer	KISE Grade 5	1
11	Assessor II (Functional Assessment – Autism)	KISE Grade 8	3
12	Assessor II (Functional Assessment – Audiology)	KISE Grade 8	2
13	Legal Officer I	KISE Grade 7	1
14	Principal Corporate Communication	KISE Grade 5	1

Interested and qualified applicants are invited to submit their applications for the advertised position at Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE). All applications MUST be addressed to the Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), P.O. Box 48413 – 00100, Nairobi, and submitted through application link: <https://recruitment.kise.ac.ke/>

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

Applications must be submitted on or before 14th October 2026. Applicants are advised to ensure that all required information and supporting documents are duly provided and that their applications are successfully submitted through the virtual application link before the deadline.

NB: Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification. KISE is an equal opportunity employer and selects candidates on merit through fair and open competition from the widest range of eligible candidates.

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KENYA VETERINARY BOARD

Upholding veterinary standards

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya Veterinary Board is a State Corporation established under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSPV) Act, No.29 of 2011. The Board is mandated to exercise general supervision and control over the training, business, practice and employment of Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals in Kenya and advise the Government on all aspects thereof.

The Board seeks to recruit qualified, competent, result-oriented and self-driven individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

S.NO	POSITION	GRADE	REFERENCE NO	NO OF POSTS
1.	Assistant Director, Finance and Accounts	KVB 4	REF: KVB/ADFA/1/2026	1
2.	Assistant Director, Internal Audit & Risk Assurance	KVB 4	REF: KVB/ADIARA/2/2026	1
3.	Assistant Director, Human Resource Management	KVB 4	REF: KVB/ADHRM/3/2026	1
4.	Principal Supply Chain Management Officer	KVB 5	KVB/PSCMO/4/2026	1
5.	Planning Officer II	KVB 8	REF: KVB/PO/5/2026	1
6.	Corporate Communication Officer II	KVB 8	REF: KVB/CCO/6/2026	1
7.	Finance & Accounts Officer II	KVB 8	REF: KVB/FAO/7/2026	1
8.	Animal Health Officer II	KVB 8	REF: KVB/AHO/8/2026	1
9.	Assistant Animal Health Technologist III	KVB 9	REF: KVB/AAHT/9/2026	1
10.	Animal Health Technician III	KVB 10	REF: KVB/AHT/10/2026	1
11.	Veterinary Officers	KVB 7	REF: KVB/VO/11/2026	3
TOTAL				13

Application process

Interested and qualified candidates are required to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Kenya Veterinary Board recruitment portal accessible via the Kenya Veterinary Board website www.kenyavetboard.or.ke, or <https://recruitment.kenyavetboard.or.ke/> to be received on or before **27th October 2026 at 5.00 p.m. (East African time)** No hard copies or physical deliveries to the Board’s offices will be accepted under any circumstances. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited for interview.

Eastern and Indian Ocean states unite to strengthen intra-regional shipping

12th Extraordinary Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Maritime Organization of Eastern, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (MOESNA) in Mombasa advances the blue economy agenda, regional university plan and regional maritime protocol.

BY JUSTUS ANZAYA
(PCO)

Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regional cooperation in shipping and maritime affairs during the 12th Extraordinary Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Maritime Organization of Eastern, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (MOESNA) in Mombasa.

Shipping and Maritime Affairs PS Aden Abdi Millah said the meeting provided an important platform for member states to align their strategic



Shipping and Maritime Affairs PS Aden A. Millah (Left) during the MOESNA meeting in Mombasa.

priorities and strengthen cooperation in advancing the region's blue economy and maritime sector.

Millah noted that bringing MOESNA member states together in Mombasa, Kenya's historic coastal hub, demonstrated the importance of collective action in addressing shared maritime opportunities and challenges, while unlocking the potential of the blue economy.

The meeting focused on transformative initiatives aimed at strengthening the region's maritime landscape, with significant progress made on the proposed Regional Maritime University.

The proposed institution was highlighted as a strategic investment in the region's young people and human capital, with the potential to strengthen maritime education, training, research and technical expertise across member states.

The meeting also made progress on the proposed Regional Maritime Cabotage Protocol, which is expected to contribute to increased intra-regional trade, improved shipping services and enhanced maritime connectivity among member states.

The PS said Kenya's hosting of the meeting underscored the country's commitment to promoting regional economic integration, creating sustainable employment opportunities and strengthening Africa's voice in global shipping and maritime affairs.

He said the outcomes of the meeting had laid a strong foundation for the upcoming MOESNA Assembly of Ministers scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where member states will continue deliberations on initiatives, aimed at promoting shared prosperity and sustainable economic development across the region.



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The Public Finance Management Act Cap 412A, Section 33 (1), requires the Cabinet Secretary to submit national government debt management strategy to Parliament annually on or before 15th February every year. The Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS) is to be aligned to the broad strategic priorities and policy goals set out in the Budget Policy Statement (BPS). The draft 2027 MTDS is available at the National Treasury website.

Pursuant to Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya that provides for National Values and Principles of Governance including participation of the people and Article 201 (a), the National Treasury hereby invite members of the public to submit their comments, inputs or memoranda on the draft 2027 MTDS.

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In addition, the National Treasury will be conducting public participation forums across the country as per the schedule set out below. Members of the public are invited to come and give comments, inputs and memoranda on the draft 2027 MTDS.

	Date	Target Counties	Venue	Time
1	12/10/2026	Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Nyandarua and Murang'a	Nyeri	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
2	14/10/2026	Isiolo, Laikipia, Samburu and Marsabit	Isiolo	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
3	12/10/2026	Embu, Meru and Tharaka Nithi,	Embu	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
4	14/10/2026	Garissa, Wajir, Mandera	Garissa	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
5	12/10/2026	Mombasa, Kwale, Tana River, Lamu, Kilifi and Taita taveta	Mombasa	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
6	14/10/2026	Kitui, Makueni and Machakos	Makueni	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
7	12/10/2026	Kisumu, Migori and Siaya	Kisumu	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
8	14/10/2026	Kisii, Homabay and Nyamira	Kisii	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
9	12/10/2026	Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Vihiga	Kakamega	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
10	14/10/2026	Uasin Gishu, West Pokot, Transzoia, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet and Turkana	Kitale	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
11	12/10/2026	Nakuru and Baringo	Nakuru	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
12	14/10/2026	Narok, Bomet and Kericho	Narok	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
13	16/10/2026	Nairobi and Kiambu	Nairobi	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Security agencies intensify illegal firearms crackdown in Samburu, Isiolo

Interior Cabinet Secretary, Kipchumba Murkomen, directs intensified security operations to recover guns and ammunition, vowing to dismantle networks fueling insecurity and restore peace for residents

BY SAMMY MWIBANDA
(KNA)

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

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

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

He spoke during a fundraiser in aid of the Nandi Hills Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) branch, where leaders and teachers raised funds for the construction of an office block and purchase of a bus.

Murkomen said the proliferation of illegal firearms has continued to undermine peace and development in the two counties, adding that the Government’s priority is to create a secure envi-

ronment where residents could engage in economic activities without fear of armed attacks.

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

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

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

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



From the left, KNUT Secretary General Collins Oyu, Tinderet MP Julius Melly, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and Nandi Hills MP Bernard Kitur during the fundraising event in Nandi County.

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

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

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

He reiterated that secu-

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

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

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

He said the purchase of

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

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

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

“The Government will pursue the entire chain supporting criminal activities, including those facilitating the movement and sale of stolen livestock.”

Kisumu invests Sh38 million to equip vocational training centres

County expands Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) network to 30 centres, supporting over 6,500 youth with practical skills in trades from welding and tailoring to ICT and agripreneurship, amid growing demand for skilled hands.

BY MABEL KEYA- SHIKUKU AND
CHRISPINE ODUOR (KNA)

The Kisumu County Government has invested Sh38 million in equipment for Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) across the county, Governor Prof. Peter Anyang’ Anyang’ Nyong’o has announced.

Speaking during the flagging-off of tools and equipment worth Sh20 million to equip VTCs in the county, Nyong’o said the latest investment builds on Sh18 million that was allocated last year to equip 28 VTCs across the county’s wards.

He said the investment was not a one-off initiative, but a deliberate, budgeted and institutionalized effort to strengthen vocational training and equip young people with practical skills.

“The evidence of what this approach delivers is already before us. Our VTC network has grown from 28 to 30 centres, with St. Michael Mariwa in Koru; Muhoroni and Sang’oro in West Nyakach as the latest additions,” said Prof Nyong’o.

The Governor said more than 6,500 young men and women are currently acquiring practical skills through the county’s VTCs in 11



Kisumu County Governor Prof. Anyang’ Nyong’o (centre) inspecting tools and equipment worth Sh20 million intended to equip Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in the county.

disciplines, including electrical installation, welding, tailoring, masonry, ICT, agripreneurship and plumbing.

He said the skills acquired through vocational training will enable young people to access income-generating opportunities amid shrinking formal employment opportunities.

“Whereas formal employment

opportunities are shrinking everywhere in the world, the market for skilled hands has never been stronger,” he said.

Prof Nyong’o encouraged residents to enrol their sons and daughters in the VTCs, noting that the county government provides a Sh15, 000 subsidy for every student.

He said the county had also

set aside Sh11.9 million for VTC bursaries, adding that no young person should be locked out of vocational training due to lack of fees.

On the shortage of trainers and managers, Nyong’o said the county was working to bridge the gap, with 97 trainers currently in place against a requirement of 384.

“We are now at 97, with a plan of recruiting 25 every financial year until we reach the requisite number,” he said.

Prof Nyong’o also acknowledged the contribution of various development partners in particular; Pratham International, Comundo (from Switzerland), Colleges and Institutes (CICan) from Canada, the Kenya Blue Economy Skills Training Program (KBEST) which is a 7-year initiative running from 2022 to 2029, Tools to Work, Ujima, Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO); a major community-based organization and National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), for supporting the county’s vocational training programme.

He urged young people to take advantage of the opportunities offered through the VTCs and acquire practical skills that can enable them to earn a livelihood.

Kisumu County has 28 public Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) managed by the county government, alongside major regional and national technical institutions like The Kisumu National Polytechnic and the Ramogi Institute

of Advanced Technology (RIAT).

The student population in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions in Kisumu County is approximately 20,814 students, based on recent educational demographic survey.

As of 2026, Kenya has a rapidly expanding Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector with a total of over 3,100 public and private TVET institutions and an overall enrollment that has surged to 1.2 million learners. This is according to data from the State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

TVET is the broad system of practical and technical education, whereas a VOC/VTC is a specific, foundational level of institution within that broader system.

TVET training provides knowledge and hands-on skills for specific jobs, trades, or professions. And covers a wide spectrum from basic practical skills to advanced technical, engineering, and even higher diploma-level education. They range from basic vocational centers to technical training institutes, technical vocational colleges, and national polytechnics.

VTCs on their part are specific, entry-level institution that focuses heavily on practical, manual trades. Their scope narrower and more foundational; concentrates on direct, hands-on work like tailoring, masonry, welding, and hairdressing

Kipchoge stadium on schedule to host this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER
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(KNA)

The Steering Committee on Mashujaa Day 2026 Celebrations led by The Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary DR Raymond Omollo and his Immigration and Citizen Services counterpart Dr. Belio Kipsang toured Uasin Gishu County to inspect the national celebrations venue Kipchoge Keino stadium and other high-priority projects including roads and ESP markets.

Speaking in a press briefing at Kipchoge Keion Stadium in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, after inspecting the ongoing construction works, Dr Omollo said the preparations for this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations to be jointly hosted by Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Elgeyo-Marakwet counties have entered a crucial phase, expressing confidence that the region will be ready to host the national event on October 20.

The celebrations, which will be co-hosted by the three counties for the first time, will feature activities centered on security, sports, finance and economic development, with various programmes lined up ahead of the main event.

The Interior PS noted that



The Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo (3rd right), and Immigration and Citizen Services counterpart Dr. Belio Kipsang (3rd left), lead the National Steering Committee on Mashujaa Day celebration to inspect the ongoing construction works at Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

significant progress had been made in improving infrastructure and preparing venues in Eldoret, Kapsabet and Iten, the three towns that will play key roles in the celebrations.

The steering committee revealed that road improvement works were ongoing within Eldoret City, Kapsabet and Iten, alongside water connectivity and other infrastructure upgrades aimed at ensuring the three counties are ready to receive thousands of vis-

itors expected to attend the celebrations.

"The main celebrations will be held at the Kipchoge Keino stadium in Eldoret, where extensive rehabilitation and upgrading works are being undertaken by the Ministry of Sports with support and supervision from the Ministry of Defence," said Dr Omollo.

Dr Omollo announced that the stadium was about 68 per cent complete and was expected to attain substantial completion by October

14, giving organizers adequate time to finalize preparations before the national celebrations.

Other activities, including rehearsal parades and preparations by entertainment teams, are also continuing as the country counts down to Mashujaa Day.

He further commended technical teams for working long hours to ensure that preparations remain on schedule, while acknowledging that some work was

still outstanding.

"We still have quite a bit of work to be done, but I have no doubt on behalf of the steering committee that we will be ready," he noted.

The three county governments have been commended for their continued support, with governors, members of Parliament, senators and members of the county assemblies from Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Elgeyo-Marakwet playing a role in coordinating preparations.

Residents of the three counties have also been urged to prepare to host the rest of the country and visiting dignitaries who will accompany President William Ruto during the celebrations.

The steering committee held that the event provides an opportunity for the three counties to showcase their potential in sports, security, culture and business, while exposing local enterprises and products to visitors from across the country.

The celebrations are also expected to provide an opportunity to highlight the region's economic development and progress in addressing security challenges, particularly in parts of the North Rift.

The organizers said the co-hosting arrangement would bring national attention to the three counties and provide an opportunity for residents to showcase their cultural heritage and economic potential.

On security, the officials

said the Government's multi-agency approach had contributed to a significant reduction in incidents of banditry and cattle rustling in parts of the country.

They acknowledged recent security incidents in Samburu and neighbouring areas, saying security teams were on the ground working with local leadership in Samburu, Isiolo and parts of Meru to address emerging concerns.

The officials said cases requiring intervention by the Ministry of Interior and the national Government would be reviewed, while appealing to residents to cooperate with security agencies and avoid taking the law into their own hands.

They urged communities in the affected areas to promote peaceful coexistence to prevent further loss of lives and livelihoods.

The organizers emphasized that the Mashujaa Day celebrations would also provide an opportunity to showcase the security gains made in parts of the North Rift, including areas that have previously experienced banditry and cattle rustling.

They expressed confidence that the collaboration between the national Government, county governments, security agencies and other stakeholders would culminate in successful celebrations and provide a platform for the region to showcase its culture, sporting talent and economic opportunities.



BY PROF. SHAUKAT ABDULRAZAK

This past week in Munich, I joined ministers and senior representatives from across Europe and partner countries at the inaugural Friends of Research International Ministerial Conference (FORUM26). The theme "Beyond Borders, Beyond Boxes: Shaping the Future of Science and Innovation Together" could not have been timelier.

My central message was straightforward: in today's interconnected and uncertain world, science can no longer operate within national borders, institutional silos or disciplinary boxes. Climate change, food insecurity, public-health emergencies, biodiversity loss, water scarcity and energy transitions are global challenges. No country, however advanced, can tackle them alone.

This is where science diplomacy becomes indispensable. It is not simply about scientists travelling or governments signing agreements. It is about using knowl-

Science diplomacy urged as key driver of global development

edge, research partnerships and technological collaboration to build trust between nations, solve shared problems and advance human well being.

For Kenya and Africa, partnerships must move beyond the traditional donor-recipient model. We need stronger North-South and South-South cooperation founded on trust, equity, co-creation and mutual benefit. Developing countries must participate in global science as knowledge producers and innovators not merely as consumers of technologies developed elsewhere.

Kenya has made significant progress in building its science, technology and innovation ecosystem. The creation of the State Department of Science, Research and Innovation, together with Konza Technopolis, has laid a strong foundation. Our universities, research institutions, innovation hubs and start-ups are generating solutions in digital finance, agriculture and health. Kenya also hosts several major regional and international research organisations, strengthening its position as a scientific hub in

Africa. The challenge now is to convert these innovations into jobs and expanded wealth.

Sustainable investment in research and development is fundamental. Research financing should never be treated as expenditure; it is an investment in future productivity, resilience, jobs and competitiveness. With the planned allocation of 1 per cent of GDP towards research, technology and innovation, Kenya can leapfrog into global competitiveness.

Yet we must confront the "valley of death" in innovation the difficult space between a promising research result and a commercially viable product. Too many discoveries remain in laboratories and journals because researchers lack technology-transfer systems, industry partnerships, intellectual-property support and patient capital. Venture capitalists and private-sector investment will be pivotal in translating innovation into commercialisation.

Human capital is equally critical. Global scientific cooperation must expand opportunities for postgraduate training, doctoral and postdoctoral development,

researcher exchanges and mobility. Mobility should produce brain circulation rather than permanent brain drain. African researchers must be able to participate in leading laboratories globally while remaining connected to institutions and challenges at home.

Emerging technologies make this imperative even greater. Artificial intelligence, biosciences, biotechnology, space science, robotics and advanced manufacturing are rapidly reshaping economies. AI can transform healthcare, agriculture, education and government services. Biotechnology can strengthen food systems and climate resilience, while space technologies can support agriculture, disaster management, climate monitoring and communications. These technologies must be harnessed ethically, with regulations that propel prosperity without stifling progress.

Ultimately, technology must serve society. Scientists must communicate evidence in ways citizens, policymakers and communities can understand. Public trust in science grows when

people see its connection to better health, safer food, resilient agriculture, quality employment and improved livelihoods. We must over-communicate science for better hearing.

The Munich discussions reaffirmed that the future of science will be collaborative. The defining question is no longer whether countries should cooperate, but how we create trusted, equitable partnerships that allow knowledge, talent and innovation to move across borders while ensuring progress benefits everyone.

Moving forward beyond 2030, we need more investment in knowledge, stronger science diplomacy, deeper partnerships, greater mobility of ideas and people, and a relentless focus on translating research into economic and social impact. President William Ruto is already championing reforms at the African Union, and dividends are expected. Technology and innovation must be placed at the centre of that agenda.

The bottom line is clear: science diplomacy is not optional. It is the bridge between discovery and development, between innovation and impact, between nations and shared prosperity.

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Nation mourns selfless police officer, the late Lazarus Opicho

Departed Senior Assistant Inspector General Lazarus Opicho is remembered as a leader who embodied integrity and humanity in policing; and strengthening Kenya's security institutions.

**BY EVERLYNE KIMORGO
(MYGOV)**

In Kenya, police officers rarely receive accolades from the public. Yet in the wake of the passing of Senior Assistant Inspector General Lazarus Opicho, tributes have poured in from across the state and society, painting a portrait of a man whose sincerity and human face transcended the uniform he wore with pride.

Opicho's career was defined by service beyond duty. Rising through the ranks to command the VIP Protection Unit and the Security of Government Buildings, he became known for his calm demeanour, his ability to defuse tense situations, and his insistence on community-centered policing. Colleagues describe him as a "selfless servant in police uniform," a leader who believed policing was not only about enforcing the law but also about protecting dignity and nurturing trust.

Born and raised in western Kenya, Opicho joined the police force with a conviction that justice must be tempered with humanity. His leadership style was marked by openness and mentorship. Younger officers often sought his counsel, describing him as a father figure who demanded

discipline but offered guidance with patience.

The late Opicho, former commandant of the VIP Protection Unit and Security of Government Buildings, is being remembered as a selfless officer whose sincerity and professionalism left a mark on Kenya's policing and judicial security architecture. Tributes have come from Inspector General Douglas Kanja, Chief Justice Martha Koome, Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen, Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, and other state leaders.

"He was a bridge between the police and the people," recalls one officer. "He reminded us that behind every case file is a human story."

His role in establishing the Judiciary Police Unit in 2021 demonstrated his vision for specialized, responsive security for judicial officers and premises. It was a legacy project that strengthened the Judiciary's security architecture and won him respect across institutions.

Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja led the tributes, saying: "Opicho was a dedicated officer who served the National Police Service with commitment and integrity. His professionalism and humanity will remain

a guiding light for our Service."

Chief Justice Martha Koome paid homage to his legacy: "We mourn a distinguished police officer who devoted many years of his life to public service and to the protection of our institutions and the people who serve within them. Opicho occupies a special place in the institutional history of the Judiciary. He helped lay the foundations of the Judiciary Police Unit, strengthening our security architecture."

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen noted: "Opicho was a dedicated and committed senior police officer with a distinguished record of service. We worked closely with him in spearheading reforms within the National Police Service. His dedication and unwavering commitment to the country will be fondly remembered."

Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetang'ula added: "His passing is a great loss to his family, colleagues and the country. I convey my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and the entire National Police Service during this difficult time."

Deputy Inspector General Eliud Lagat reflected: "He was an exceptional leader and dedicated officer whose service was marked by



vision, commitment and strong values. May Almighty God grant his family and the police fraternity strength and solace."

Director of Criminal Investigations Mohamed Amin also joined in: "We stand with the bereaved family in solidarity, offering our thoughts, prayers and support as they navigate this difficult moment."

Beyond official accolades, ordinary citizens have shared stories of Opicho's kindness. In one instance, he personally followed up on a case involving a vulnerable family, ensuring justice was served swiftly. In another, he organized community dialogues to ease tensions after a spate of insecurity.

Such anecdotes illustrate why his death has resonated so deeply. Opicho represented a rare model of policing that was not transac-

tional but relational, anchored in empathy.

As the nation mourns, leaders have urged officers to emulate his example, to see policing not as power but as service. IG Kanja emphasized that honouring him requires living by the values he embodied. CJ Koome reminded institutions that integrity and sincerity are the bedrock of trust.

His passing has become a rallying point for reform, a reminder that the police service must be firm yet compassionate, disciplined yet humane.

In death, Lazarus Opicho has received the recognition that often eludes officers in life. His story is a reminder that policing, at its best, is about humanity. The tributes from across the state affirm that he was more than a uniform, he was a servant leader whose sincerity touched lives.

Bureti water project to supply clean water to 2,000 households

Sh 95 million initiative in Kericho County set to deliver reliable water through new reservoirs and 45km of pipelines, easing long-standing shortages in homes, schools and health facilities.

**BY KIPNGENO KORIR
(KNA)**

The Sh 95 million Bureti Water Supply Project is set to transform access to clean and reliable water for more than 2,000 households in Kericho County.

The project is envisaged to ease long-standing shortages that have forced residents to rely on springs, rivers and other unsafe sources.

With nearly 20 kilometres of pipeline already laid and construction of a 100,000-litre reservoir at Kabartegan halfway complete, the initiative promises to deliver safe water to homes, schools and health facilities across Bureti Sub-County by May 2027.

Kericho County Governor Dr. Eric Mutai said the project, which covers the Kapsuser, Cheromit, Kabartegan and Roret corridor, was progressing well, with nearly 20 kilometres of pipeline already completed and construction of the 100,000-litre Kabartegan water



Plumbers joining 45 kilometers of pipes to supply water to Bureti Sub County.

reservoir reaching 50 per cent completion.

The project will also benefit nine schools and three health facilities

across parts of Seretut, Chaik, Chemosot and Kisiara wards.

Dr. Mutai said the project entails the construction of five large water

storage tanks and the installation of more than 45 kilometres of transmission and distribution pipelines to enhance water supply and improve access to clean water in the beneficiary communities.

The project is being financed under the Strategic Intervention Programme through the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

The water will be sourced from the Sh1.2 billion Kimugu Water Project, which produces more than 14 million litres of water daily, with surplus production providing an opportunity to extend supply to previously underserved areas.

The Governor said the expansion of water infrastructure was aimed at easing pressure on existing supply systems and ensuring residents have access to adequate and safe water for domestic use, sanitation and other essential needs.

Bureti Sub-County has for years experienced water supply challenges, with some residents relying on springs, rivers and other alternative sources to meet their daily needs.

The shortages have affected households, schools, health facilities and businesses, particularly in areas where existing water infrastructure has been inadequate to meet growing demand.

Kapkatet town and its surrounding areas have also experienced water supply challenges, partly attributed to the growing population, increased commercial activities and limitations in existing distribution networks.

The water shortages have forced some residents to travel long distances in search of clean water, while others depend on alternative sources whose reliability and quality may be uncertain.

The situation has also increased the burden on households and institutions that require consistent water supply for sanitation, cooking and other essential activities.

Dr. Mutai said the Bureti Water Supply Project was part of broader efforts to expand water infrastructure and address longstanding water shortages in the county, as demand continues to grow alongside residential and commercial development.

Access to information must go beyond legislation – PS Isaboke

PS Isaboke says proactive disclosure, digital access and county-level rollout are vital to turning Article 35 into lived reality as Kenya unveils a new policy to ensure the right reaches citizens nationwide

BY VIOLET OTINDO (PCO)

Kenya is strengthening systems to ensure citizens can exercise their constitutional right to access information, beyond the legal guarantees provided under Article 35, Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke has said.

Speaking during the 2026 International Day for Universal Access to Information, Isaboke said the Government is enhancing proactive disclosure, records management, digital access and public awareness to make the right meaningful to citizens.

“Article 35 specifically requires public officers to grant access to information and to enable that access. You can have a law, but without mechanisms you cannot operationalize it,” he said.

The event, hosted at the residence of Finland’s Ambassador to Kenya Riina-Riikka Heikka, was convened by UNESCO, the Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) and the Embassy of Finland under the theme, “Strengthening the Implementa-



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke.

tion of the Access to Information Act (2016) in Kenya.”

Isaboke announced that the Government had recently approved an Access to Information Policy to complement the 2016 Act and provide a framework for implementation.

“Recently we passed the Access to Information Policy. The Act is the fundamental law, and the policy shows how to implement

it,” he said.

He said all 47 county governments are capacity-building information officers to take access to information services closer to citizens.

“Counties are where the rubber meets the road, very close to the majority of citizens. Access to information should not become an urban privilege,” he said.

Isaboke acknowledged gaps in

institutional capacity and public awareness, noting that more than 60 per cent of public institutions had infrastructure to manage information requests, while 65 per cent could process requests and 67 per cent had digitised records.

He said about 70 per cent of citizens are aware of the right to information, although awareness remains lower among people with disabilities and other marginalised groups.

The Government is using vernacular communication, local engagement and radio to bridge the gap, particularly among rural communities and people without internet access.

Digital inclusion is also being supported through about 1,450 digital hubs where young people acquire digital skills.

Isaboke said proactive disclosure had become increasingly important amid the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and digital information.

“AI tools answer from whatever information is available. If the government does not publish

verified information, rumour and disinformation fill the space. Pro-active disclosure is our strongest defence,” he said.

He urged public institutions to publish information routinely rather than waiting for formal requests.

UNESCO Regional Director Louise Haxthausen linked universal access to information with democracy, sustainable development, media freedom and the integrity of the information environment. She called for stronger media literacy and greater inclusion of vulnerable groups amid growing risks from AI-generated and manipulated content.

British High Commissioner Matt Baugh said access to information was central to democracy and human rights, stressing the importance of citizens knowing and exercising their rights.

Finnish Ambassador Heikka highlighted media literacy and critical thinking, particularly among young people, as AI makes fabricated content increasingly difficult to identify.

Swedish Ambassador Håkan Åkesson said transparency and accountability strengthen open societies, while CAJ Vice Chairperson Dorothy Jemator Kimengech cited records management, institutional capacity and limited public awareness as continuing challenges.

Isaboke said the success of Kenya’s access to information framework would ultimately be measured by whether the right reaches citizens at the grassroots.

Mwea-Makima clean water project cuts waterborne disease cases by 63 percent

Mwea-Makima Water Project delivers safe water to 30,000 residents across six wards in Kirinyaga, ending reliance on contaminated irrigation canals and improving community health.

BY DAVID WANDETO (KNA)

For years, thousands of residents in Mwea, Kirinyaga County, depended on irrigation canals to draw water for drinking, cooking, washing and other household needs, exposing families to contaminated water and waterborne diseases.

But the situation is changing following the implementation of the Mwea-Makima Water Project, with county health data showing a 63 per cent decline in diarrhea cases recorded in the area.

The project, implemented by the Kirinyaga county government, is providing clean and safe water to about 30,000 people in more than 7,500 households across Gathigiriri, Nyangati, Thiba, Mutiithi, Wamumu and Tebere wards.

The development marks a

major shift for communities that previously relied on water from rice irrigation canals, where agricultural chemicals and other contaminants could expose residents to health risks.

Kirinyaga County Governor, Ann Waiguru, said access to adequate water for domestic and irrigation purposes remained a priority for her administration, with the county investing in water pipelines, storage tanks, boreholes and other infrastructure.

She said more than 200 water projects had been implemented across Kirinyaga during her tenure, improving access to clean water while supporting hygiene and sanitation in households and institutions.

The governor has also pledged to complete ongoing water projects worth Sh100 million in

Mwea before the end of her final term.

Speaking during an impact assessment of the Mwea-Makima Water Project, County Executive Committee Member for Water Kinyua Mutugi said the project was addressing a longstanding challenge that had forced many families to depend on irrigation water for domestic use.

“Before implementation of this project, we had serious challenges in accessing clean water. Most people depended on water from rice canals, which exposed them to water-related diseases,” Mutugi said.

He said water flowing through the irrigation canals could contain chemicals and other contaminants associated with agricultural activities, increasing residents’ exposure to illnesses such



Kirinyaga County Governor Ann Waiguru and other county officials inspect ongoing water pipeline installation during an assessment of the Mwea-Makima Water.

as typhoid, dysentery and cholera.

The project has extended water services to areas including Rurii, Mutiithi Town, Maendeleo, Thiba North and South, Haraka, Ngurubani Town, Kimbimbi, Mbui Njeru and parts of Nyangati, as well as several villages in Gathigiriri.

Kirinyaga County Director of Public Health Peter Irungu said Mwea recorded 19,061 diarrhea cases during the 2018/19 financial year.

By the 2025/26 financial year, the number had dropped to 6,900 cases,

representing a reduction of about 63 per cent.

“Since the residents started using clean water, there has been significant improvement in hygiene and sanitation standards in the area,” Irungu said.

Irungu said the reduction demonstrated the importance of investment in safe water, sanitation and hygiene, particularly in communities where residents had previously relied on unsafe water sources.

He warned that inadequate access to clean water and poor sanitation continued to expose com-

munities to preventable diseases, including diarrhoea-related illnesses, cholera and dysentery, with children among those most vulnerable.

For residents, however, the change is not merely reflected in government statistics but in their daily lives.

Henry Mugo, a hotel operator in Tebere Ward, said access to clean water had made a significant difference to businesses and households in areas that previously experienced difficulties getting reliable supplies.

Samburu flags off 163 tonnes of food to keep ECDE learners in class

County dispatches rice, beans and cooking oil to feed over 38,000 preschool children across 540 centres, boosting enrolment and retention during the dry season.

BY TIMOTHY LEWARANI
AND EMMANUEL KABERA
(KNA)

Samburu County Government has flagged off 163 tons of food for more than 38,000 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners across over 540 centers in the county.

The school feeding program is aimed at cushioning pre-school children from food insecurity, improving attendance and enhancing learner retention, particularly during dry periods.

The consignment comprises 4,800 bags of rice, 750 bags of beans, 750 containers of cooking oil and salt, with the supplies

expected to sustain the ECDE centres throughout the second term.

Samburu County CECM for Education and Vocational Training Mark Egelan said the county had procured enough food to serve all ECDE learners during the term.

"Today marks another round of the ECDE feeding programme, and we would like to flag off school feeding food for all the ECDE children across Samburu County for the second term," Egelan said.

He urged parents to take their children to ECDE centres and called on members of the public to report any attempts to divert or tamper with the food supplies.

"This food is purely

meant for the schools," he said.

County Secretary and Head of Public Service Wilson Lesuuda said the feeding programme was important in maintaining ECDE enrolment in the county, which is predominantly classified as an arid and semi-arid area.

Lesuuda said the availability of food in schools helps keep children in class even when pastoralist families migrate in search of pasture and water.

"We have said we will be supplying food on time, and I appreciate our partners, KDEF, for keeping to the agreement we made," Lesuuda said.

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Trans Nzoia County steps up crane conservation and wetland protection

County intensifies efforts to safeguard crane habitats and wetlands amid rising human-wildlife conflict, positioning conservation as a pillar of tourism growth and community livelihoods.

BY ISIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

Trans Nzoia County has intensified calls for the protection of wetlands and crane habitats, warning that destruction of breeding grounds and rising human-wildlife conflict are threatening the survival of the birds and the tourism potential they hold.

County Secretary Truphosa Amere said the county government will continue working with conservation stakeholders to protect ecosystems, while supporting livelihoods that depend on the environment.

We need to protect the environment because without it there are no cranes, no food and no tourism.

Speaking during celebrations to mark crane conservation at the Kitale National Museum, Amere said cranes are a vital part of the county's natural heritage and commended partners supporting conservation.

"The interconnectedness of nature and development cannot be stressed enough. As a county government we will ensure that services are provided that support conservation and livelihoods," she said.

The event, organized by the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in partnership with various stakeholders, was held under the theme: Redesigning Tourism through Digital Innovation and Crane Conservation.

County Executive for Gender, Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism, Eliud Tormoi, said cranes are facing increasing threats following the destruction

of wetlands which serve as their breeding grounds.

"When we invade and destroy wetlands, we are telling cranes to stop growing and reproducing. We need to protect their breeding areas," Tormoi said.

He noted that cranes are a key tourism attraction due to their unique characteristics and urged communities living near wildlife habitats to take a leading role in conservation.

Tormoi cited the recent death of 13 cranes in neighbouring Nandi County after poisoning by farmers as a clear reminder of the dangers posed by human-wildlife conflict.

"We need to protect the environment because without it there are no cranes, no food and no tourism," he said.

County Executive for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Robert



Trans Nzoia County residents and stakeholders march to Kitale National Museum to mark crane conservation.

Wamalwa, urged residents to be responsible stewards of wetlands, wildlife and biodiversity, noting their direct link to tourism.

"Let us not continue to invade their ecosystems. I urge residents to be responsible for conservation, biodiversity and the crane," Wamalwa said, while calling for enhanced environmental education among children as future custodians of conservation.

ICF Country Manager Adan Kabelo said habitat destruction is already altering crane behaviour in Trans Nzoia, with some birds forced to seek alternative nesting sites.

He revealed that cranes have recently been observed laying eggs on trees in Botwa, Cherangany, instead of their traditional wetland habitats, a shift

linked to encroachment on riparian areas.

"This is the first time in history cranes are moving to tall trees. When they nest on top of trees, it is an automatic death sentence for chicks because they were created to hatch on water at ground level," Kabelo said.

He added that farmers are also experiencing losses as cranes feed on seedlings, creating conflict. He said ICF is working with farmers in Botwa, Kobos and Sabwani to promote climate-smart agriculture and provide alternative food production methods away from wetlands.

"We do not want to punish our farmers but we need to find ways to integrate living with these birds," he said.

ICF Regional Director for East Africa, Dr. Adalbert

Aine-Omucunguzi, said technology is now being used to monitor cranes and provide real-time data on their movements and breeding.

He said trained crane custodians are able to report incidents such as collisions with power lines, chick hatching and egg-laying through digital platforms.

Dr. Aine-Omucunguzi noted that Trans Nzoia hosts about 12 percent of Kenya's crane population, presenting a major opportunity to grow tourism and revenue for the county.

"Trans Nzoia holds 12 percent of the crane population in Kenya and that is a big tourist attraction.

We can ride on them to promote tourism and make it a key revenue source through partnerships," he said.

Nyeri activates Global Scout City status, opens new cooperation opportunities

Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Korean Ambassador to Kenya Kang Hyung-shik marked World Tourism Day with the activation of Nyeri's Guide and Scout City designation, opening new avenues for cooperation in youth, culture, tourism and people-to-people engagement

BY HASSAN ALI AND DENIS MALOBA (PCO)

Nyeri County has activated its Guide and Scout City of the World status, opening new opportunities for cooperation in tourism, culture, youth development and people-to-people engagement.

The designation recognises Nyeri's longstanding association with the global Scout Movement and positions the county to connect with international youth, cultural and tourism networks.

Nyeri's scouting heritage is closely associated with Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, who spent his final years in the county. His former home, Paxtu, at the historic Outspan Hotel, and his gravesite remain key landmarks of the movement's heritage.

In March 2025, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) designated Nyeri as the Official Global Guide and Scout City of the World, while the Paxtu Museum was designated an official World Girl Guides and Scouts Heritage Site.

Scouting was introduced in Kenya in 1908, giving the movement a 118-year history in the country by 2026. Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga said the activation was intended to give international visibility to Nyeri's heritage.

"We are not applying or auditioning to become the Scout and Guide City. We already are the Scout and Guide City of the world. We are simply activating what already exists," he said.

Kahiga said the global Scout Movement, with about 60 million members across 170 countries, pro-

vides a platform for heritage tourism, youth exchanges, international jamborees, leadership programmes and people-to-people connections.

The designation also strengthens Kenya-Korea links through the World Scouts Parliamentary Union (WSPU), whose founding meeting was held in Seoul in 1990 and formal launch in 1991. Kenyan parliamentarians participated in the founding process alongside their Korean counterparts.

The partnership has continued through parliamentary and scouting exchanges, including the WSPU African Conference held in Nyeri in 2023 and the 11th WSPU General Assembly hosted by Kenya in 2025.

Governor Kahiga was joined by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Kenya, Kang Hyung-shik,

for the activation ceremony held to coincide with World Tourism Day 2026.

Ambassador Kang said the shared scouting heritage could provide a foundation for stronger cooperation between Korea and Nyeri.

"I believe that the Scout Movement can play an even greater role in building bridges between Korea and Nyeri in the years ahead," he said.

He identified tourism and culture, education and agriculture, trade and investment, and technology as areas with potential for deeper cooperation. He also encouraged more Koreans to visit Nyeri to experience its history, nature and culture.

The Ambassador's remarks followed Kahiga's visit to Korea in August, where discussions included the proposed Baden-Powell Centre of Excellence.

The Governor has allo-



Grace Michuki, appointed Nyeri Guide and Scout City Ambassador, during the activation ceremony, with a mandate to promote the county's scouting heritage, mobilise partnerships and champion youth leadership, volunteerism and community service.

cated 10 acres for the centre under a Memorandum of Understanding with WSPU-Kenya. The proposed facility will support scout tourism, cultural heritage, youth leadership, innovation, skills development and entrepreneurship.

Kahiga said digital innovation would also be used to promote Nyeri's heritage internationally.

"We cannot sell 21st century tourism experiences using 20th century tools. Nyeri will use digital

innovations to share our heritage with the world," he said.

The ceremony also unveiled Nyeri's official Guide and Scout City logo following a public competition that attracted 103 submissions.

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KISIP2 footprints visible as President Ruto issues 31,000 title deeds in Taita Taveta

Landmark exercise underscores State's resolve to end land injustices and secure tenure for informal settlements

BY ARNOLD MASILA (KNA)

President William Ruto presided over the issuance of more than 31,000 title deeds to residents of Taita Taveta County, marking a major milestone in the Government's efforts to resolve historical land injustices and secure tenure for informal settlements.

The exercise, held in Mwatate, showcased the transformative impact of the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2), a flagship programme supported by the Government of Kenya in partnership with the World Bank, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and the European Union (EU).

For thousands of families who have lived for decades without proof of ownership, the day signified a new beginning. Beneficiaries from settlements including Kaloleni, Sofia, Majengo Mapya, Kijiji Cha Chewa, Mwakingali (Aseko), Mwatate Old Market, Bura Ndogo, Godoma, Kishamba B and Chawuse received documents formally linking them to the land they call home.

President Ruto announced that 2,200 residents of Godoma and 1,240 residents of Kaloleni would receive title deeds, alongside 718 for Mwakingali, 200 for Sofia,



President William Ruto (centre) with a section of beneficiaries during the issuance of more than 31,000 title deeds to residents of Taita Taveta County.

823 for Bura Ndogo and 275 for Mwatate Old Market. He confirmed that titles for Kishamba B were under preparation and would be issued during the second phase of the exercise, expected to coincide with his planned visit to the county in the coming month.

Reaffirming the State's resolve to address historical grievances,

the President declared: "An injustice is an injustice, and discrimination is discrimination. Equality is equality. Just as other Kenyans have title deeds for their land, the people of the Coast should also be given theirs."

He noted that the Government has invested Sh10 billion towards addressing squatter settlements in the Coast region and pledged

additional resources to complete the titling process.

For beneficiaries, the significance of the exercise extends beyond the title deed itself. Formal recognition of land ownership provides security of tenure, reduces uncertainty, and creates an enabling environment for households to invest in their homes and property. Subject to

legal and financial requirements, formally recognized land may also unlock access to credit and economic opportunities.

President Ruto emphasized that the issuance of deeds represents the culmination of years of planning, surveying, and land administration. "A title deed provides not only security of tenure, but also dignity, confidence and an opportunity for families to invest in their homes and communities," he said.

The occasion highlighted KISIP2's Land Tenure Regularization interventions, which have helped communities transition from insecure tenure to formal recognition.

Celestine Wanjala, Head of the Land Tenure Regularization Component, welcomed the issuance of titles, describing it as a tangible outcome of the project's mission to address one of the most persistent challenges in informal settlements.

By securing tenure, KISIP2 is laying the foundation for sustainable community development.

The project also complements broader infrastructure upgrades, including roads, drainage systems, and solar streetlighting, which have already transformed settlements in counties such as Kiambu.

The Mwatate ceremony represents a systematic step towards resolving squatter settlements across the Coast.

For residents who have waited years to see their names formally linked to their land, the message was clear: settlements can be upgraded, communities can be recognized, and homes can become legally secure.

Muoria urges TVETs to align training with labour market needs

Institutions must move beyond enrolling and graduating students to ensuring that trainees acquire skills that respond to industry needs and enable them to earn a living-Muoria

BY DICKSON MWITI, KAMANJA MAERIA AND BRENDA GAKII (KNA)

The Government has invested heavily in TVET institutions, with equipment worth Sh13 billion supplied to colleges across the country.

Speaking during a graduation ceremony at Kaelo Technical and Vocational College, Technical, Vocational Education and Training Principal Secretary Dr Esther Muoria Muoria therefore urged institutions to align their programmes with labour market demands and equip trainees with skills that respond to industry needs.

"TVET institutions must move beyond enrolling and graduating students to ensuring that trainees acquire skills that respond to industry needs and enable

them to earn a living," she said while encouraging the graduates to translate their skills into productive ventures.

She cited the production of items such as hinges and stays for the affordable housing programme as an example of how TVET workshops could become centres of production, innovation and enterprises.

"I challenge Kaelo TVC therefore to make optimal use of the equipment they have to benefit learners and make money out of it. Workshops should be solving problems," she said.

Muoria said the Government is also expanding opportunities for TVET graduates to secure jobs locally and abroad.

She revealed that a dedicated TVET recruitment team had recruited 37 Kaelo TVC graduates for overseas employment through



TVET Principal Secretary Dr. Esther Muoria addressing graduands at the Kaelo TVC, Igembe North Sub County, Meru county.

government-supported labour mobility programmes.

The PS said the Government had partnered with Consolidated Bank of Kenya to facilitate financing for young people seeking employment opportunities abroad, with beneficiaries expected to repay the loans.

She cautioned young people against unrecognised overseas recruitment agents and urged them to use official Government channels when seeking jobs abroad.

Kaelo TVC Principal Joseph Kimathi Ntong'onde said the college had enrolled 800 new trainees during the September

intake following mobilisation efforts led by the County Commissioner's office.

He said the institution currently has about 1,400 trainees and is targeting 3,000 learners by 2027.

Ntong'onde added that the college had established an Insurance Regulatory Authority-registered garage in Laare to provide industrial attachment opportunities, with another facility planned for Maua.

Meru County Commissioner George Omolo pledged continued sensitisation campaigns to encourage young people and parents to embrace technical training, saying TVETs were

critical to addressing youth unemployment through practical skills and self-employment.

On his part, Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa said investment in technical training is essential in preparing young people for employment and equipping them with skills to become innovators and employers.

He urged young people to embrace Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions as a pathway to employment, entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.

The CS Mugaa urged parents to continue supporting their children to pursue technical education, saying skilled graduates would play an important role in the country's economic development.

He also encouraged artisans and other skilled workers without formal qualifications to take advantage of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme to obtain nationally recognised certification.

The CS challenged Kaelo TVC to maximise the use of its modern facilities, including its well-equipped computer laboratory, to enhance training and innovation.

A total of 463 graduands who trained at the institution between 2018 and 2026 received certificates, diplomas and artisan qualifications in various technical and vocational fields.

Rwanda's 40,000-tonne petroleum cargo lands in Mombasa, cementing Kenya's energy hub role

Historic 40,000-tonne shipment at Sh40 billion Kipevu Oil Terminal cements Mombasa's role as East Africa's gateway and expands Northern Corridor energy cooperation.

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Kenya has reinforced its position as the region's energy hub after the Port of Mombasa received Rwanda's maiden petroleum consignment at the ultra-modern Kipevu Oil Terminal 2.

The 40,000-tonne cargo, delivered aboard MT Sea Wolf, was jointly received by Energy Cabinet Secretary James Opiyo Wandayi and Rwanda's Minister of State Armand Zingiro, marking the operationalisation of a government-to-government framework that allows Rwanda to import bulk refined petroleum products through Kenya's infrastructure.

The 40,000-metric-tonne consignment arrived at KOT2 aboard the MT Sea Wolf. The reception ceremony was officiated by Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Energy and Petroleum James Opiyo Wandayi (pictured) and Rwanda's Minister of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Armand Zingiro.

At the Sh40 billion ultra-modern oil terminal, three vessels were simultaneously discharging petroleum products for Kenya,



Rwanda and Uganda.

Kenya and Rwanda signed a government-to-government framework on June 29, 2026, allowing Rwanda to import bulk refined petroleum products through the Port of Mombasa and the Northern Corridor. Previously, Rwanda sourced most of its petroleum products through the Central Corridor, which starts at the Port of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Under the agreement, Rwanda will independently source its bulk petroleum products while utilising Kenya's petroleum infrastructure for transportation and storage.

The agreement marks a significant milestone in regional cooperation and energy security by establishing a structured and reliable framework for the supply, transportation,

storage and evacuation of petroleum products through Kenya's petroleum infrastructure.

Under the partnership, Rwanda will benefit from improved access to Kenya's petroleum logistics system, including import coordination, strategic storage and pipeline infrastructure, enhancing the efficiency, reliability and resilience of the country's petroleum supply chain.

Wandayi termed the Rwanda shipment historic and a testament to East African Community integration, affirming that Kenya is ready to serve as Rwanda's gateway to global energy markets and the preferred route for its petroleum imports through the Northern Corridor.

"This framework is projected to grow the volume of petroleum products moving through our Northern Corridor to Rwanda tenfold over the coming years. That is a vote of confidence, not just in a pipeline or a port, but in Kenya as a nation," said Wandayi.

He added: "It cements our position as the logistics and energy transit hub of the EAC, and it is a tangible expression of the deeper

economic integration we are building with our neighbours in line with the objectives of the EAC and the African Continental Free Trade Area."

The CS lauded the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) for efficiently discharging the cargo and ensuring it moves reliably from the vessel to shore for onward transportation through the Kenya Pipeline Corporation (KPC) pipeline and storage network.

"Together, the two institutions give Rwanda a seamless path from the port of Mombasa to its market in Rwanda and beyond. Our obligation to Rwanda is simple and firm. Kenya will provide a transit environment that guarantees the security of supply of bulk refined petroleum products over the long term," promised the CS.

State agencies were directed to provide Rwanda-bound cargo with the operational flexibility required as volumes increase.

"It means continued government support for investment in the national infrastructure that underpins this route. This is a long-term partnership, not

a one-off gesture," stated Wandayi.

He noted that a secure and predictable supply of petroleum products to Rwanda supports trade, industry and livelihoods across the EAC.

"We can no longer afford to operate in silos as member states of the EAC. It behoves all of us to work closely together, in union, for us to be able to reap the full benefits of this integration."

The East African Oil Refinery being built in Lamu, the CS said, will further cement Kenya's position as an energy hub by providing refined products for the region. He further assured the Rwanda National Energy Company that Kenya will ensure the Northern Corridor delivers profitability and security of petroleum products.

Rwanda's Minister of Infrastructure, Armand Zingiro, said Rwanda had borne the brunt of instability in the Middle East, which had affected fuel supplies, prompting a deliberate effort to diversify import routes and collaborate with regional partners.

"This framework with Kenya is the practical expression of that strategy and strengthens our energy security. This framework also supports our national effort to build strategic fuel reserves. Rwanda's own storage capacity is being expanded, and the extended storage terms

Kenya has offered us here at Kipevu give us further flexibility while that capacity comes on stream," he said.

He reaffirmed Rwanda's commitment to the partnership with Kenya and to the wider vision of regional integration that binds the two countries under the EAC.

"We look forward to many more vessels following in the wake of MT Sea Wolf, and to an enduring relationship built on shared prosperity between Rwanda and Kenya."

KPA CEO Capt. William Ruto underscored the significance of the agreement, noting that it signals the beginning of the port's role in facilitating the importation of Rwanda's refined petroleum products through the Northern Transport Corridor.

He assured Rwanda of KPA's commitment to efficient service delivery in handling Rwanda-bound petroleum products, noting that the authority has invested heavily in infrastructure to support port operations and guarantee faster vessel turnaround times.

"Our new Kipevu Oil Terminal can handle three tankers with a 170,000-dead-weight-tonne capacity simultaneously, ensuring that oil tankers can discharge efficiently and in record time, minimising cases of delays and demurrage charges," he said.

Partners launch restoration of Kalapata Community Forest in West Pokot

BY RICHARD MUHAMBE (KNA)

Residents of Alale Ward in West Pokot County are set to benefit from efforts by non-state actors to restore the degraded Kalapata Community Forest and promote sustainable livelihoods among local communities.

The restoration initiative targets 100 acres of the forest, which has come

under intense pressure from human activities, threatening the ecosystem and livelihoods of communities that depend largely on livestock keeping and resilient forms of agriculture.

Rural Initiatives for Agricultural Development and Social Networking (RIAD – SN), in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), will implement a 10-months project aimed at restoring

the degraded forest ecosystem.

The project will involve mapping 100 acres for restoration, establishing three tree nurseries and producing and distributing indigenous and fruit tree seedlings to support the rehabilitation of the forest.

Speaking during a County Steering Group (CSG) meeting in Kapenguria where the project proposal was presented, Dr. Linet

Makena from RIAD – SN said the initiative would take advantage of the anticipated El Nino rains to improve the germination and establishment of tree seedlings.

She said restoration of the forest would not only improve environmental conservation but also contribute to sustainable pasture production and better nutrition among communities living in the area.

Makena said the project would further strengthen community participation in forest management while improving monitoring, accountability and learning throughout its implementation.

The Kalapata area is predominantly inhabited by pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities whose livelihoods depend heavily on livestock and crop production, making the restoration of the forest ecosystem important to their economic and environmental wellbeing.

West Pokot County Chief Officer for Special Pro-

grammes, Humanitarian Coordination and Disaster Management Daniel Lopale urged members of the County Steering Group to remain actively engaged whenever called upon to support the establishment and implementation of community welfare projects.

Lopale welcomed partnerships between the county government, development organizations and other non-state actors, saying they had played an important role in addressing marginalisation and humanitarian challenges in the region.

Uwezo Fund injects Sh45.5m to benefit women and youth groups in Homabay

BY BENADETTE OWADE (PCO) AND DAVIS LANGAT(KNA)

Uwezo Fund has disbursed Sh45.5 million to women, youth and persons with disabilities (PWDs) groups in Homa Bay County as part of efforts to strengthen enterprise development, job creation and economic empowerment at the grassroots.

The funding was announced during the Second Edition of Jua Kali Artisan Day 2026 held at Raila Odinga Stadium, Homa Bay, where artisans, entrepreneurs, government agencies, development partners and stakeholders converged to showcase opportunities and support programmes for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector.

The event was presided over by Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and MSMEs Development, Wycliffe Oparanya (pictured), and hosted by Homa Bay Woman Representative Dr Joyce Atieno Bensouda, who also serves as the county patron of Uwezo Fund.

Speaking during the event, Oparanya reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting small-scale traders and MSMEs, describing them as critical drivers of livelihoods, employment and local economic growth.

"Today I am here to support the local mwananchi and small-scale traders. Small-scale traders are a section that the government has put emphasis on. I am very pleased with what I have seen here today," said the CS.

He underscored the need for affordable financing, technical training, market



access, modern equipment and coordinated government support to enable artisans and small businesses to establish, expand and sustain their enterprises.

The CS highlighted the role of large-scale investments in stimulating economic development, citing the proposed Dangote East Africa Petroleum Refinery in Lamu, estimated to cost about Sh2.2 trillion, as a project with the potential to create jobs, build local skills and spur economic activity along the LAPSET Corridor.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of the Sh45.5 million Uwezo Fund allocation to beneficiary groups in Homa Bay County.

The financing is expected to support women, youth and PWD groups in establishing new businesses, strengthening existing enterprises and expanding income-generating activities.

The Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) also provided machinery and equipment to 24 MSME groups in the county to boost productivity and enhance enterprise growth.

The beneficiaries received car-wash and welding machines, a lathe machine, mechanical tool kits, sewing and barbering equipment, posho mills, ice-popsicle machines and woodworking equipment.

The support is expected to strengthen skills-based

enterprises, improve efficiency and expand employment opportunities within local communities.

Other enterprise-support items showcased during the event included milling machines, motor-cycles, mechanic tools, coolers, jikos, car-washing equipment and safety gear such as helmets and reflectors. Women's groups also benefited from mattresses, water tanks, sewing machines, plastic chairs, umbrellas and waste bins.

Addressing participants, Dr Bensouda emphasised the importance of empowering women and youth, investing in education and strengthening community development initiatives to improve livelihoods.

"Our focus is to empower our women and youth, support education and strengthen our communities so that our people can create sustainable livelihoods and improve their lives," she said.

She urged beneficiaries to use government support responsibly and work towards building sustainable enterprises capable of generating long-term income.

The Woman MP also highlighted ongoing empowerment programmes in the county, including youth training, market development projects, boda boda sheds, tree-planting, sanitary towel distribution to schools and installation of water tanks to support rainwater harvesting.



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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE REVISED FRAMEWORK FOR RECOGNISING PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) invites members of the public and stakeholders to participate in public participation forums on the Revised Framework for Recognising Productivity and Performance in the Public Service. The forums will be conducted across 10 regions on 21st and 23rd October 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. concurrently with the Performance and Productivity Bill, 2026 and Productivity Management Policy, 2026 public participation exercised advertised in MyGov 29th September, 2026.

The Revised Framework seeks to establish a structured, transparent, fair and consistent mechanism for identifying, assessing and recognising outstanding productivity and performance in the Public Service, with the objective of promoting a culture of excellence, innovation, continuous productivity improvement and enhanced service delivery. The schedule of the forums is as follows:

DATE	REGION AND CLUSTER OF COUNTIES	VENUE
Wednesday, 21st October 2026	UPPER EASTERN (Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Marsabit & Isiolo)	Lowlands Hotel, Meru
Friday, 23rd October 2026	LOWER EASTERN (Machakos, Makueni & Kitui)	Kyaka Hotel, Machakos
Wednesday, 21st October 2026	NORTH RIFT VALLEY (West Pokot, Turkana, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia & Elgeyo Marakwet)	Poa Place, Eldoret
Friday, 23rd October 2026	SOUTH & CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY (Nakuru, Baringo, Bomet, Kericho, Samburu & Narok)	Sarova Woodlands, Nakuru
Wednesday, 21st October 2026	NYANZA (Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisii & Nyamira)	Acacia Hotel, Kisumu
Friday, 23rd October 2026	WESTERN (Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma & Busia)	Kakamega Golf Club, Kakamega
Wednesday, 21st October 2026	CENTRAL (Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Nyandarua & Laikipia)	Regional Commissioner's Boardroom, Nyeri
Friday, 23rd October 2026	NORTH EASTERN (Wajir, Mandera & Garissa)	Regional Commissioner's Boardroom, Garissa
Wednesday, 21st October 2026	NAIROBI (Nairobi, Kajiado & Kiambu)	Regional Commissioner's Boardroom, Nairobi
Friday, 23rd October 2026	COAST (Kilifi, Tana River, Taita Taveta, Kwale, Mombasa & Lamu)	Pride Inn Paradise, Mombasa

The **Revised Framework for Recognising Productivity and Performance in the Public Service** can be accessed through the link: <https://src.go.ke/download/revised-framework-for-recognising-productivity-and-performance-in-the-public-service/> in **Salaries and Remuneration Commission website**

Written submissions on the Revised Framework may be submitted to the **Salaries and Remuneration Commission** through the designated channels indicated on the Commission's website by the prescribed deadline.

Members of the public and stakeholders are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Revised Framework in advance and actively participate in the forums. The members of the public can share their submission via info@src.go.ke

CHRP Ali Abdullahi Surraw
Commission Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
Salaries and Remuneration Commission



Homa Bay farmers receive over Sh52 million to expand agricultural businesses



Farmer cooperatives across Homa Bay County receive a cheque worth Sh16,439,624 under the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) to increase their lending capacity to farmers. Photo by Sitna Omar, KNA.

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

Farmers in Homa Bay County are set to access affordable financing after the government disbursed more than Sh52 million in grants to strengthen farmer organisations, expand agricultural businesses and enhance lending capacities of Saccos.

The funds, disbursed

under the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), will support Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), savings and credit cooperative societies (Saccos) and other agricultural structures under NAVCDP.

NAVCDP County Project Coordinator Henry Nzinga said the funding included inclusion grants that would

cater for essential operational costs within farmer organisations and Saccos.

"The grants will help finance office equipment, bookkeeping services, office rent and mobilisation of additional members," he noted.

A separate matching grant will provide capital to Saccos to enable them to lend more money to their members.

According to the official, about Sh28.4 million was allocated as inclusion grants and Sh16.4 million in matching grants for Saccos. A further Sh8 million was allocated to Community Driven Development Committees (CDDCs) to support the establishment of agricultural demonstration sites.

The inclusion grants were to be shared between FPOs and Saccos, with the former receiving about Sh3.4 million and the latter, Sh23 million.

The project plans to establish 160 demonstration sites across the county, with four sites in each ward, covering the value chains supported by the programme.

The sites will provide farmers with practical learning opportunities across the agricultural value chains supported by NAVCDP.

Agripreneurs on the other hand received 40 digital agricultural resource kits worth Sh5.5 million. The kits comprised tablets, smart projectors, power banks and soil augers.

The tablets contain agricultural extension materials that agripreneurs will use to train farmers in their extension services responsibilities.

The programme supports five key value chains

including rice, coffee, banana, dairy and cotton, with the aim of improving production, marketing and access to financial services.

The project is currently working with 5,722 farmer groups. It has also supported the establishment of 40 Saccos, with one Sacco serving each ward in the county.

Homa Bay County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture Joash Oloo said the funding was intended to provide farmers with the capital and institutional support needed to grow their enterprises.

He said the grants would serve as seed capital, with beneficiaries expected to use the resources to strengthen their organisations and, in the case of matching grants, provide loans to members through a revolving system.

The initiative is expected to particularly benefit young people and women by expanding opportunities for employment and income generation.

"Our dream is for our people to become job creators, not job seekers," Oloo said.

Homa Bay Deputy Governor Dannish Onyango said strengthening farmers' organisations would help increase agricultural productivity while creating employment opportunities.

"This is seed capital to help them improve production on their farms. It will boost productivity across all the value chains supported by the NAVCDP programme and create employment. They will become employers rather than job seekers, increasing production while improving their access to food and income," he said.

The DG said partnerships involving the county government, financial institutions, universities and development organisations would be important in helping farmers expand their enterprises.

The event also saw Homa Bay signing a Memorandum of Understanding with World Resources Institute (WRI) Africa in efforts to curb food loss and wastage throughout the supply chain.

Onyango said improving agricultural productivity must go hand in hand with reducing post-harvest losses to ensure farmers derive maximum economic value from their produce. Farmers in Homa Bay County are set to access affordable financing after the government disbursed more than Sh52 million in grants to strengthen farmer organisations, expand agricultural businesses and enhance lending capacities of Saccos.

Nakuru farmers to reap big in Sh1.5 billion Kenya-Italy value chain initiative

Over 20,000 smallholders, cooperatives and agri-food enterprises set to gain from a 42-month programme revitalizing dairy and horticulture value chains through technology, market access and climate-resilient practices.

BY JANE NGUGI AND CAROLYNE NYAKIO (KNA)

More than 20,000 smallholder farmers, livestock keepers, cooperatives and agri-food enterprises in Nakuru county are set to benefit from a Sh1.5 billion initiative targeted at revitalizing key value chains in the agriculture sector.

The revitalization also involves improving the support infrastructure for the value chains.

According to Deputy County Governor Dr David Kones the AGRIPACT initiative, a partnership between Kenya and Italy's Lombardy Region, will promote resilient, inclusive, and circular agri-food systems while strengthening the capacity of farmers, cooperatives, and agricultural micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to participate more effectively in agricultural value chains.

Dr Kones indicated that the

42-month program is directed towards improving productivity, value addition, market access, and climate resilience practices in the dairy and horticulture sectors.

He spoke after hosting a delegation from Lombardy Region led by Undersecretary to the Presidency for International and European Relations Raffaele Cattaneo for bilateral discussions on the implementation of the programme and opportunities to deepen agricultural cooperation.

Dr Kones noted that the fight against poverty in Kenya is highly dependent on the revitalization of key value chains in the agriculture sector.

He said agriculture consists of at least half of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) adding that this is the sector where almost 90 per cent of Kenyans derive their livelihoods from and is the reason why the agriculture sector is at the heart

of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (Beta).

"Agriculture carries almost half, in terms of where the daily household incomes of citizens of Kenya come from. Somebody is either in agriculture, a keeper of livestock, within the fisheries and blue economy or is doing certain primary sector activity like mining," he said.

If you combine the number of people directly and indirectly engaged in the sectors I have mentioned, 90% of people in Kenya will fall in that bracket. This pillar of revitalizing value chains, the largest carrier of value chains being agriculture, is at the heart of transforming Kenya especially from the bottom-up approach," Dr Kones pointed out.

He said Nakuru was committed to providing the technical leadership and coordination required to ensure that the investment translates into sustainable benefits for farmers and other actors

in the targeted value chains.

"Nakuru has enormous potential in dairy and horticulture and this partnership provides an opportunity to unlock that potential through technology, knowledge transfer, value addition and stronger market linkages," said Dr Kones.

He pledged that Governor Susan Kihika's administration will provide the leadership, coordination and governance necessary to ensure that the programme delivers lasting value to local farmers.

The Deputy Governor further stated that the project would complement ongoing county efforts to strengthen agricultural value chains by supporting farmers to move beyond primary production towards value addition, better market access and commercially viable enterprises.

Dr Kones observed that stronger cooperatives and producer organizations would be critical to enabling smallholder farmers to aggregate their produce, access services and negotiate better markets.

Lombardy Region led by Undersecretary to the Presidency for International and European Relations Mr. Raffaele Cattaneo said Lombardy was committed to sharing its technical expertise and experience with Kenyan farmers and cooperatives to strengthen agricultural value chains and create sustainable economic opportunities.

"Over the next 42 months, Lombardy will make its expertise

available to respond to the needs identified by farmers and cooperatives. Agripact is about building skills and opportunities together and creating sustainable development that can generate jobs and strengthen local communities," said Mr. Cattaneo.

He noted that the partnership would focus on practical solutions to challenges affecting agricultural value chains, including low productivity, post-harvest losses, weak producer organization and limited access to markets.

Mr. Cattaneo indicated that Lombardy has extensive experience in agriculture, manufacturing, cooperative enterprise development and agro-processing, which the partners say can provide opportunities for knowledge exchange and adaptation of appropriate technologies and production models in Kenya.

The initiative is part of the broader cooperation between Kenya and Italy under the Italian Government's Mattei Plan for Africa, which seeks to strengthen partnerships with African countries in areas including agriculture, food security, skills development, enterprise development and sustainable economic growth.

AGRIPACT was approved in July 2026 by Italy's Joint Committee for Development Cooperation and brings together Lombardy Region, development cooperation actors and implementing partners, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).



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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BUNGOMA COUNTY LEVEL 6 TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSIPTAL IN BUNGOMA COUNTY.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act CAP 387, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent **Ministry of Health**, proposes to construct level 6 Referral hospital with 1800No. bed capacity comprising of the Accident and Emergency unit/ Intensive care Unit(ICU) & High Dependency Unit(HDU), Maternity and Neonatal Care Unit, Surgical theatres(General & Specialized), Diagnostic Centre Outpatient and Inpatient departments, Pharmacy & Support Services, Administrative & Staff facilities, associated amenities and facilities in Kabuchai sub-county, Mukuyuni ward, Sichei village within Kabuchai constituency, Bungoma County County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures

Impact	Proposed Mitigation Measures
Loss of vegetation	- Identify endangered species of trees to be planted in other places where they will not be affected, - Plant more trees in site reserve areas to increase vegetation, - Encourage the locals to plant trees in their plot to increase tree cover, - Support local conservation groups to plant more trees,
High Demand of Raw material	- Source building materials from local suppliers who use environmentally friendly processes in their operations. - Ensure accurate budgeting and estimation of actual construction material requirements to ensure that the least amount of material necessary is ordered - Ensure that damage or loss of materials at the construction site is kept minimal through proper storage. - Use at least 5%-10% recycled, refurbished or salvaged materials to reduce the use of raw materials and divert material from landfills
Occupational Health and Safety Risks	- Provide all workers with the necessary protective gears - Ensure all workers are in protective gears all the time when on site - Place fire extinguishers in strategic areas within the station - Designate and mark smoking areas - Workers to be trained as fire marshals - Fire escape routes to be shown clearly - Provide enough first aid kits within the project site - Train workers in administering first aid - Label all potential hazards such as movable machine parts - Raise awareness and educating workers on risks from equipment and training them on the use of the equipment. - Placing visible and readable signs around where there are risks. - Ensuring security in and around the site to control the movement of people. - Providing safe and secure storage for equipment and materials in the site. - Placing visible and readable signs to control the movement of vehicles and notify motorists and pedestrians around the, and workers in the site.
Increased Solid Waste Generation	- Use of an integrated solid waste management system like: Source reduction; Recycling; Reuse; and Land filling/Backfilling. - Using waste minimization techniques like buying required quantities in bulk. Identifying all sources of wastes, and ensuring wastes are handled by licensed waste handlers - Making available suitable facilities for the collection, segregation and safe disposal of the wastes. - All construction materials left over at the end of construction should be used in other projects or sold - Ensure proper handling and storage of construction materials to reduce damage.
Air Pollution	- Avoid excavation works in extremely dry weathers. - Personal protective equipment to be worn. - Post signs that limit vehicles speed onto unpaved roads and over disturbed soils. - Cover stockpiles of sand, soil and similar materials or surround them with wind breaks. - Ensure strict enforcement of on-site speed limit regulations. - Sprinkle water on access routes when necessary to reduce dust generation by construction vehicles. - Ensure strict enforcement of on-site speed limit regulations - Sprinkle water on graded access routes whenever necessary to reduce dust generation by construction vehicles - Enclosing the structures under construction with dust proof nets. - Using efficient machines with low emission technologies for the ones that burn fossil fuels. - Regular maintenance and services of machines and engines. - Use of clean fuels e.g. unleaded and de-sulphurized fuels. - Educate and raise awareness of construction workers on emission reduction techniques - Install continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS).

Noise and Vibrations	- Prescribe noise reduction measures if appropriate e.g. restricted working hours, transport hours and noise buffering - Consult with the surrounding community on the permissible noise levels and best working hours. - Sensitize construction vehicle drivers and machinery operators to switch off engines of vehicles or machinery not being used. - Ensure that construction machinery is serviced and kept in good condition to reduce noise generation. - Observe normal working hours during noisy construction works (00800 to 1700) hours - Ensure that all generators and heavy-duty equipment are insulated or placed in enclosures - Construction workers to wear ear muffs if working in noisy section.
Increased Traffic	- Placing signs around the site notifying other vehicles about the heavy traffic and to set the speed limit around the site. - Ensuring all drivers for the project comply to speed regulations. - Making sure the construction doesn't occupy the road reserves and complying with traffic and land demarcation obligations. - Ensuring all vehicles used for the project are in good working condition both legally and commensurate to their intended use.
Increased Water Demand	- Ensure that water is sourced from a sustainable source and from licensed water vendors. - Recycling waste water and using it for other purposes - Provide information signs on means and needs to conserve water - Promote re-cycling and re-use of water as much as possible - Sensitize the occupants to conserve water by avoiding unnecessary wastage. - Detect and repair broken pipes promptly - Install roof gutters and installing water storage tanks to collect and harvest rain water - Avoid unnecessary toilet flushing
Increased Incidences and Accidents	- Registration of all workplaces by the Director, Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety (DOHSS) - Provision of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff - Erect warning signs - Allocate a fire assembly point - Comply with all standards and legally required health and safety regulations as set out by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (Part XI: Section 96) as pertains to construction activities. - Provide fully functional standard First Aid Kit on site. Recommendations for Employees exceeding fifty (50) - Demarcate all works which may pose a employees and other site workers - Place portable fire extinguishers at suitable locations - Training all staff on fire safety policy and procedures - Clearly mark all fire exits within the site
Insecurity	- Maintaining a perimeter wall and have a manned barrier - Maintaining security alarms - Partnership with the neighbors and police in community policing - Control of secondary businesses. - Round the clock security for the facility. - Adequate lighting and an alarm system installed at strategic points.
Community Impacts	- Initiate good public relation between the proponent, contractor and the community - Erect and maintain information boards in the position, quantity, design and dimensions of the proposed glass factory - Keep a "Complaints Register" on Site

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Stigma, myths fueling poor epilepsy care in Samburu

Health officials warn that superstitions and lack of awareness are fueling poor reporting and treatment, as training of health workers and community promoters seeks to reduce neglect and household stigma.



Faith Muthoni (standing) from the Kenya Association for the Welfare of People Living with Epilepsy (KAWE) demystifies epilepsy to healthcare workers and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) from Samburu County.

BY ZIPPORAH ODIONYI AND EMMANUEL MWENDWA (KNA)

Lack of information and deep-rooted stigma has led to poor reporting and treatment of epilepsy patients in Samburu County, health officials have said.

This emerged during a training of health workers and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in Maralal town, where it was revealed that people living with epilepsy have been neglected due to superstitions associated with the condition.

Nicholas Otieno from the Kenya Association for the Welfare of People Living with Epilepsy (KAWE) said there is little awareness about epilepsy in the county, with many families still relying on unorthodox methods to treat it.

“To cure epilepsy traditionally, cow hide is burnt on an open flame and the ash is fed to the epileptic patient but the disease does not go away. This is what we want the community to unlearn about epilepsy,” Otieno said.

Otieno explained that epilepsy is a medical condition that can affect people of all ages and emphasized that it is treatable. He said the training also targets traditional healers, with the aim of equipping them with knowledge so they can refer patients to health facilities.

“Our aim is to find local solutions for local problems and to understand what is happening within our communities in order to cascade ways of handling epilepsy. The CHPs are our foot soldiers in the community and they will help reduce stigma,” he said.

Samburu County Director for Preventive and Promotive Health, Augustine Lemowonapi, encouraged families to seek medical care for those living with epilepsy, noting that drugs are available in all 140 health facilities across the county.

He disclosed that in total, 3,563 cases of epilepsy have been reported in the last three years.

“We now want to reduce the stigma at the household level and encourage patients to come for treatment because epilepsy is treatable and it is not a family curse,” Lemowonapi said.

Stephen Chodoo, a CHP from Samburu North who attended the training, welcomed the initiative, saying there is little information about the disease at village level.

Chodoo noted that most patients in the villages are forced to drink concoctions to induce vomiting after experiencing epileptic fits.

“With the knowledge gained here, we now know how to handle a person with epileptic fits and later refer them to hospital.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) STUDY REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH RIFT LEVEL (VI) TEACHING
AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL IN KERICHO COUNTY.**

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act CAP 387, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent Ministry of Health, proposes to construct a Level(VI) hospital comprising of development buildings, specialized medical facility, Teaching and Reserch facilities,installation of Medical equipment & ICT Systems, support infrastructure, construction of utility & ancillary facilities and other associated amenities and facilities on a greenfield site in Kericho County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Mitigation Measures
Sound and Vibrations pollution	- Vehicles to move at low speed while within and around the site range. Workers are encouraged to behave in an orderly manner. - Exposed workers will be provided with protective gear (noise muffs) Grade sites to beneficial levels to be maintained and compensate appropriately the existing topography; - Maintain the cleanliness of the proposed development and its environs. Use machines that are well serviced, oiled and maintained.
Dust and Particulate emissions	- Workers to be provided with protective gear. - Provision of Construction masks and aprons as advised by DOSHS laws. Observe EMCA (Air Quality Regulations, 2008) - Pursue good practices in energy use during operations and sensitize staff. Provide appropriate personal protective equipment to site workers. - Ensure that the manuals of operations are followed to the latter to avoid possible accidents. - Ensure netting is done all around the proposed project as construction takes shape.
Effluent/waste waters	- Install a properly designed and adequately sized bio-digester to treat all domestic wastewater generated by the development - Ensure all wastewater from toilets, bathrooms, kitchens and laundry areas is connected to the bio-digester through a properly designed internal drainage system. - Provide separate drainage systems for storm water and wastewater to prevent overloading of the bio-digester and reduce the risk of system failure. - Conduct routine inspection and maintenance of the bio-digester, manholes and drainage pipes to identify and repair leaks, blockages or overflows promptly.
Vegetation Re-generation	- Do landscaping on completion of the proposed project. - Plant pot ornamental trees round the compound to improve the aesthetic appeal of the building. - Ensure the management company maintains all vegetation cover regularly.
Solid waste generated	- Ensure that all solid wastes are collected and segregated. Reuse those materials that can be reused. - Contact a licensed solid waste transporter to collect solid materials leakages and/or spillages. - Minimize waste at source by clear and harmonized procurement materials.
Fire Hazards	- Ensure fire extinguishers are stationed in visible places. - Security personnel and occupants to be trained in firefighting skills. - Drilling exercises to be conducted regularly. - Train some of the premises maintainers team on how to use the fire-fighting equipment.
Pollution and degradation of the river downstream	- Maintain the prescribed riparian reserve and ensure that no construction activities or waste disposal occur within the protected riparian area. - Stabilize exposed slopes through landscaping, grassing, indigenous tree planting and other erosion control measures immediately after construction.
Health and Safety Concerns	- Provide personnel and passers-by signages and warnings, traffic control signs and warning - Provide for appropriate signage and warnings at work sites. - Provide appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to site workers. Provide for First Aid facilities as per the OSHA, 2007.
Environmental Auditing	- Must be done annually to assess the efficacy of the development and how waste is being managed, the environmental status of the constructed development, security situation, health and safety of the occupants and employees among other parameters. - The report will be submitted to NEMA to determine the level of compliance with EMCA regulations and implementation of this EMP.
Traffic flow	- Adequate road warning signs to traffic regulations - Erect speed bumps where necessary. - Improve the road condition as compared to the current situation and ensure to sprinkle water to reduce dust during transportation of materials.
High Electricity Demand	- Energy conservation measures to be practiced. - Provide alternative source of power e.g. Solar Panels, or own transformer
Security	- Guarding proposed development by reputable security firm. - No outsiders should access the property without permission from the proponent. - Partnership with the neighbors to promote serenity in the area and conserve the environment. - Ensure all staff and workers at the proposed project are properly vetted.
Oil leaks & Spills	- Use well serviced machinery to minimize grease/oil leaks. - No major Servicing of the machinery at the site. - Ensure any oil leakages are dealt with immediately and site cleaned.
Climatic Change Risks	- Ensure the building Foundation can stand strong earthquakes. - Ensure there is adequate greenery within the building. - Using of Construction materials that have less carbon constituents. - Ensure drainage systems, flood drainages are cleared of any clogging. - Ensure the building adopts energy saving power generation systems like Solar and installation of Energy saving Bulbs.

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Ministry accelerates completion of Sh 82b mega dams to boost food security

Mwache and Thwake projects surge past 90 percent as State pledges faster delivery to secure water, drive economic growth, and strengthen climate resilience.

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI
(KNA)

The Government will accelerate the completion of all mega multi billion shillings dam projects across the country to strengthen its water and food security agenda.

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eng. Eric Mugaa gave the assurance during a tour of the Sh45 billion Mwache Multipurpose Dam project in Kwale county.

Eng. Mugaa says constructions of strategic dams like the Mwache Multipurpose Dam and the Sh37 billion Thwake Dam located at the border of Makueni and Kitui counties along the Athi River are progressing steadily.

"The dams are at various stages of completion with constructors actively working on site with state agencies intensifying efforts to overcome funding and resettlement challenges slowing progress," he said.

Eng Mugaa, who was accompanied by Principal Secretary for Water Julius Korir and Eng. Samwel Alima, the Water Secretary, says the Thwake Multipurpose Water Development Program is approximately 94 percent to 96 complete while Mwache Dam has reached over 90 percent completion rate.

He said the plan to construct water dams is to



From left Water Secretary Eng. Samwel Alima, Water Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Mugaa and Principal Secretary for Water Julius Korir during a tour of the Sh45 billion Mwache Multipurpose Dam project in Kwale County.

ensure a fairer distribution of water resources across the country and mitigate the impact of declining rainfall and low reservoir levels.

The Cabinet Secretary stated that the two mega dam projects are flagship projects advancing the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) by strengthening water security, driving economic growth, creating jobs, and building climate resilience for communities.

He says the Mwache Multipurpose Dam Project is being implemented to strengthen water security and support sustainable economic growth across the coastal region.

Implemented under the Coast Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project, the dam is poised to become a transformative

asset for the coast region unlocking growth and strengthening resilience against climate-related shocks.

He said the development objective of the Mwache Dam project is to sustainably increase bulk water supply to Kwale and Mombasa counties and increase access to water and sanitation.

Eng Mugaa said the Mwache Dam will store up to 136 billion litres of water and supply approximately 186 million litres of treated clean water daily to households, industries, and institutions across Kwale and Mombasa counties.

He said the 84-metre-high roller-compacted concrete gravity dam continues to take shape at unparalleled speed bringing closer to 'delivering a reliable water supply to the coast region'.

"This is government commitment to delivery and proof of concept that a mega Roller Compacted Concrete dam can be substantially done in a record time," he said.

"This is truly a sight to behold and an engineering marvel as the Mwache dam is the only Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam project in East Africa," he said, adding that the government is accelerating its strategy to strengthen its water infrastructure.

He said the Mwache Multipurpose Dam is designed to harness flood flows from the Mwache River Basin for domestic water supply and irrigation in Mombasa and Kwale counties, while strengthening resilience to increasing variations in weather and climatic patterns.

Eng. Mugaa said using advanced RCC technology allows fast placement of zero-slump concrete compacted by heavy vibratory rollers, speeding up construction of the 84-meter-high structure ahead of its planned October 2026 impoundment.

Korir said the inspection provided an opportunity to review overall project preparedness and ensure that both the core dam infrastructure and community development interventions remain on course to deliver sustainable water security, improved public services and stronger livelihoods for communities in Mombasa and Kwale counties.



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- Shortlisted candidates shall be required to present the originals of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates and testimonials at the time of the interview.
- The job descriptions and specifications are available on the KASNEB website www.kasneb.or.ke.
- It is a criminal offence to present forged or falsified certificates or documents.
- Successful candidates (those appointed to the advertised positions) shall be required to submit the following documents prior to the issuance of the offer of appointment, in compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010:
 - Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).
 - Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).
 - Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
 - Clearance Certificate from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
 - Clearance Certificate from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).
- Applicants who had previously applied for the above positions are eligible to reapply, provided they meet the minimum requirements.
- Applicants are strongly advised to carefully read and understand the requirements, including on documentation, before submitting their applications.

Application Procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications via the link <https://www.kasneb.or.ke/career-opportunities> attaching copies of: curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, academic and professional certificates, National Identity Card and testimonials. Provide in your detailed curriculum vitae the names and contact addresses of **three (3) referees**. The applications should reach the undersigned not later than **Wednesday, 21 October 2026**. The application letter must clearly indicate the "REFERENCE NUMBER" of the position applied for and be addressed to:

**Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
KASNEB
P O Box 41362-00100
NAIROBI, KENYA**

KASNEB is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusivity and diversity. Individuals from marginalized and minority communities, women, youth and persons with disability are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants who are persons with disability are required to submit a copy of a valid NCPWD Membership Card, where applicable.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

VACANCIES

The National Council for Children's Services (NCCS) is established under section 41 of the Children Act, 2022, it is mandated to regulate, coordinate and oversight children's services in Kenya and advise the Government on all matters thereof.

The Council seeks to recruit qualified and competent staff to fill the following vacant positions.

S/ NO	VACANCY REFERENCE NO	POSITION	JOB GRADE	NO. OF VACANCIES	TERMS OF SERVICE
1.	NCCS/16/2026	Director, Registration & Compliance	NCCS 2	1	Contract
2.	NCCS/2/2026	Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management (Re-advertisement)	NCCS 3	1	Permanent & Pensionable
Total				2	

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants whose background and competencies match the above specifications are invited to make their applications **ONLINE** through the NCCS website <https://recruitment.nccs.go.ke/> to be received on or before **27th October, 2026** for any inquiry please email recruitment@nccs.go.ke



National Environment Management Authority

Popo Road, off Mombasa Road P.O.BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya,
Tel: 0724253398, 0735013046 E-mail: dgnema@nema.go.ke
Website: www.nema.go.ke



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL ON PLOT L.R NO.KISUMU MUNICIPALITY/BLOCK 4/809, ALONG KISUMU-KAKAMEGA ROAD, KONDELE, KISUMU COUNTY.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act CAP 387, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching & Referral Hospital**, proposes to upgrade the existing level 5 hospital to level 6 hospital with a 2000 bed capacity comprising of 20No bed Intensive Care Unit, 20 bed High Dependency Unit, 60No. bed Emergency & Accidents Unit, 4No. operating theatres, 150No. bed general wards, central pharmacy diagnostic Unit, 10No. specialized clinics to accommodate (oncology, psychiatric, paediatric, endocrine, haematology, cardiology, Dental, cardiothoracic, endocrine, Renal, Gastral, orthopaedic, forensics and neuro-surgery), associated amenities and facilities on plot L.r no. Kisumu Municipality/block 4/809, along Kisumu-Kakamega Road, Kondele, Kisumu County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Environmental	Mitigation measures
Destruction of utility lines along access road	- Proper surveying to identify location of the utility lines - Reinforcements to protect the delicate utility lines - Liaison with the utility service providers in case of relocation and or re-positioning - Marking of the positions of the utility lines specially to alert truck drivers - The developer to indemnify service providers such as Safaricom, Telkom Kenya, Kenya Power & Lighting Company, Kisumu City Water and Sewerage Company, Kisumu County Government and other service providers against any alteration and or damage to existing service utility lines as a result of any of the construction works on this site - Have a specific entry and exit point to and from the site - Replace and or repair any affected utility lines immediately to avoid unnecessary inconveniencing the consumers - Repair the main access road to site once affected by the construction works and or by trucks carrying material supplies to and from the site - Construction works to be completed within the approved time frame as per the schedule of activities.
Increased surface water run-offs and or flooding	- Provision of storm water trenches and drains on site - Connection of the site to the Nairobi trunk storm drainage system. - All roof water and surface runoff water to be collected and stored in water reservoirs to use on site - Proper and regular maintenance of drainage systems
Fire risk	- All buildings on site to be made of non-combustible material - One 9kg Co2 fire extinguisher shall be stationed at strategic points all-round the premises - Water hydrants should be installed. - All the electrical connections shall be connected to one central emergency stop switch; in addition, they shall be designed by a registered engineer - Liaison with emergency service providers such as the Kisumu City Fire department, Kenya Police, Kenya Red Cross and Public Health directorate
Air pollution through exhaust fumes and dust emissions	- All trucks and any other mode hauling soil sand and other loose materials to and from the site should be covered. - All these trucks must maintain at least two feet of free board to prevent overflow of materials as this is recipe for free fall thus pollution. - The site should be enclosed with dust-proof net - Workers on site to have dust masks - Vehicles and machines to be switched off when not in use on site as roaring engines blow up dust and release exhaust fumes - If possible, use of electrically operated machines to reduce exhaust fumes - Control speed of construction vehicles to reduce dust generation - Sprinkling of water on dry soils in excavated areas, pavements and staging areas on site to suppress dust.
Occupational health & safety	- All workers and visitors on site to use mandatory protective gear - Awareness creation on communicable and STDs - Strict observation of ministry of Health guidelines on prevention and management of Covid-19 - Maintain the right number of workers on site at any one time - Unattended entry to the project site to be restricted - Use of efficient and well-maintained machines to lift and transfer materials - Removal of all dangerous waste materials that may pose a threat such as metal bars, wires, glass and broken equipment. - Availing of fully equipped first Aid ketties to help address emergencies. - Installation of firefighting equipment at strategic points - Warning signs to all users and visitors be placed at appropriate places
Increased traffic generation	- Provide walkways for use by pedestrians to avoid competition between hard and soft traffic - Transportation of construction materials and excavated soil to be carried out during off-peak hours only. - Sensitization of truck drivers to avoid unnecessary road obstruction - Provision of ample parking on-site and plot frontage. - Sign posts to guide motorists to and from the construction site and the Construction site

Noise pollution and excessive vibrations	- Comply with the maximum permissible noise levels for construction sites as provided for in the second schedule of the EMCA (Noise and excessive vibration pollution) control regulations of 2009 which provides that Vehicular Noise pollution from hooting/horn and or engine not to exceed 84dB (A) as per the noise regulations 2009 (See Appendix 1) - Use of well-maintained and serviced machines and equipment for this very purpose. - Ensuring that all construction activities to be restricted to day-time(008-1700hrs) - Workers in the vicinity of high-level Noise to wear safety & protective gear. - Install portable barriers to shield compressors and other small stationary equipment. - Location of all stationary noise sources from high sensitive primary receptors as far as possible such as the adjoining residential Developments
Increased Water demand	- Construct water reservoirs and rainwater harvesting systems for conservation - Use of tanker water for construction works - Management of water usage for construction and re-use in lawns/gardens. - Avoid unnecessary water wastage - Recycling of water where possible - Install water conserving taps that turn off automatically when water is not being used.
Loss of Habitat and Biodiversity	- Removal of only necessary vegetation where construction works will be carried out - Proper demarcation of the project site to establish only the area that will be affected by the construction works to avoid spilling over to the rest of the plot - Landscaping of the site after construction by planting grass, flowers and other forms of Vegetation in all open spaces - Encourage terrace gardening (where applicable) - In the case of possible pest control such as termite invasion etc, secure services of a registered and Licensed (By NEMA and the County Government) experts in pest Control. They MUST use only Eco-friendly and approved Chemicals by the Government
Increased Solid Waste generation	- Use of temporary Eco-toilets for management of human waste during construction phase - Ensure that all the solid waste management during construction and operational phases of the project do comply with the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (Waste management) regulations of 2006) - Use of construction materials that need minimal packaging to reduce packaging wastes on site - Ensure a continuous review of waste management procedures with changing technology and regulatory changes. - Incorporate suitable facilities for collection, segregation and safe disposal of solid wastes. - Provide bins for solid waste disposal in every Waste generation points
Increased liquid waste Generation	- Ensure that all liquid waste generated on site is channelled to the Sewer and complementary soak pit on site. - All channels leading from the parking bay to have grease and oil filters and interceptors - Where applicable, use Bio-digester tanks for recycling waste waters for reuse on site for landscaping etc - Construction works to be done to standard to avoid incidences of spillages and linkages. - Any sludge in the sewer system to be removed regularly by a private exhauster contracted for the same. - Proper maintenance of the waste water drainage systems

A full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

- 1. Director General
National Environment and
Management Authority (NEMA),
Popo Road, off Mombasa Road
P. O. Box 67839-00200,
NAIROBI.**
- 2. County Director of Environment,
KISUMU COUNTY.**

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. **Kindly quote ref. No. NEMA/ENVIS/SR/00711**

Comments can also be e-mailed to info@nema.go.ke

**MAMO B. MAMO, PhD, EBS
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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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 ENVIRONMENT POLICY, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry is reviewing the National Environment Policy, 2013 (Sessional Paper No. 10 of 2014 with a view of developing an updated National Environment Policy 2026 (NEP 2026).). The new policy focus is on climate change residence, biodiversity and natural resources, circular economy and resource efficiency, pollution control and environmental quality, environmental governance and inclusive action, data protection and artificial intelligence in environmental governance. The review responds to the devolved system of government, the environmental and climate laws enacted since 2013, and Kenya's international commitments.

The First Draft of the National Environment Policy, 2026 (NEP, 2026) is now available for stakeholder and public consultation.

The draft is available on the Ministry's website, <https://environment.go.ke> and at the State Department's offices at **12th Floor, SHA Building, Ragati Road**.

Written comments may be submitted via email to nationalenvironmentpolicy2026@gmail.com and copy to ps@environment.go.ke or delivered to the **Principal Secretary, State Department for Environment and Climate Change 12th Floor, SHA Building, Ragati Road, P.O Box 30126 00100, Nairobi** on the draft NEP, 2026 on or before **23rd October, 2026** in the format below.

S/ No.	Policy Chapter	Policy Sub-section	Situation Analysis	Policy Statements	Proposed Amendments	Justification
1.						
2.						

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





MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MARSABIT COUNTY

TENDER NOTICE

The County Commissioner, Marsabit County invites sealed tenders from qualified and competent Tenderers for Prequalification/Registration of Suppliers for supply and delivery of goods, works and services to National Government ministries/departments and public Institutions in the respective Sub Counties within Marsabit County on **"As and When Required basis"** for the financial year **2026 -2027** and **2027- 2028** ending **June 30th 2028** as below: -

A. FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT CATEGORIES FOR TWO FINANTIAL YEARS			
NO	TENDER NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
1.	MBT/CC/01/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of fuel, oil, lubricants, and Gas	Open
2.	MBT/CC/02/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and batteries for motor vehicles and motor cycles	Open
3.	MBT/CC/03/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of cereals, pulses and miscellaneous foodstuff	Open
4.	MBT/CC/04/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of office stationeries	Reserved for Youths Women & PWDs
5.	MBT/CC/05/2026-2028	Provision of transport services	Open
6.	MBT/CC/06/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of Clean water	Open
7.	MBT/CC/07/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of laboratory Reagents	Open
8.	MBT/CC/08/2026-2028	Supply and Delivery of laboratory Apparatus	Open
B. PRE-QUALIFICATION CATEGORIES FOR TWO FINANTIAL YEARS			
9.	MBT/CC/09/2026-2028	Supply/delivery and maintenance service of computers, scanners, photocopiers and other computer accessories	Open
10.	MBT/CC/10/2026-2028	Provision of maintenance service to Government motor vehicles, motor cycles, plants and machineries	Open
11.	MBT/CC/11/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of motor vehicle and motor cycle spare parts	Open
12.	MBT/CC/12/2026-2028	Supply and delivery of office furniture and related items	Open
13.	MBT/CC/13/2026-2028	Provision of Building and Maintenance Works	Open
14.	MBT/CC/14/2026-2028	Prequalification of Suppliers for supply and delivery of water tank	Open
15.	MBT/CC/15/2026 -2027	Supply and delivery of tent, chairs, and market umbrellas	Open

Complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested tenderers by downloading from the website(www.tenders.go.ke) for free of charge.

Bidders Must Attach Valid Copies of the Following Documents

1. **Certificate of registration/incorporation**
2. **Copy of VAT and PIN Certificate**
3. **Tax Compliance Certificate**
4. **CR12 dated not earlier than January 2026**
5. **Current single business permit from any County government**
6. **National Constructional Construction Authority Certificate (NCA 8 and above) and annual practicing license for building**
7. **AGPO Certificate from national treasury for Reserved groups where applicable**
8. **Valid Private garage inspection certificate from Mechanical department either from the County or regional Mechanical Department for tender No. 10**
9. **Public Heath certificate for tender No. 3 where applicable**

Price quoted must be net inclusive of all Government taxes and remain firm for 90 days after the closing date. Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with **tender Number** should be addressed to: -

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
P.O BOX 1-60500
MARSABIT

and deposited in the tender box situated at the entrance of the County Commissioner's office, so as to be received **on or before Thursday 22nd October, 2026 at 10.00 am.**

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at the County Commissioner's board room in the presence of the interested tenderers or their representatives who may wish to attend.

Late applications will be returned unopened.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MARSABIT COUNTY

KENYA RAILWAYS

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

Country	REPUBLIC OF KENYA
Name of project	KENYA URBAN MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (KUMIP)
Credit No	V4940
Assignment Title	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1
Reference	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1
Tender No.	AS LISTED IN THE TABLE 1

1. The Government of Kenya (GOK) has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Urban Mobility Improvement Project (KUMIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services ("the Services") include the individual experts listed in the following table:

Table 1: Individual Consultant Services

S No.	KR Tender No	Reference No/Description	Assignment Duration (Months)	Submission date and time
1.	KR/SCM/WB/002/2026 -2027 (Re-tendered)	KE-KRC-548690-CS-INDV / Railway Electrical Systems Expert	24	2:00 p.m. (EAT) 26/10/2026
2.	KR/SCM/WB/003/2025 -2026 (Re-tendered)	KE-KRC-548695-CS-INDV / Transit Oriented Development Expert	24	11:00a.m. (EAT) 27/10/2026
3.	KR/SCM/WB/004/2025 -2026 (Re-tendered)	KE-KRC-548691-CS-INDV/ Signaling & Telecommunication Engineering Expert	24	11:00a.m. (EAT) 26/10/2026
4.	KR/SCM/WB/005/2025 -2026 (Re-tendered)	KE-KRC-548696-CS-INDV / Rail Civil Engineering Expert	24	2:00 p.m. (EAT) 27/10/2026

The start date for the services is December 2026 and the duration of the assignment is as indicated in the Table 1 above.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: Kenya Railways portal <https://krc.co.ke/tenders/> or Public Procurement Information portal www.tenders.go.ke or World Bank external website
4. Kenya Railways, (the "Client"), now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants should provide:
 - A cover letter expressing interest;
 - Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV);
 - Copies of academic and professional certificates;
 - Details of similar assignments undertaken;
 - Contact information for at least three referees.
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016 revised September 2025 (7th Edition): (Procurement Regulations') setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection** method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.
7. Further information and/or ToRs can be obtained in writing at the address below from Monday to Friday, excluding weekends and public holidays from 0900 hours to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT):

Managing Director, Kenya Railways,
Attention: General Manager-Supply Chain Management,
Kenya Railways Headquarters Office,
Workshops Road off Haile Selassie Avenue,
Opposite Technical University of Kenya,
P. O. Box 30121-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: procure@krc.co.ke
Tel. No: +254 709 907 000, +254 709 907 114
8. Expressions of interest must be submitted in written form to the address below in person, or by mail or by e-mail on or before the dates indicated in table 1 above, East African Time (EAT).

Tender Box at Block C, Main Reception
Kenya Railways Headquarters Office,
Workshops Road, off Haile Selassie Avenue,
Opposite Technical University of Kenya,
P. O. Box 30121-00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: procure@krc.co.ke
Tel. No: +254 709 907 000, +254 709 907 114
9. All submissions should be clearly marked "Consultancy Services" with the Assignment Title and Tender Number indicated. For email submissions: Assignment Title and Tender Number should be quoted in the subject row.

The Managing Director
Kenya Railways



Mwaura calls for greater inclusion of Deaf People in Public Services

Government reaffirms commitment to protecting rights and promoting full participation of Deaf people through improved access to education, employment and essential services.

BY FREDRICK MARITIM (KNA)

The Government has pledged sustained efforts to break down barriers facing Deaf people and ensure their full inclusion in public life.

Speaking during International Deaf Awareness Week celebrations in Eldoret, Dr Isaac Mwaura, Head of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Disability Rights, said rights must be recognised, access assured and inclusion felt in everyday life.

He commended Uasin Gishu County for employing sign language

interpreters and urged national and county governments to strengthen programmes that guarantee equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The celebrations were held under the theme, “Declaring Deaf People’s Human Rights.”

“We celebrate Deaf culture and affirm a simple truth. Rights must be recognised, access must be assured and inclusion must be felt in everyday life,” Mwaura said.

He called on national and county governments, institutions and other stakeholders

to address barriers that continue to prevent persons with disabilities from accessing essential services, education, employment and other opportunities.

“The national and county governments will continue working together so that the rights we declare today become opportunities our people can claim tomorrow,” he said.

Mwaura commended the Uasin Gishu County Government for its efforts to promote inclusion, particularly the employment of eight sign language interpreters to facilitate access to public

services for Deaf people.

He noted that persons with disabilities account for 2.38 per cent of the county workforce and urged institutions to continue creating an enabling environment for their meaningful participation in employment and public life.

County Executive Committee Member for Education, Vocational Training, Gender, Social Protection and Culture, Eng. Lucy Ng’endo, reaffirmed the county government’s commitment to strengthening programmes that support persons with disabilities.

KENAS elevates Kenya’s role in Africa’s accreditation system

Milestones at AFRAC General Assembly highlight Kenya’s technical leadership and growing influence in continental quality infrastructure

BY BRIDGIT NASURUMBI (MYGOV)

As Kenya pursues industrialisation and Africa expands continental trade, accreditation will remain an important foundation for ensuring that African goods and services can demonstrate quality, inspire confidence and compete effectively at home and internationally.

This was the clear message from the Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) following significant achievements at the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) General Assembly and Meetings held recently in Gaborone, Botswana.

The high-level gathering brought together accreditation bodies, policymakers and quality infrastructure stakeholders from across Africa to advance accreditation in support of trade, industrialisation, consumer protection and economic integration.

KENAS recorded notable progress in capacity development, with two senior officers graduating from the AFRAC Development Programme. Lucy Namu, Director of Accreditation, and Julie Ochola, Assistant Director of Accreditation (Medical Laboratories), completed the year-long programme supported by AFRAC, PTB and continental partners.

Dr. Walter Ongeti, Chief Executive Officer of KENAS, hailed the achievement as a boost to Kenya’s technical expertise. “These graduations demonstrate the calibre of professionals we are building to strengthen accreditation in Kenya and across Africa,” he said. “Competent people are the backbone of quality infrastructure.”



Lucy Namu, Director, Accreditation, KENAS CEO and Julie Ochola, Assistant Director, Accreditation (Medical Laboratories), during the AFRAC Development Programme graduation.

Kenya also secured key technical leadership positions within AFRAC, Michael Talam, Deputy Director for Compliance, Enforcement and Quality Assurance, was elected Chairperson of the AFRAC Certification Sub-Committee, while Abraham Wekesa, Deputy Director for Certification and Inspection, was elected Chairperson of the AFRAC Technical Committee.

Dr. Ongeti noted that, “By securing leadership positions in AFRAC, Kenya is not just participating in continental accreditation, we are shaping it. Our experts are now at the table where technical cooperation and accreditation practice across Africa are defined.”

The KENAS delegation was led by Dr. Ongeti and joined by Joshua Mbithi Mwalyo (MP, Masinga) and Amos Maina Mwago (MP, Starehe), members of the National Assembly’s Departmental Committee on

Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. Their participation underscored the growing link between accreditation, legislation and public policy.

Dr. Ongeti stressed, “Accreditation is no longer a technical matter alone. It supports regulation, consumer protection, industrial development and trade. That is why engagement between technical institutions and policymakers is critical in strengthening Africa’s quality infrastructure.”

The achievements come as Kenya advances the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), with manufacturing, value addition, exports and industrial development central to economic growth.

Through accreditation of laboratories, inspection bodies and certification agencies, KENAS supports the quality infrastructure needed to enhance confidence in Kenyan products and

services and facilitate market access.

“As we pursue industrialisation and greater participation in continental and global trade, accreditation provides confidence that our products and services meet recognised requirements,” Dr. Ongeti said.

At the continental level, accreditation is vital for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Beyond tariff removal, intra-African trade requires confidence in the quality and safety of goods and services crossing borders.

Trusted accreditation and mutually recognised conformity

assessment results reduce duplication of testing and certification, addressing technical barriers to trade.

Dr. Ongeti observed, “Accreditation is the invisible infrastructure of trade. It ensures that when goods move across borders, they carry trust with them. Without it, integration under AfCFTA cannot succeed.”

The Gaborone meetings also coincided with AFRAC’s preparations for its Strategic Plan 2027–2031, which will guide priorities over the next five years as accreditation responds to Africa’s evolving trade and industrialisation needs.



KENYA
VETERINARY
BOARD

Upholding veterinary standards

NOTICE: NOVEMBER 2026 SERIES OF BOARD PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) hereby notifies the public that the pre-registration examination for Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals has been scheduled for **12th - 13th November 2026**.

All graduates who were not **indexed** in the following courses should apply.

I. Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)

II. Animal Health (Certificate, Diploma and Degree)

Applications shall be done in the KVB Practitioner Management System (PMS) using the following link: <https://mms.kenyavetboard.or.ke/site/login> on or before **Friday 31st October 2026**.

Requirements for application: <https://kenyavetboard.or.ke/en/examination-notice>

Application fee **KES 1,000**

Successful applicants will be notified to register and pay an examination fee of **KES 9,500**.

No application will be accepted after **31/10/2026 5:00 pm EAT**.

Any further enquires can be channelled through qualityassurance@kenyavetboard.or.ke or mobile number **0701 275 953**.

**Registrar
Kenya Veterinary Board**

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Copies of certificates and testimonials should also be enclosed, giving the names and addresses of three (3) referees who are conversant with the applicant's competence in the area of specialisation.

Applicants and Referees should write directly to:
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Finance)
Kenyatta University
P. O. BOX 43844 - 00100, NAIROBI

Applications and letters from the referees should be received **not later than Thursday, 15th October, 2026**

For details related to the job specification and general requirements, kindly visit our website: www.ku.ac.ke

Kenyatta University is an equal opportunity employer, and canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (INReMP)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN) INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 6TH OCTOBER, 2026

No.	Procurement Activity	Date and Time of Submission	Bid Bond Amount (KShs.)
1.	Provision of Group Medical Insurance Cover for Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) Staff Procurement Reference number: KEN-2000003938-0024-G-NCB	Friday, 6 th November, 2026 at 11.00 A.M East African Time	300,000.00

- The Government of Kenya (GoK) through the National Treasury received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to this purchase. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) under the State Department for Agriculture.
- The Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) is an eight -year programme jointly funded by; Government of Kenya (GOK), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Green Climate fund (GCF), Private sector and target Beneficiaries. The programme came into force on 23rd June 2025 with a Completion date of 22nd June 2033. The programme Goal is to contribute to improved rural households' food, nutrition, and income security within a sustainable and resilient ecosystem. The development objective is to Enhance integrated natural resources management, increase resilience to climate change, and improve beneficiaries' livelihoods, especially women, youth, and vulnerable Groups in an environmentally friendly manner, in selected programme areas of the 10 programme counties. The programme areas are Cherangany downstream counties (Kakamega and Nandi), Cherangany water tower counties (West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin Gishu) and Mau West catchment and downstream counties of the Lake Victoria (Kisumu, Kericho, Homabay and Migori). The targeted value chains are dairy, poultry, apiculture, horticulture and fruit trees and the primary target group comprise of youth, women and vulnerable groups. The Programme will also engage with value chain actors. The Programme is expected to directly benefit 407,176 households with a total number of 2,035,880 people at the end of 8 years of implementation.
- This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website on 16th March 2026, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website and The Star Newspaper (MyGov publication) on 21st April 2026.
- The Programme invites sealed bids from eligible insurance Underwriters licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority for the Provision of Group Medical Insurance Cover for Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) Staff. More details on these services are provided in the schedule of requirements in the bidding documents.

S/no.	Item Description	Number of Staff
1	Provision of Group Medical Insurance Cover for Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) Staff	33

- This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document.
- Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015 and respective Regulation, as well as the IFAD Procurement Handbook (www.ifad.org/project-procurement). The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including post qualification review prior to award.
- Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held for this procurement.
- Bidding documents may be viewed and obtained electronically for free from the www.kilimo.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke websites. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to: inremp@kilimo.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Price quoted should be inclusive of all taxes, must be in Kenya Shillings (For those domiciled and registered in Kenya) or United States Dollars (For foreign bidders). The exchange rates to be applied shall be based on the selling rates published by the Central Bank of Kenya on the date of tender opening and quoted price shall remain valid for 180 days from the closing date of the tender.
- All interested bidders are required to continually check every Tuesday the mentioned websites for any bid addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.
- Bidding documents obtained electronically will be free of charge.
- Bids must be delivered and deposited in the Tender Box at the Ground floor, AMS Building Eldoret Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road, to the address below and in the manner specified in the Bid Data Sheet – Instructions to Bidders 23.2, not later than 11:00 a.m. East African Time on **Friday, 6th November 2026**, to:

**The National Programme Coordinator
Programme Coordination and Management Unit, (PCMU)
Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)
P.O. Box 40-30100 Eldoret City, Kenya
Agriculture Mechanization Services (AMS) Building
Eldoret-Ziwa Road, Opposite the University of Eldoret
Eldoret, Kenya
E-mail: inremp@kilimo.go.ke**

- A tender package or container that cannot fit in the tender box shall be received and registered in the tender register situated at the National Programme Coordinator's Office on the Ground Floor, AMS Building Eldoret Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road, on or before the closing time of **Friday, 6th November 2026 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time**.
- Bidders should be aware that late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security of **Kenya Shillings Three Hundred Thousand Shillings (KShs. 300,000)** Only in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet in the form of unconditional bank guarantee from a reputable bank and valid for 30 days beyond tender validity as specified in the tender data sheet.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend in the **First-Floor Boardroom, AMS Building Eldoret, Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road**.
- Please note that electronic bids **SHALL NOT** be accepted. Hard copies only.

**National Programme Coordinator
Programme Coordination and Management Unit (PCMU)
Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)
P.O. Box 40-30100 Eldoret City, Kenya
For: Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture**



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (INReMP)

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country:	Kenya
Project/procuring entity:	Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)
GPN version:	2026.2
GPN Publication Date:	September 30, 2026

The Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme and intends to apply part of the financing to payments for contracts for goods, works and services.

The procurement program for the 07/2026 - 06/2027-year period will include the following:

Procurements for 07/2026 - 06/2027	
Estimated value - 4,526,331.93 EUR / 676,706,326.18 KES / 5,242,870.45 USD	
Procurement of Consulting Services, to include:	
1)	Design, Development, Deployment, Content Migration and Maintenance of Knowledge Mgt Portal - 12 month
2)	Review, development & validation of Nutrition Policies & Legislative Frameworks, 10 Counties-3 months
3)	Individual Consultancy Services for ICT4D Implementation Support - 20 Consultant Days over a 6-Month
4)	Needs assessment on integration of digital technologies for INRM and precision farming- 4 Months
5)	Technical Assistant to Support County Nutrition Programmes across the Programme Counties - 36 Months
6)	Consultancy services to undertake feasibility assessments and (EIA)- Climate-Proofed Access Roads
7)	Institutional Capacity Gap assessment and preparation of a Capacity Development Plan- 6 months
8)	Delivery of training, Coaching, Mentoring and Institutional Support in 10 INReMP Counties- 24 months
9)	24 months M&E support during programme implementation renewable to full 8-year period in 10 counties
10)	Consultancy services for development of a Knowledge Management and Communication Strategy
11)	Consultancy Services to undertake Market opportunity assessments (dairy, poultry e.t.c)
12)	Design and Development of a MIS for Dairy, Indigenous Poultry, Honey, and select fruits - 9 Months
13)	Consultancy service to undertake business development support for Milk Collection Centres (MCCs).
14)	Design and Implementation of Baseline (Year 1), Midline (Year 4) and Endline COI surveys (Year 8)
15)	Consultancy Services for the Design, Development, Deployment, Data Migration and Maintenance of MIS
Procurement of Goods, to include:	
1)	Double Cabin Vehicles and Utility Vehicles 4WD
2)	supply and delivery of various ICT equipment for use in the INReMP PCMU
3)	Supply and delivery of 200No. IN-SITU water and soil test kits for farmers
4)	Hire of conference facility for Sensitization of National Staff and implementing partners
5)	Hire of conference facility to undertake sensitization of 13 No. RCs & CCs
6)	Hire of conference facility to undertake official INReMP launch in Eldoret
7)	Framework Agreement for Design, Production, Media Placement and Monitoring of TV and Radio- 3 years
8)	Supply and delivery of motor cycles as per specifications for INReMP extension services -105 No.
9)	Supply and delivery of office furniture and equipment for INReMP PCMU - 3 Lots
10)	Design layout and content development of training modules for 10 counties
11)	Design & Printing of Programme Nutrition Training Manuals, 5000 copies & various IEC Materials-2 Lots
12)	Supply and delivery of 500 mobile tablets, 100 Smartphones and 10 rugged field tablets in 2 lots
13)	Supply, delivery installation and commissioning of INReMP transport fleet management system
14)	Establishment and Operationalization of Two Multi Stakeholder Commodity platform -12 months
15)	Supply, deliver, install, test and commission dairy processing equipment -10 No.
16)	Supply and delivery of 1000 apiculture production equipment sets as per specifications
17)	Provision, Hosting & Support of E-Voucher System for 407,176 Beneficiaries & Agro-dealers-8 years
Procurement of Works, to include:	
1)	Rehabilitation of INReMP Regional PMCU office at Lake Basin Development Authority, Kisumu- Kenya

Contracts for goods, works and services will be implemented according to the principles, rules and procedures set out in the current versions of the IFAD Project Procurement Guidelines and IFAD Procurement Handbook. Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered under the competitive bidding procedures will be announced as they become available on selected portals, in local newspapers, and other media outlets as appropriate.

Interested eligible bidders and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements, or those requiring additional information, should send an email to the Leonard K. Kubok (inremp@kilimo.go.ke) using the subject line "GPN 2026.2 for Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)" and indicating which of the procurement items they are interested in.



State probing allegations of fake titles on Lamu refinery land

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA
(KNA)

The Government has launched investigations into alleged fraudulent titles issued on land earmarked for the Lamu refinery.

Government Spokesperson Charles Owino said the land was acquired by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and that families who were living on the site were compensated before the property was consoli-

dated under a mother title. Speaking to journalists in Kakamega, Owino claimed about 90 families who were occupying the area when the port was being established received Sh1.4 billion in compensation.

He said the land was subsequently transferred to KPA, and a mother title was issued, making it impossible for fresh titles to be legitimately created on the same parcel without subdivision.

“There’s a team that is investigating the matter, and in a very short time you will see people getting charged for fraud,” he said.

Owino insisted that records on the acquisition and compensation were available and showed that affected families had been compensated.

He said the government was confident in proceeding with the refinery project on the strength of its position that the land was legally acquired.

“If there are Kenyans who genuinely would not have been compensated, the government cannot even think twice not to compensate such people,” he said.

Owino defended the project, arguing it should not be overshadowed by the land dispute, citing the huge economic benefits from the investment.

He said the Sh2.2 trillion investment which broke ground would significantly increase Foreign Direct

Investment (FDI).

The spokesperson said Kenya’s current FDI stands at about Sh3.1 billion and that the refinery is expected to generate more than Sh4 billion annually, pushing the country’s FDI to over Sh7 billion.

Owino further said that the refinery would generate about 1,000 megawatts of electricity, which he described as significant given the country’s current installed capacity.

He said part of the power

would be used to run the refinery, while the surplus could be supplied to the national grid.

He added that the refinery would produce by-products that could serve as raw materials for local industries, including tyre and plastics manufacturing.

Owino said Kenya previously had a local tyre manufacturing plant but now solely relies on imports, arguing the refinery could help revive such industries.



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REPUBLIC OF KENYA



WATER ACT 2016

Section 139

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON LICENSE & TARIFF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received applications for water services retail licenses and tariff adjustment pursuant to Section 72(1)(b) and (c) of the Water Act, 2016. The proposed tariffs are intended to enable full cost recovery, ensure sustainable service delivery and support critical investments aimed at improving water services.

Therefore, in compliance with WASREB’s principal object under the Water Act 2016, Section 70(1)–“*protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services*”, Section 87(1)– “*An application for a licence and tariff shall be subject to public participation,*” read together with the provision of Section 139, we hereby notify the public of upcoming consultation meetings. These meetings will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to express their views on current service delivery, proposed tariff adjustments, and potential service improvements.

Please note that the Water Service Provider shall hold hybrid public consultation meetings (**physical and virtual**) as outlined below.

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME	TYPE OF APPLICATION
Mbooni Water And Sanitation Company Limited (MBOWASCO)	Makueni	Mbumbuni AIC Church, Mbumbuni Market	27th October 2026 at 10.00 a.m.	License and Tariff Adjustment
Kapenguria Water And Sewerage Services Company Limited (KAWASES)	West Pokot	Chepareria Water Scheme at the Mercy Centre Vocational Training College Multipurpose Hall, Opposite St Cecilia Chepareria Girls	28th October 2026 at 10.00 a.m.	License and Tariff Adjustment
Samburu Water And Sanitation Company Limited (SAWASCO)	Samburu	Ripalat Hotel, Maralal, Town	29th October 2026 at 10.00 a.m.	License and Tariff Adjustment

Important information:

- Each WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within it’s service area before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Participants should be seated by **10.00am**. Personal identification of participants will be required.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, minor investments and performance targets can be accessed at www.wasreb.go.ke.

Written comments on the application can be emailed to WASREB at info@wasreb.go.ke. Hard copies can be submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
5th Floor SHA Building, Ngong Road,
P.O Box 41621 -00100,
NAIROBI.

The closing date for receipt of comments is **30 days** after the publication of this notice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (KEMSA)

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www.kemsa.go.ke Email: info@kemsa.go.ke

National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road

P.O. Box 47715-00100 GPO Nairobi, Kenya

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NOTICE

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) on behalf of the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health herewith invites sealed tender as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date
GLOBAL FUND- KEN-H-TNT			
1.	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT 01/2026-2027	Supply of ARVs Pediatrics Medicines	27th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
2.	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT 02/2026-2027	Supply of ARVs Adult Medicines I	27th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
3.	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT 03/2026-2027	Supply of ARVs Adult Medicines II	27th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
4.	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT 04/2026-2027	Supply of Medicines for Opportunistic Infections (OIs)	29th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
5.	GF ATM HIV GC7/OIT 05/2026-2027	Supply of Hepatitis B Surface & Cryptococcal Antigen Tests	29th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
GOK HIV COUNTERPART FUNDING			
1.	KEMSA/GOK CPF HIV/OIT01/2026-2027	Supply of ARV Medicines	28th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
2.	KEMSA/GOK CPF HIV/OIT02/2026-2027	Supply of HIV Blood-based self-test kit	29th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
3.	KEMSA/GOK CPF HIV/OIT03/2026-2027	Supply of Hepatitis B Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs)	29th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
4.	KEMSA/GOK CPF HIV/OIT04/2026-2027	Supply of Male Condoms	3rd November, 2026 at 10.00 am
5.	KEMSA/GOK CPF HIV/OIT05/2026-2027	Supply of Medicines for Opportunistic Infections (OIs)	3rd November, 2026 at 10.00 am
GOK MALARIA COUNTERPART FUNDING			
1.	KEMSA/GOK CPF MAL/OIT01/2026-2027	Supply of Anti-Malarial Medicines	28th October, 2026 at 10.00 am
2.	KEMSA/GOK CPF MAL/OIT02/2026-2027	Supply of Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests (MRDT) Kit	28th October, 2026 at 10.00 am

1. Qualified and Interested tenderers may obtain further information during office hours on **Monday to Friday 08.00hrs and 17.00hrs** except on Public Holidays from Procurement Directors office situated at:

KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre,
Embakasi Off Airport North Road,
P.O Box 47715-00100, Nairobi
Tel No: +254111035800
Email: procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke

2. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded **free of charge** from the website: <http://www.kemsa.go.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke. Tender Documents obtained electronically will be **free of charge**.

3. Tenderers must register their bid documents at the Procurement Office or via email at procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke (**Refer to registration form in the tender document**) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

4. The bid documents must be deposited in the Tender Box No.2 marked Global Fund at the reception on the Ground Floor- Office Block, KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi on or before the dates indicated in the table above.

5. There will be a pre-bid conference at KEMSA's Tender Opening Hall, Office Block -Ground Floor, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi, Kenya on **13th October, 2026 at 10:00 am**.

6. **Late bids shall be rejected and returned unopened.**

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KENYA FOREST SERVICE

REGISTRATION NOTICE

TENDER REF. No.	KFS/02/2026 - 2027
TENDER NAME:	REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2026/2027 – 2027/2028 FINANCIAL YEARS

Kenya Forest Service invites applications from interested and eligible firms for registration as service providers for the under listed goods, services and works for the 2026/2027 – 2027/2028 Financial Years. Each tender/ registration document shall be used to apply for one category as indicated below. For applicants applying for more than one category, different registration/tender document shall be used for each category. **Applying for several categories using one document will not be accepted.**

A) SUPPLY OF GOODS-OPEN CATEGORY		
CATEGORY NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP
A1	Supply of Office Furniture, Furnishings and Fittings	Open
A2	Supply of Hardware and Electrical items	Open
A3	Supply of staff uniforms, Forest Rangers Uniforms, Footware and CMT charges	Open
A4	Supply of Sports Uniforms, Gears, Equipment and Medals	Open
A5	Supply of Musical and Band Equipment	Open
A6	Supply of Telecommunication Equipment	Open
A7	Supply of Fire Fighting Equipment	Open
A8	Supply of Biodegradable seedling Tubes and Bags for tree seedlings propagation	Open
A9	Supply of Food Rations	Open
A10	Supply and Delivery of Fresh and Dry Foodstuff	Open
A11	Supply of Surveying and Mapping Equipment and Materials.	Open
A12	Supply of Camping Equipment	Open
A13	Supply of Fabricated Uni-huts	Open
A14	Supply of construction materials for roads and buildings	Open
A15	Supply of Software (Software licenses, Operating Systems,Utility software and Data Bases)	Open
A16	Supply of tree seeds and seedlings, agricultural seeds	Open
A17	Supply of bottled drinking water	Open
A18	Supply and Delivery of Jet A1 fuel	Open
A19	Supply and Delivery of Medical Supplies and Equipment	Open
B) PROVISION OF SERVICES AND WORKS-OPEN CATEGORY		
B1	PR/Advertising services (Printing of Corporate Newsletters, Calendars, Diaries, Christmas Cards, Brochures, Communication Items etc)	Open
B2	Provision of Legal Services	Open
B3	Provision of courier services/mail delivery	Open
B4	Provision of Fumigation and Disinfection services	Open
B5	Provision of Air Ticketing Services – IATA Registered Firms	Open
B6	Repair and Maintenance of Office Equipment i.e. Telephones, Printers, Photocopiers, Servers e.t.c	Open
B7	Repair and Servicing of Motor Vehicles & Motor Cycles; (Ministry of Roads and Public Works approved Garages/ Dealers only) and Repair of Motor Boats	Open
B8	Repair and Servicing of Motor Boats	Open
B8	Provision Outside Catering	Open
B9	Provision of General Insurance Services	Open
B10	Provision of General Consultancy Services (Specify area of specialty)	Open
B11	Provision of PR/Media Consultancy Services	Open
B12	Provision of Consultancy Services in building and construction (Architectural, Electrical, Mechanical, Civil/ Structural and Quantity Surveying). Specify the specialty.	Open
B13	Provision of Event Management Services	Open
B14	Asset Branding and Coding Services	Open
B15	Provision of Auctioneering Services	Open
B16	Provision of Asset Valuation Services	Open
B17	Provision of building and civil works, maintenance and repairs-Indicate the County/Countries you wish to be registered	Open
B18	Provision of printing of Accountable Documents/Security Printing	Open
B19	Repair and Maintenance of CCTV Cameras	Open

CATEGORY NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TARGET GROUP
B20	Repair and Maintenance of Air-Conditioning Equipment /and Supply of Associated Parts	Open
B21	Provision of Environmental Management Audit/Environmental Impact Assessment consultancy services	Open
B22	Provision of road construction and building construction equipment for hire	Open
B23	Provision of construction services (buildings and Roads) specify class- Indicate County/Countries you wish to be registered)	Open
B24	Provision of conference facilities (Indicate Town/Location)	Open
B25	Provision of Consultancy to carry out Financial Audit	Open
B26	Provision of Consultancy to carry out Legal Audit	Open
B27	Provision of Consultancy to carry Governance Audit	Open
B28	Servicing of generators and water pumps	Open
B29	Servicing of firefighting equipment	Open
B30	Maintenance of aircrafts and supply of associated spare parts	Open

NB: 1) Current providers are required to re-apply. AGPO registered firms who wish to apply for Category **A&B** above will be required to satisfy all the requirements under **OPEN** Categories. The list of providers under Categories **A&B** will be updated on biannual basis.

C) RESERVED CATEGORIES (AGPO REGISTERED FIRMS ONLY)	
CATEGORY NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION
C1	Supply of General Office Stationery
C2	Supply of Computer/ Photocopier Consumables
C3	Supply of Computer Equipment and Accessories
C4	Supply of Office Equipment
C5	Supply of Cleaning Materials, Detergents and Disinfectants etc
C6	Supply of foodstuffs and beverages
C7	Provision of Office and Toilet Cleaning Services
C8	Provision of Calling Cards and Scratch Cards
C9	Provision of General Printing Services
C10	Printing of Promotional items T-shirts, Banners, Teardrops, caps etc
C11	Design of printable materials
C12	Video and audio production services
C13	Provision of Garbage Collection Services

Under Category C (Reserved) no registration documents require to be filled. The current providers will be retained as long as the AGPO registration and other registration documents are valid. However, interested AGPO firms who are not registered can submit their current AGPO Certificate and other statutory documents directly to **Supply Chain Management Department KFS Headquarters** for inclusion in the list. **All applicants must be registered in eGP.**

Registration documents **(for Category A & B only)** may be downloaded from the KFS website: **www.kenyaforestservice.org**. Or from the Public Procurement Portal: **tenders.go.ke** free of charge.

Completed registration documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked **“REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2026/2027 – 2027/2028 FINANCIAL YEARS”**

Category No......

Category description.....

Should be addressed to:

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Kenya Forest Service
P.O. Box 30513 – 00100
Tel. +254-20-2020285/020-2014663
www.kenyaforestservice.org

and deposited in the tender box located on the ground floor reception area, **KFS Headquarters, Karura off Kiambu Road** so as to be received on/or before **Wednesday 21.10.2026 at 10.00 a.m.** Tenders submitted later than the indicated closing date and time shall automatically be disqualified. Registration documents will be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of applicants or their representatives who choose to attend the opening at KFS headquarters main boardroom.

Chief Conservator of Forests





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (INReMP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRMS)

Country:	Kenya
Name of the Programme:	Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)
Assignment Title:	REOI for Consultancy Services to Undertake Baseline Studies on the Status of Deforestation, Wetlands, Riparian Ecosystems, Groundwater Potential under the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)
Reference No.	KEN-2000003938-0011-CS-QCBS
Date:	6/10/2026

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) through the National Treasury received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) (**"the client"** or **"procuring entity"**), and intends to apply a part of the proceeds for the procurement of consulting services, for which this REOI is issued.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP) under the State Department for Agriculture.

2. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with INReMP.

3. The consulting services (**"the services"**) includes undertaking Baseline Studies on the Status of Deforestation, Wetlands, Riparian Ecosystem, Groundwater Potential under the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP). The consulting firm shall undertake an integrated multidisciplinary assignment combining baseline assessments, geospatial analysis, field verification, spatial database development and preparation of a Natural Resources Monitoring Framework for the INReMP area for a period of 120 days.

4. This request for expressions of interest (REOI) follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website on 16th March 2026, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website and The Star Newspaper (MyGov publication) on 21st April 2026.

5. The INReMP (**"the client"**) now invites eligible consulting firms (**"consultants"**) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest and submit found at the following link www.kilimo.go.ke and www.treasury.go.ke and send it to the address indicated below.

6. The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Activities and Operations. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. By entering in this document, you certify to have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by the Privacy Policy of IFAD.

7. The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser's board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

8. The following conflict of interest rules shall apply with respect to recruitment of government/client staff within the consultant's proposed team:

- No member of the client's board of directors or current employees of the client (whether part time, or full time, paid or unpaid, in leave status, etc.) shall be proposed or work as, or on behalf of, any consultant.
- Except as provided in sub-clause 8.6(d), no current employees of the government shall work as consultants or as personnel under their own ministries, departments or agencies.
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- If a consultant proposes any government employee as personnel in their technical proposal, such personnel must have written certification from the government confirming that: (i) they will be on leave without pay from the time of their official proposal submission and will remain on leave without pay until the end of their assignment with the consultant and they are allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position; or (ii) they will resign or retire from government employment on or prior to the contract award date. Under no circumstances shall any individuals described in (i) and (ii) be responsible for approving the implementation of this contract. Such certification shall be provided to the client by the consultant as part of its technical proposal.
- In the case where a consultant seeks to engage the services of any person falling under ITC sub-clauses 8.6(a) – 8.6(d), who may have left the client within a period of less than twelve (12) months of the date of this RFP, it must obtain a written "no-objection" from the client for the inclusion of such a person, prior to the consultant's submission of its proposal.

9. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method** set out in IFAD's project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

10. The shortlisting criteria are summarized below; The detailed evaluation criteria shall be in the EOI document under **Annex 2:**

- Valid Tax compliance certificate (TCC) from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) for those domiciled and registered in Kenya. Foreign bidders shall submit a valid tax clearance/compliance certificate or equivalent document issued by the relevant tax authority in the bidder's country of registration or operation, demonstrating compliance with applicable tax obligations.
- Business Registration / Certificate of incorporation (evidence that the firm has been legally constituted and in continuous operation for at least ten (10) years)
- Valid trading license/Business permit
- CR12 for limited companies, detailing the list of Directors and shareholding & copies of Identification Cards (ID) for Directors
- Duly completed and signed Form EOI-1 (EOI Submission Form), Form EOI-2 (Organization of the Consultant) and Form EOI-3 (Experience of the Consultant).

11. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

12. Key Experts are not required at this Expression of Interest stage. Curricula Vitae shall not be submitted with the EOI.

13. Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address no later than Tuesday, 13th October, at 11.00 A.M East African Time. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by than Thursday, **16th October, 2026 at 11.00 A.M East African Time**

14. Submission Procedure: Please submit your expression of interest using the forms provided for this purpose. Your EOIs should comprise one (1) original copy of each EOI form annexed to this document. EOIs shall be submitted to the address below no later than **Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 at 11.00 A.M East African Time**. EOIs may be submitted either (i) in hard copy, in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the procurement reference number and the title of the assignment, delivered to the address below; or (ii) electronically by e-mail to inremp@kilimo.go.ke. Electronic submissions shall consist of a single, searchable and password-free PDF file not exceeding twenty (20) megabytes, with the e-mail subject line quoting the procurement reference number and the title of the assignment. Where the file exceeds twenty (20) megabytes, the EOI may be transmitted in clearly labelled parts (for example, "Part 1 of 2"). The date and time of receipt recorded by the client's e-mail server shall be conclusive for electronic submissions. The client accepts no responsibility for EOIs that are not received by the deadline for any reason, including failure, delay or corruption of electronic transmission. EOIs received after the deadline shall be rejected.

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15. Bidding documents can be obtained electronically by interested Bidders free of charge from the State Department website: www.kilimo.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke. The Bidders who download the tender document from the website shall forward their particulars immediately to inremp@kilimo.go.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

16. Completed REOI documents Clearly marked **"REOI for Consultancy Services to Undertake Baseline Studies on the Status of Deforestation, Wetlands, Riparian Ecosystem, Groundwater Potential under the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP)"** must be delivered and deposited in the **Tender Box at the Ground floor, AMS Building Eldoret Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road**, to the address below not later than **11:00 a.m. East African Time** on Thursday, **22nd October, 2026** to:

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17. A tender package or container that cannot fit in the tender box shall be received and registered in the tender register situated at the National Programme Coordinator's Office on the Ground Floor, **AMS Building Eldoret Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road**, on or before the closing time of **Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 at 11.00 A.M. East African Time**.

18. Bidders should be aware that late bids **SHALL** be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder.

19. REOI's will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. REOIs will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders designated representatives who choose to attend in the **First-Floor Boardroom, AMS Building Eldoret, Opposite University of Eldoret, Eldoret - Ziwa Road**.

20. Please note that electronic bids **SHALL** be accepted. The submission should be clearly labelled with the tender reference and submitted to: inremp@kilimo.go.ke as detailed in the bidding document. The submission should be done on or before **Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 at 11.00 A.M East African Time**

KISIP2 lights up Kiambu settlements as 65 solar streetlights transform lives

BY MAROA ENOCK (PCO)

Misri Informal Settlement in Kiambu County is witnessing a remarkable basic infrastructure upgrade.

The development is part of wider infrastructure upgrades under the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2), which also includes improved roads, drainage systems and pedestrian walkways.

For decades, darkness forced businesses to close early, made movement difficult, and heightened security concerns. The new solar-powered streetlights are now changing lives in Misri after sunset.

The Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2) is a Government of Kenya project implemented by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development under the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, and in collaboration with the respective Counties.

It is jointly funded by the Government of Kenya, with financial support from development partners including the World Bank, Agence française de développement (AFD) and a grant from the European Union (EU).

Recently during a tour of the project, Kiambu County Governor, Kimani Wamatangi, while accompanied by the County Executive Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Salome Wainaina and other county executive members, said the County Government, through KISIP2 would continue improving infrastructure within the settlement.

He urged residents to protect the newly installed streetlights, noting that the automated solar-powered system switches on at night and off in the morning.

“These lights are solar-powered. They will automatically come on when darkness falls and switches off when light comes. They don’t require anyone to climb up and interfere with them in the name of maintenance,” said the County boss while thanking KISIP2, World Bank, AFD and EU for supporting the upgrade.

According to the KISIP2

National Project Coordinator George Arwa, the project also prioritized land titling which is paired with essential infrastructure development including solar street lighting, tarmacked access roads, drainage systems, and water connections across Kiambu’s informal settlements such as Umoja, Kiang’ombe, Bosnia, Fort Jesus and Misri.

As darkness fell over the settlement that Tuesday evening, residents gathered as the Governor commissioned 65 solar-powered streetlights.

One by one, the lights came on, illuminating roads and homes and bringing hope to residents who for years endured darkness and insecurity.

For Wanjiku Kamau, a small-scale trader in Misri, the lights mean an opportunity to extend her working hours and increase her income.

“Darkness used to force us to close our businesses early. With these lights, I can now see myself working late into the night and increasing my income,” she said.

A Boda boda operator, Moses Njoroge, is optimistic that lights have improved security and opened up opportunities for businesses to operate longer.

“Business has started growing because we can now operate until late at night. Security has also improved because of the lights he said.

Njoroge recalled the difficult conditions residents previously faced navigating the settlement’s steep terrain, with rough roads, potholes and poorly lit paths making movement difficult at night and during the rainy season.

“Previously, the roads were rough, steep, and full of potholes. Many customers preferred to walk while carrying

their goods rather than use motorcycles because of the poor state of the roads,” Njoroge said.

For Misri residents, the project’s impact will be measured not only by the glow of the new lights, but by what happens beneath them: safer streets, longer business hours and greater



Misri road after tarmac

freedom to move after dark.

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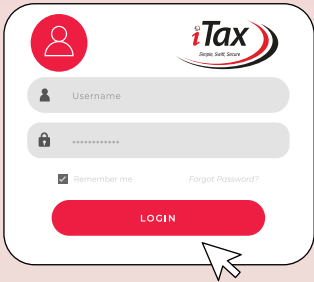
steep hills of Misri, a settlement once swallowed by darkness is now beginning

to stay awake, its streets lit, its businesses open and its residents looking ahead to a brighter future.

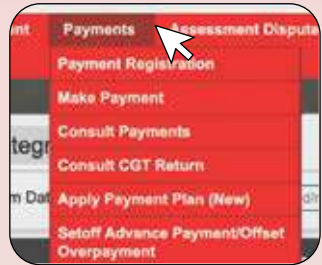


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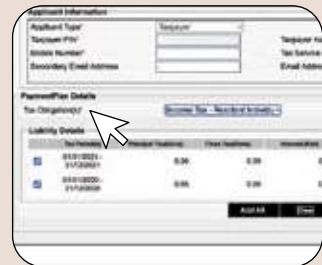
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STEP 3 Select Apply Payment Plan (New) on the drop down menu.



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STEP 5 On Section B, select preferred number of monthly instalments.



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BY FAREED DIAMOND KHI MANI AND DR. MUCHELULE YUSUF

Ask a farmer what progress looks like, and you will not hear the word “policy.” You will hear four plain questions. Can I produce more? Can I sell it at a better price? Can I protect my investment from drought and disease? And can farming give my family a decent living? As Kenya prepares for the Agriculture Summit, those four questions should set the agenda. For years, the national conversation has been crowded with strategies, programmes and promises. The summit offers a chance to ask whether any of it is changing life on the farm.

There are encouraging signs. Government reforms now touch several points along the agricultural value chain, and what matters is less the number of programmes than the thinking behind them: agriculture is treated as one interconnected

Taking Kenya’s agriculture agenda from policy to the farmer

system. That thinking is overdue. Fertiliser alone does not make a farmer productive. She also needs reliable information, suitable technology, credit, insurance, extension support, storage, processing and above all, a market that rewards her effort. If one link is missing, the chain stops paying.

This is why the Digital Agriculture Roadmap deserves attention. Better data can help the Government plan with precision and give farmers easier access to services and markets. But a roadmap is only paper until someone uses it. Its worth will be measured by whether a farmer in a remote village can get useful information, manage a risk or find a better buyer from the phone in her pocket.

Farming has long been a gamble, and a single drought, outbreak or pest invasion can erase a season’s investment. The partnership with Pula Advisors, which links insurance to subsidised fertiliser purchases for smallholders, tries to change those odds.

Enrolment numbers will not tell the whole story, though. Cover must be easy to understand, and payouts must arrive when disaster strikes. A policy

that farmers cannot read or claim offers little protection.

Accountability belongs in this conversation too. The Ministry’s Compliance Monitoring Initiative with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission acknowledges a simple truth: support is worthless if it never reaches the intended beneficiary.

A subsidised input programme succeeds only when the farmer receives the inputs, uses them well and ends up with higher production and income. Anything less is activity, not impact.

The same practical spirit is emerging in livestock. Animal health technology, traceability, smart dairy management, precision feeding and online livestock markets point to a sector that is becoming data-driven and commercial. Today, Livestock is a whole economy of breeding, veterinary care, feed, genetics, processing, marketing and finance, which makes it a natural home for young talents.

The revival and rebranding of the 4-K Clubs, together with new training and enterprise programmes, could change how a generation sees agriculture. Young Kenyans should not be told that farming means only hard manual labour. Agritech,

veterinary services, genetics, logistics, processing, digital marketing and finance all sit around the farm gate, waiting for ambitious entrepreneurs. That is how agriculture becomes an engine of employment and not only a source of food.

Producing more does not automatically mean earning more. Farmers who keep selling raw commodities while others capture the profit will stay at the bottom of the chain, however large the harvest. Some investments point out the right way: a KSh51.9 million grant to upgrade the Kapkoros Tea Factory, work on an avocado packhouse, and common-user value-addition facilities. The goal is to leave a larger share of the value in the hands of farmers, local enterprises and communities, especially for tea, coffee, dairy, horticulture and livestock, where processing and branding can transform the economics.

The summit should be more than another round of speeches and recommendations. It should test whether current reforms are producing measurable results and decide what must change to speed up implementation. Government has set out an ambition under the BETA agenda to make

agriculture more productive and profitable. The task now is to show it in everyday life.

Transformation will not be judged in Nairobi offices or conference halls. It will be judged on the farm where a family harvests more from an acre, at the dairy that earns more from processed milk, at the tea factory that returns greater value to growers, and in the young person’s agribusiness that grows from an idea into a lasting enterprise.

Kenya has no shortage of agricultural policies. What it needs is consistent implementation, firmer accountability and a stubborn focus on outcomes. The summit can move the conversation from what the Government intends to what farmers can show has changed. Close that gap between policy and the farmer, and agriculture becomes more than the sector that feeds the nation. It becomes one of the country’s strongest engines of jobs, enterprise, innovation and shared prosperity.

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In line with Section 5 (2) (a) of the PPA the Registrar of Political Parties is in the process of provisionally registering the following proposed political parties: -

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Democratic Movement for Change (DMC)	Predominant Blue, White and Brown		Nguvu ya Kujenga Nchi	1. Haji Khalid Fakh 2. Ngige Lilian Wangechi 3. Rop Daniel Kipchumba

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- Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
- Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
- Clearance Certificate from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

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State expands social protection, targets 2.5 million households

Labour Cabinet Secretary Alfred Mutua has unveiled Sh220 million Social Protection Fund and Inua Jamii expansion, shifting focus from cash transfers to sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable Kenyans.

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU
(KNA)

The Government has announced a major expansion of social protection programmes, targeting 2.5 million households through the Inua Jamii initiative and the establishment of a Social Protection Fund.

Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Alfred Mutua said while cash transfers remain vital, the new focus is on building sustainable livelihoods that can shield vulnerable families from poverty and economic shocks.

He spoke during the opening of the Fourth Kenya Social Protection Conference at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi, noting that Kenya currently spends over Sh3.5 billion monthly on social protection programmes.

"Cash transfer, however well targeted, protects a

household only for as long as the transfer lasts," he said, adding that sustainable livelihoods offered more durable protection against poverty and economic shocks.

According to the Ministry, the Government currently provides more than Sh3.5 billion monthly to vulnerable Kenyans through various social protection programmes.

Inua Jamii beneficiaries have increased from 1.2 million to 1.7 million, with the Government targeting 2.5 million households. The programme has also shifted from commercial bank payments to mobile money, particularly M-Pesa, to make it easier for beneficiaries to access their funds.

Mutua said the focus on sustainable livelihoods was particularly important as Kenya's labour market continued to be dominated by informal employment.

He cited the Economic

Survey 2026, which reported that Kenya created 882,100 new jobs in 2025, more than 80 per cent of them in the informal economy. The survey also indicated that 18.1 million Kenyans earn their livelihoods outside formal employment.

The CS said the Ministry had developed a strategy to extend social protection coverage to rural and informal economy workers, including through simple and portable savings products targeting boda boda riders, mama mbogas and jua kali artisans.

He said the Government was also using the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) programme to help young people transition from vulnerability to enterprise.

Mutua said Sh3.05 billion in business start-up capital had been disbursed to 122,203 young Kenyans in 18 regional clusters on July 10.

"NYOTA is not a cash

transfer. It is training, mentorship, and capital," he said.

The Government has also committed to progressively establish a National School Meals Programme covering learners in primary and junior secondary schools across all 47 counties.

Phased implementation of the programme is expected to begin in the first school term of 2027. The initiative will link education and nutrition with social protection, agriculture, local economic development and employment.

The Ministry further reported that Sh7.947 billion was allocated to programmes implemented through the National Council for Persons with Disabilities between the 2022/23 and 2025/26 financial years, with Sh7.277 billion disbursed and utilized.

During the period, more than 330,000 persons with disabilities were newly registered, while beneficiaries of the Cash Transfer Programme for Persons with Severe Disabilities increased from 30,000 to 63,960.

Mombasa road works fast-tracked as State targets 2027 completion

BY ANDREW HINGA (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to ensure timely completion of major road projects in Mombasa County, with officials calling on implementing agencies to strengthen coordination, oversight and accountability.

Secretary Administration in the State Department for Roads Evans Mutari and the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, led by Ndia legislator Kariuki Macharia, urged agencies responsible for road development to expedite works on all pending projects in the county.

During a two-day inspection tour of the Mombasa-Mtwapa Road, Mutari challenged the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) and the Kenya

Urban Roads Authority (KURA) to fast-track construction of key roads that are expected to strengthen transport and logistics along the Coast.

Mutari said completion of the Mombasa-Mtwapa Road would provide an efficient transport corridor linking Lunga-Lunga to Malindi and eventually the northern frontier, enhancing regional trade and connectivity.

According to KeNHA, the road, which forms part of the wider Multinational Bagamoyo-Horohoro-Malindi road project, is 55.96 per cent complete, with the remaining works scheduled for completion by December 16, 2027.

"This particular project is shaping up to be a game changer for the economic dynamics of the Coast and the region in general.



A section of the Mombasa-Mtwapa road currently under construction.

Regional integration will be boosted as the East African Community corridor will connect Kenyan ports to our Tanzanian counterparts in Tanga and Dar es Salaam," said Mutari.

He called on implementing agencies to work together to address bottlenecks that could delay completion of

the project within the scheduled timeline.

Key challenges identified included compensation of Project Affected Persons (PAPs), relocation of utilities and shortages of construction materials, which had contributed to delays in densely populated sections of the road.

BRIEFS

Busia secures four-year extension for climate-smart agriculture project

BY JSALOME ALWANDA
AND RODGERS OMONDI
KNA

Busia County has secured an additional four-year funding extension for the Kenya Climate-Smart Agriculture Project (KELCOP) to expand its interventions and benefit more farmers across the county.

Speaking at Busia ATC during an inter-county Gender Action Learning System (GALS) fair that brought together 60 beneficiary groups from Busia and Bungoma counties, Busia County Executive for Agriculture George Mukok said the extension would enable the county to reach more farmers and strengthen their transition from subsistence to commercial agriculture.

"We have been given additional funding and this project is here for the next four years to benefit the farmers through this

extension. This system is helping the farmer to move from peasant farming to commercial farming. We are also working on gender inclusivity," said Mukok.

He said the additional funding would enable the county to expand the project beyond the four sub-counties where it is currently being implemented.

"Through the additional funding, we are intending to expand the groups that are already benefiting in the selected sub counties. The project has been in one ward per subcounty in four sub counties in our county" he said.

Mukok also said the county government was working on agricultural legislation, aimed at improving access to financing and creating better opportunities for farmers to commercialize their activities.

PS rallies churches and communities to intensify anti-drug fight, strengthen primary healthcare

BY DAVID WANDETO (KNA)

Public Health Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni has called for concerted efforts by the Government, churches and communities to intensify the fight against alcohol and substance abuse in Kirinyaga County.

Speaking during a consultative meeting with clergy from the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) in Kutus, Muthoni said combating drugs and substance abuse required collective responsibility, with every stakeholder playing a role.

She said Kirinyaga is among counties identified for the establishment of a rehabilitation centre, noting that the Government would undertake the process

in accordance with the required procedures.

"The fight against alcohol, the fight against drugs, we will continue with it as a government and as a community," Muthoni said.

She urged security committees, religious leaders and members of the public to report people involved in the production and sale of harmful substances, while encouraging those affected by substance use to seek rehabilitation.

Muthoni also warned against the entry of counterfeit tobacco and nicotine products into the country, saying the Ministry of Health would tighten measures to protect Kenyans from potentially harmful products.