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Government boosts coffee industry with Sh6.7b Cherry Fund for farmers

The Cabinet in October last year, approved an additional Sh 4 billion Coffee Cherry Advance Fund bringing the total allocation for the kitty to Sh 6.7 billion.

With the increased funding, farmers will now take home Sh 80 per kilogramme of cherry delivered to factories from the previous Sh 20 per kilogramme.

BY JEREMIAH KIPLANG'AT (DPCS)

s coffee reforms take root, farmers from Kiambu, Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Meru, Kericho Embu, Mt Elgon, Baringo, all the way to Nandi are hopeful that the ongoing changes will bring a fair and streamlined system, allowing them to finally earn the rightful rewards for their labor. This newfound optimism is palpable as farmers throughout

these regions are reclaiming their coffee farms with a revitalized sense of enthusiasm.

The farmers are now set to receive Sh6.7 billion from the Coffee Advance Cherry Revolving Fund, which has received a boost from the government to assist farmers. The farmers will receive Sh80 per kilogram from the Fund, up from the Sh20

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250

The Week In numbers

Number of students awarded full scholarship by the County Government of Bomet to join Form One 80

Amount of money coffee farmers across the country will be paid per kilogramme

10,000

Number of affordable houses the national government will construct in Kilifi County 5b

Money the government will spend to modernize the New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC) to enhance its efficiency.

50,000

Housing units the government plans to construct in Mombasa under the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP)

Kenya bags hosting rights for prestigious global innovators congress in September

BY RACHAEL KILONZO

enya will host the 41st International Association of Science Parks (IASP) and Areas of Innovation World Conference in Nairobi in September this year.

Kenya secured hosting rights for the Conference during the IASP 2023 World Conference held in Luxembourg

The event was graced by Informa-

Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo, along with other leaders drawn from over 300 Science Parks and areas of Innovation from around the world.

During the conference, global leaders and innovators will convene to discuss the future of science parks, innovation, and technology, with a thematic interest centered on "Demographics, Entrepreneurship, and

tion, Communications, and the Digital Technology: Defining the frontiers of Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Ow- future economies."

Speaking during an IASP partner breakfast meeting hosted by Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) in Nairobi, ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary Eng. John Tanui noted that the preparatory forum's aim was to share the progress

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CS Eliud Owalo (left) receives Kenya's flag to host 41st IASP conference in Nairobi.

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they were paid before.

Cooperatives and MSMEs Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui, who has been sensitizing farmers on how to access the money for a week, insisted that the sector was on the right track to glory owing to the interventions by the government over the last year.

"Coffee is one of the key value chains that the government is targeting to spur growth through the Bottom-Up Economic Agenda," said Mr Chelugui who visited Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a and Kiambu counties for the sensitization.

Similarly, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (pictured) is continuing to press the pedal to accelerate implementation of the reforms, promising not to drop the ball until the smallholder farmer gets their rightful share in the value-chain.

"We are determined, we are not letting go of these reforms because things are going to change. We are go-



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ing to bring back coffee to where it was in the 1970s and 1980s when it was the number foreign exchange earners for our country," Mr Gachagua stated.

"We must win this fight because coffee has been lucrative before. Nothing has changed. The farmers are the same, the soils are the same, the environment is the same. It is only when we liberalized the sector that the farmers were short-changed," the DP added.

In Nairobi, the buyers and sellers are congregating in numbers at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) in numbers.

The Exchange at Wakulima House on Haile Selassie Avenue is presently a hive of activity as interested buyers jostle for the best opportunity to sample the best coffee for their markets.

Dozens of licensed brokers have returned to the Exchange heightening competition for the Kenyan-produced coffee, a positive occurrence as it helps to raise the prices of the commodity.

Nairobi Coffee Exchange Acting Chief Executive Officer Lisper Ndungu said all indications point to a highly improving auction, attracting many brokers who had earlier avoided it.

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made by KoTDA and the IASP Africa Divisions.

Specifically, it is to update and invite partners to join in the preparation works needed to host the transformative conference.

"The upcoming forum, which will be hosted by Konza Technopolis Development Authority, will be crucial in providing a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

We are collectively striving for solutions on SDGs, climate change, global health, inclusive innovation, education, and more.

Science parks like Konza Technopolis are at the forefront of collaborative efforts to address these challenges," Eng. Tanui said.

The PS pointed out that Konza will leverage the IASP 2024 conference to showcase its impact and value proposition, communicate progress, and champion accelerated

development, building on the Digital Economy's provisions.

"As the IASP African Division President, I am dedicated to fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and development.

We are enthusiastic about working with our partners to harness the IASP network's potential for the development of the Science, Technology, and Innovation sector in Africa," said Tanui.

"Konza Technopolis Chairman has outlined the journey to this point in detail, pointing out the competitive nature of the Konza bid.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board and Management for securing the opportunity to bring the 41st IASP conference to Kenya for the first time in its history.

"Our work in the Ministry's State Department of ICT and Digital Economy involves transforming Kenya into a robust digitally-enabled society powered by strategic infrastructure deployment, cutting-edge digital solutions, progressive policies to enable a competitive investment destination that facilitates the private sector to establish Kenya as the Technology Hub of the region, ICT, and Digital skill development," added Tanui.

Tanui underscored the vital role of KoTDA in powering the country's ambition to become a knowledge-based economy, adding that the global conference presents an opportunity towards the accelerated development of the Technopolis, the country, and the African continent.

"Science Parks and areas of innovation hold the key to unlocking these pressing challenges by disrupting the norms, incremental development, and collaborative action leveraging the strengths of each demographic.

The IASP network provides excellent opportunities for such collaborations to be initiated.





Public Notice Reminder Simplification of the VAT Return Filing

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to remind all VAT registered taxpayers that the VAT return will be pre-filled with tax information available to KRA with effect from the **January 2024** tax period, to simplify the VAT return filing process and improve taxpayers' experience.

Any input VAT claim that is not validated through TIMS/eTIMS or against existing customs import declarations for import VAT claims will not be allowed. In this regard, we remind all taxpayers of their obligation to issue electronic tax invoices and transmit the invoice details to KRA as prescribed in law. The validity of electronic tax invoices can be confirmed by scanning the QR code or by entering the control unit invoice number in the invoice checker on the iTax Portal log-in page.

We further advise the VAT registered taxpayers that they are required to confirm the accuracy of the declaration before submission of the return since the pre-filled VAT return is a self-assessment return as prescribed in Section 28(4) of the Tax Procedures Act, CAP 469B. A step-by-step guide on filing of the auto-populated VAT return is available on the KRA website for reference.

KRA will continue to support and facilitate all taxpayers to comply with the electronic tax invoicing requirements.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

The KEMRI staff Pension Life & Assurance Scheme was established on 1st t July 1984 with the main purpose of providing Retirement benefits for members upon retirement. The operations of The KEMRI staff Pension Life & Assurance Scheme are governed by RBA Act & Subsidiary Legislation.

KEMRI staff Pension Life & Assurance Scheme invites sealed bids from eligible firms:

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID BOND AMOUNT	OTHER DETAILS
KEMRI SPLAS/RFP/ OT/2023 – 2025/01	Request for Proposal for Provision of Fund Administration Services	Not required	Open
KEMRI SPLAS/RFP/ OT/2023 – 2025/02	Request for Proposal for Provision of Fund Management Services	Not required	Open
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A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates from the offices of the KEMRI Pension Fund.

Alternatively, Tender documents can be downloaded free of charge from our website www.kemri.go.ke

The envelope containing the tender document, bearing no indication of the bidder and clearly marked as indicated in the table above, should be deposited in the tender box at the Reception Area, Ground Floor, KEMRI Headquarters or sent by post to:

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so as to reach not later than **Tuesday**, **January 30**, **2023 at 10.00am** local time. Interested bidders or their representatives are invited to witness the opening of the bids, to be held at the Conference Hall, Main Administration Block at KEMRI Headquarters on the same day at 10.30am.

KEMRI SPLAS may terminate the procurement proceedings prior to entering into a contract and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders, without being bound to give reasons for its decision or incurring any liability. The Institute is also not obligated to award to the firm that offers the lowest price.

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State to construct 50,000 Affordable Housing units in Mombasa County

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

¬he Government's ambitious plan to construct 50,000 housing units in Mombasa is gaining momentum, as various parcels of land have been earmarked for the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP).

The Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) is one of the flagship projects of the Kenya Kwanza Administration, as aptly espoused in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Some proposed sites include Ganjoni (2.1 acres), Hobley (six acres), V.O.K (22 acres), Shimo la Tewa (60 acres), and the National Housing Corporation (NHC) (58 acres of land in Changamwe).

"In Mombasa, we aim to build 50,000 housing units. Currently, Buxton Phase One is completed with 582 units, and work is ongoing at Buxton Phase Two, where we expect 1512 units," said Mr. Ronald Mwiwawi, the Acting Mombasa County Commissioner, during an AHP and Markets Commit-



Mombasa Acting County Commissioner, Ronald Mwiwawi (c) flanked by officials from the State **Department of Housing** and Urban Development and National Housing Corporation, briefs the press at the County Commissioners Boardroom, after a County Affordable **Housing Programme and Markets Committee meet-**

tee meeting.

He added: "The meeting was attended by senior officials from the State Department of Housing and Urban Development led by the Secretary of Administration, Mr. Hiram Kahiro".

In V.O.K 2,850 units, a market, school, and social amenities will be con-



Completed Phase One of Affordable Housing Units at Buxton Point in Mombasa constructed by Gulfcap real estate. PHOTOS: CYZICK SIDAYI

structed while the National Housing Corporation is constructing 20,000 housing units on its 58-acre land in Changamwe Subcounty.

expect 50,000

youths from the Jua Kali sector to get employment. We are working closely with the County Government in implementing the AHP for the benefit of Mombasa residents," said Mwiwawi.

He further urged Mombasa residents and leaders to cooperate with the County AHP and Markets Committee and the National Government, to actualize the housing plan.

John Karanja, Coast Regional Director of AHP and Markets, said sites have been identified across all six coastal counties, and construction is set to commence soon.

"When all these sites are activated in each of the counties, we expect the benefit to be enormous in the value chain of housing development. We expect in each of the counties 30,000 skilled and non-skilled laborers to be utilized," said Karanja, adding that modern markets will also be constructed.

He added that 3,000 units of student village, will be constructed at the Technical University of Mombasa to accommodate 6,000 students. Similar students' villages will be established at Pwani University, Taita-Taveta University, and the Kenya Coast Polytechnic.

"AHP is a critical component of this government we must make sure we give decent and affordable housing to our residents," stated Karanja.

He added: "The basic framework for AHP is that the benefit can be localized as economic stimulus. Each constituency is supposed to have at least 200 units to start with."

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Through social housing that goes at Sh600,000, a person is eligible to own a unit once a buyer pays ten percent. To make sure Jua Kali workers benefit, AHP has 80 products that are supposed to be supplied by Jua Kali. Jua Kali artisans who lack certifications will be certified by relevant government agencies on-site.

Suleiman Mwakisanga, Likoni Jua Kali Chairman, said youths who were idling will now have an opportunity to work in AHP and improve their livelihoods.

The coming of the AHP is a new dawn for Jua Kali workers, we have been neglected due to a lack of certificates. We thank the government for the programme," said Mwaki-

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development Administration Secretary, Mr. Hiram Kahiro, emphasized the Government's commitment to providing and accessing decent and affordable housing for all Kenyans.



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Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) is a wholly owned Government Development Finance Institution (DFI) incorporated under the Agricultural Finance Corporation Act (Cap 323 of the Laws of Kenya). AFC is charged with the mandate of supporting the development of agriculture and agriculture industries by making loans and providing managerial and technical assistance to the loan beneficiaries.

The Corporation invites applications from dynamic and experienced professionals to fill the following positions:

	Position	No. of Vacancies
1.	Senior Procurement Officer	1
2.	Procurement Officer	2
3.	Risk officer	3
4.	Human Resource officers	3

How to Apply:

To manage the entire process, the Corporation has deployed technology. If you meet the above qualifications, please apply on this portal www.talcl.com

Attach a cover letter, an updated CV, certificates, and any other supporting documents. No hard copy application

Only shortlisted candidates who meet all the requirements shall be contacted for interviews.

Application Deadline: Wednesday 26th January 2024 at 5.00pm

The Managing Director. **Agricultural Finance Corporation,** P.O. Box 30367, 00100 GPO, NAIROBI.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds including persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates shall be invited for the interviews.





PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO ONLINE SUPPLIER SENSITIZATION **WORKSHOP ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT** PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES (AGPO)

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

In line with the Government of Kenya's policy of facilitating business enterprises owned by Youth, Women and Persons Living with Disabilities, the Authority invites Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) suppliers for an online sensitization workshop to facilitate their effective participation in government procurement opportunities.

Activity	Date and Time	Platform	Target
	31st January 2024 from 10:00am to 12:00noon (East African Time)		Access to Government Procurement Opportu- nities (AGPO) suppliers.

Interested suppliers can join the workshop using the link: https://bit.ly/3TY4Xw6. The details can also be accessed on the Authority's website at this link: https://www.ca.go.ke/open-tenders

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Government initiates construction of 10,000 affordable homes in Kilifi

BY CYNTHIA MASENO AND JACKSON MSANZU(KNA)

¬he national government will commence the construction of over 10,000 affordable houses in Kilifi County to fulfill the Affordable Housing Project introduced by the government, aiming to provide safe and inexpensive houses for Kenyans.

Speaking during the Affordable Housing Program and Market Implementation Committee meeting, Kilifi County Commissioner Josphat Biwott stated that the committee has already identified four construction sites for the first phase of the

The four identified sites are in Tezo, Kibarani, and



Kilifi County Commissioner Josphat Biwott (center) addressing the Affordable Housing Program and Market Implementation Committee during a meeting in Kilifi. PHOTO:

Bofa in the Kilifi North constituency and the Sir Ali site in the Malindi constituency, adding that Kilifi North will have more projects due to the high demand for housing in the area.

Accompanied by the Kilifi County Government Secretary, Martin Mwaro, Biwott added that the government is ready to implement the project in the county, stating that they are making final plans to kick off the construction.

"Kilifi County has proposed eleven sites for the project, and from these eleven today we have sat down as a committee and identified four sites which by Tuesday next week we will begin advertising," he

By the end of the project, every constituency in Kilifi is expected to have at least one affordable Housing pro-

Biwott assured that the government will work hand in hand with the Jua Kali sector and will require over 20,000 skilled and nonskilled personnel to make the project successful.

"We are planning to build 10,000 units in Kilifi County. For these 10,000 units, we will require a labor force of not less than 20,000 skilled and nonskilled laborers. We will also need around 20,000 Juakali workers," he said.



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PUBLIC ALERT

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The Kenya Bureau of Standards, the premier government agency for Standards, Metrology, and Conformity Assessment (SMCA) services, wishes to issue an alert regarding the rise of individuals purporting to be KEBS staff. These individuals, who frequently target retail environments such as shops, supermarkets, and hardware stores, initially claim to be affiliated with KEBS. However, when confronted, they often alter their claim, suggesting they are part of a 'multi-agency' team. There have also been reports of these imposters engaging in extortion activities with traders.

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- including the KEBS HR No, staff's name, position, ID number, and status. 2. Contact KEBS: If you encounter suspicious individuals or activities, or need assistance, please reach out to KEBS through the following channels during working hours:
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- The Public Service Commission invites sealed tenders for the Provision of Comprehensive Medical Insurance Cover for Commissioners for Public Service Commission.
- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive (National) tendering method using a standardized tender document and is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
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- All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security of Kshs.500.000.00 valid for 180 days from the date of tender opening, in form of a bank guarantee from a reputable bank recognized by the Central Bank of Kenya, payable to
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before 11.00 a.m. on 30th January, 2024.
- Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.
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- 10. Late tenders will be rejected
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- Address for obtaining further information and for purchasing tender documents
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 - 1) Name of Procuring Entity: Public Services Commission.
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Vacancies

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Pursuant to Section 73 (5) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, the PFM (National Government) Regulations, 2015 as well as the guidelines for establishment of Audit Committees in the National Government public entities, the Office invites applications from qualified, experienced and competent persons to fill the

S/No	POSITION	POSTS
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Application Procedure

- Candidates applying for these positions should visit our website at www.oagkenya.go.ke for more detailed job descriptions and the procedure for applications.
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- Applicants must attach the following documents:
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For the successful candidates, they will be required to obtain Clearance certificates from the following bodies:

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- Credit Reference Bureau
- Kenya Revenue Authority
- **Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission** Higher Education Loans Board where applicable

Applications should reach the Office on or before 2nd February, 2024

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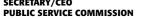
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Posta embraces new business model, targets to become E-commerce hub: CS

BY EVALYNE GITHINJI (PCO)

The Government has created an enabling environment for the Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) to thrive through a new business model and the adoption of e-commerce.

Speaking during an interview at a local FM station, the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication, and the Digital Economy, Eliud Owalo, noted that the Postal Corporation of Kenya needs to leverage e-commerce to spur growth.

"We must move away from the traditional courier business that PCK has been accustomed to, and the only avenue that we have is for PCK to become an e-commerce and logistics hub," Owalo said.

He further noted that

PCK, as an entity, has the widest network of facilities in the country for logistics purposes.

CS Owalo revealed that plans are underway to get a partner to develop the ecommerce platform and acquire a service provider for a payment gateway.

Remarkably, the CS said, PCK is already doing Last Mile delivery of passports and medical supplies leveraging on the enormous

We are determined to turn around that Institution because PCK is a brand and we will revamp it-CS

infrastructure that it has.

"POSTA has just gotten into a partnership with the Radio Africa Group to also do Last Mile delivery of newspapers and MyGov," noted the CS.

He acknowledged that there is a lot of potential that needs to be fully-exploited in PCK adding that to achieve this milestone, creativity and divergence in thinking will be required.

In a bid to facilitate leveraging on e-commerce, there is also fundamental work in progress, such as development of the National Addressing System, Policy and Bill, which are now ready and the CS is progressing it to Cabinet before going to Parliament for purposes of enactment into Law.

CS Owalo noted that the

National Addressing System, Policy and Bill will pave way for the acquisition of the requisite infrastructure from a technological perspective and also give a strong foundation that can facilitate Last Mile delivery through e-commerce.

"We are determined to turn around that Institution because PCK is a brand and everybody wants to see it thriving," the CS stated.

He highlighted the need to motivate staff at PCK, especially by paying their salaries on time. "When we came into office, there were five months salary arrears at PCK which we have been struggling to offset by December 2023, we managed to pay Sh435 million to staff to clear all the salary arrears."



Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication, and the Digital Economy, Eliud Owalo





Tender Notice

Kenya Revenue Authority invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tenders:

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-032/2023-2024: Framework Agreement for Supply and Delivery of Various Toners for a period of Two (2) Years	AGPO - YOUTH	30 th January, 2024 11:00 AM	6 th February, 2024 11:00 AM
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KRA/HQS/RFP-033/2023-2024: Provision of Consultancy Services for the Supervision of the Upgrade Works at the KRA	OPEN	25 th January, 2024 11.00 AM	1st February, 2024 11.00 AM
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CANCELLATION OF TENDER

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	SITE VISIT	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP5/9A/3/10/ OT/03/23-24	Procurement of Construction of a Transport Workshop at Kiganjo, Mt. Kenya Region	Wednesday 17.01.2024	Wednesday 24.01.2024 at 10.00 a.m. (Kenya Power	Wednesday 31.01.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
				132kV Substa- tion, Kiganjo, Nyeri County)	
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/ 036/ICT/23-24	Provision of Annual Maintenance & Support Contact Centre System and Annual Subscription License Renewals for Contact Centre and IP PBX System	Wednesday 17.01.2024	N/A	Tuesday 06.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/09/23-24	Supply of Electric Motor Vehicles and Cycles	Wednesday 17.01.2024	N/A	Thursday 08.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/10/23-24	Supply of New Motor Vehicles (Internal Combustion Vehicles)	Wednesday 17.01.2024	N/A	Thursday 15.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
5.	KP1/9A.3/OT/ 23/23-24	Supply of Power Transformers and Spare Tap Changers	Wednesday 17.01.2024	N/A	Tuesday 06.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
6.	Registration No.3800000390	Registration of Suppliers of Transformer Repair Materials, Electrical Plant Machine Spares and Services	Tuesday 16.01.2024	N/A	Tuesday 06.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.
7.	KP1/9A.3/OT/ 28/23-24	Supply of Distribution Transformers (Local Manufacturers only)	Thursday 18.01.2024	N/A	Thursday 08.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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Ministry to publish guidelines to govern exploration, mining, selling and exporting of strategic minerals

BY WAGEMA MWANGI(PCO)

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The Government will soon publish regulations and guidelines that will govern the exploration, mining, selling, and exporting of strategic minerals.

The Principal Secretary (PS) of the State Department for Mining, Elijah Mwangi, stated that the Mining Act of 2016 and the Strategic Minerals Regulations of 2017 mandate the Cabinet Secretary (CS) to publish guidelines guiding and informing the exploitation of strategic minerals.

Speaking during a meeting with officials of the Kenya Chambers of Mines, the PS mentioned that the government remains committed to enhancing efficiency in the mining sector by providing structured frameworks to direct operations.

"We are refining the guidelines on how to undertake the process of exploiting and extracting strategic minerals. They will be published soon," he said.

The formulation of the guidelines follows the government's move in October of last year to declare 14 minerals as strategic. According to the regulations, strategic minerals are critical for Kenya's green energy transition.

The minerals in this category include copper, nickel, graphite, niobium, rare earth, lead, and Tsavorite.

Following that declara-



PS Mining Elijah Mwangi (r) with Kenya Chambers of Mines Chair Dr. Patrick Kanyoro while discussing the issue of strategic mineral exploitation.

tion, the state directed that the mining of strategic minerals would be undertaken by the National Mining Corporation (NMC). However, miners involved in mining any strategic minerals were required to make a request, which would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Mining stakeholders have lauded the state's move but urged for the introduction of proper modalities to shield artisanal miners and dealers of strategic minerals from economic shocks during the transition to the new dispensation.

The Chair of Kenya Chambers of Mines Dr. Patrick Kanyoro disclosed that most artisanal miners engaged in the mining of strategic minerals particularly copper and tsavorite were living under a dark cloud of uncertainty worrying over the possible disruption of their livelihoods.

He stated that the mining chambers were in full support of streamlining

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the mining sector to enforce compliance; a move he predicted would not only benefit regulators but also miners and buvers. He, however, asked the government to provide for a grace period of a specific timeframe to allow for a smooth transition into the new era of partnerships between artisanal miners dealing with strategic minerals and NMC. This grace period would help avoid abrupt and massive disruption of livelihoods.

"We are committed to working with the government to find practical ways of handling this transition with an eye on establishing a complete value-addition system for strategic minerals," he said.

While acknowledging the miners' concerns, the PS disclosed that the department is finalizing the guidelines on strategic minerals. The regulations will focus on amongst other issues the establishment of a valueaddition and beneficiation center for strategic minerals and the absence of optimum operational capacity for NMC to enable it to effectively explore, mine, smelt, process or market strategic minerals.

He disclosed that the department had developed several short, medium and long-term strategies to address such challenges and would be shared with mining stakeholders for enrichment

"We are asking dealers of strategic minerals to be a little patient because we are finalizing these guidelines. They will be communicated before the end of the month" he said.

The PS stated the current reforms in the mining sector were driven by the need to make the mining sector lucrative for all stakeholders. He cited decriminalization of artisanal mining activities and the formation of marketing cooperatives as a targeted move aimed at increasing profitability in the sector.

Already, over 200 marketing cooperatives have been formed with capacity-building activities done for Embu and Mombasa-based cooperatives.

As part of supporting the artisanal miners, the government has developed an artisanal mining strategy to allow Mineral Rights Boards to delineate specific areas to be exclusively set aside for artisanal miners.

"The reforms we are undertaking are geared towards making the miners earn a decent living from their work," he said.

The PS further directed the dealers with all kinds of minerals to apply for licenses in readiness as part of complying with the state's mineral dealing and processing requirements.







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KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (KEMSA)

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 (s) as follows:

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Eligibility	Tender Closing/ Opening Date		
	GOK- COUNTERPART FUNDING - HIV					
1	KEMSA/GOK-CPF/ HIV- 2023/ 2024 ONT-02	Supply of ARV Medicine (Teno- fovir/Lamivudine/ Dolutegravir 300mg/300mg/50mg tablets)	Reserved for Local Manufacturers	23 rd January 2024 at 10:00am		
	GOK- COUNTERPART FUNDING - MAL					
2	KEMSA/GOK-CPF/MAL- 2023/ 2024 ONT-02	Supply of Anti Malaria Medicine (Artemether+ Lumefantrine tablets 20mg+120mg 24 tablet)	Reserved for Local Manufacturers	23 rd January 2024 at 10:00am		

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tenders may be obtained from KEMSA Website: http://www.kemsa.co.ke/tenders and PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke



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THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF DIRECTOR LEGAL SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST.

ADDENDUM I

The National Treasury has issued an addendum for extension of submission of applications for the position of Director Legal Services and Procurement Specialist for PPP Directorate.

S/No	Clarification	Remarks
1.	Director Legal Services (Re advertisement)	Find the revised Terms of Reference for Director, Legals services on the following website: www.
	Ref No.IFPPP/PPPD/DL/2023-24	treasury.go.ke; or www.pppunit.go.ke
2.	Closing date:	Extension of submission of application has been extended by 2 weeks.
	Director Legal Services (Re advertisement)	,
	Ref No.IFPPP/PPPD/DL/2023-24	The deadline for the applications will be on 26 th January, 2024.
	Procurement Specialist (Re advertisement)	
	Ref No.IFPPP/PPPD/PS/2023-24	

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

HEAD, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/NATIONAL TREASURY



Mombasa port gains global recognition as South Korea's shipping giant makes voyage

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Port of Mombasa is attracting global shipping lines due to its efficiency, with a leading Korean shipping line recently docking at the port on its inaugural voyage in Africa.

Korea Marine Transport Company (KMTC) operates the vessel MV KMTC Hochiminh, which boasts a length of 222.10 meters and a cargo capacity of 2824 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEU).

The vessel is currently transporting 1000 TEUs for the local and transit market, underscoring the strategic importance of the Port as a shipping and maritime hub and a preferred Port of Call for shipping lines.

The Managing Director (MD) of the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Capt. William Ruto, praised KMTC for expressing confidence in the Port of Mombasa and selecting it as their first Port of Call in Africa.

Capt. Ruto stated, "KMTC has been heavily involved in



Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) staff led by Managing Director (MD), Capt. William Ruto (Third L), with the crew and staff of the Korean container vessel, KMTC Hochiminh, when it made its maiden call at the Port of Mombasa. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA

Asia, and this marks their initial venture into Africa. They have instilled confidence in us that the ship will become a regular caller. We assure them of efficiency and the highest standard of services."

He added that KMTC had brought new business to KPA and will endeavour to attract more shipping lines.

"We promise to give them the best services because for any shipping line to decide to call into a port, they must have also done due diligence. "Part of the due diligence, is how long will the ship be waiting, like this ship just arrived today and we gave a priority and it docks on arrival, thus reducing cost on the shipping line and to the receivers of the cargos," stated Capt. Ruto. On his part, KPA Chairman, Benjamin Tayari, noted that the Port is working efficiently led by the management. Last year, he said, the port volume surged by 12 per cent, recording 1.6M TEUs.



THE MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

State Department for Housing and Urban Development

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

COMMUNICATION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPEMENT

The Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development seeks to recruit a communications consultancy firm on a three (3) year contract to support communications, awareness creation, marketing, and stakeholders' engagement campaigns, for the Affordable housing programme.

- Interested bidders may access the tender documents from the State Department's website www.housingandurban.go.ke. Bidders who download the tender documents from the website are required to provide their details by registering at the Office of Head, Supply Chain Management Services, located on 6th floor Ardhi House, 1st Ngong Avenue, during normal working hours.
 All enquiries and clarifications should be sent via email to: procurement@housingandurban.go.ke.
- Completed Tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with the Tender Number and Tender Description shall be delivered to the address below and/or be deposited in the Tender Box located on the 6th Floor, Ardhi House, 1st Ngong Avenue so as to be received on or before 7th February, 2024 at 9:00am. Bulky documents shall be delivered and Registered at the Office of the Head, Supply Chain Management Services Ardhi House 6th Floor, Wing B.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at State Department for Housing and Urban Development Boardroom, located on the 6th floor Boardroom Wing 'B', Ardhi House 1st Ngong Avenue in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Clarifications and addendums related to this notice shall be posted in the State Department's
 website www.housingandurban.go.ke. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to cancel or
 terminate procurement proceedings at any time before the tender is awarded. Late tenders shall be
 rejected.

Head of Supply Chain Management Services
For: The Principal Secretary
State Department for Housing and Urban Development
Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development.
PO Box 30119 -00100,
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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DIASPORA AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) OPEN TENDER

INSTALLATION OF DIASPORA INTERGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM (DIIMS)

TENDER NO. MOF&DA/SDDA/001/2023-2024

 The State Department for Diaspora Affairs (SDDA) invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers for the Installation of Diaspora Integrated Information System (DIIMS) as tabulated below:

Lot No.	Description	
1.	Diaspora Mapping System	
2.	Electronic Document Records Management System (EDRMS)	
3.	Case Management System	
4.	Microsoft 0365 & Active Directory	

"Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots".

- Tendering will be conducted under National open competitive method using a standardized tender document. Tendering is open to all eligible, qualified and interested Tenderers.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 0900am to 5.00pm East African Time at the address given below.

State Department of Diaspora Affairs 2nd Ngong Avenue 316 Upper Hill Chambers, 15th floor

- 4. Tender documents may be obtained electronically from the Ministy Website www.mfa.go.ke. Tenderers downloading documents from a designated website shall advise the Procurement Entity that they have downloaded the tender documents, giving full contact addresses of the tenderer ie email, telephone number and postal address to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- 5. All Tenders must be accompanied by a tender Security in Kenya Shilling issued by a reputable Commercial Bank/ Approved Insurance Firm/ Financial Institution and should not be less than 2% of the Tender price.
- 6. The tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender document submitted.
- Completed tenders are to be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope, marked "INSTALLATION OF DIASPORA INTEGRATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DIIMS), TENDER NO. MOF&-DA/SDDA/001/2023-2024" and must be deposited the tender box provided at the Diaspora offices on 2nd Ngong Avenue, 316 Upper Hill Chambers, 12th Floor on or before 29th January, 2024 at

Electronic Tenders will not be permitted.

- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above. Tenders will
 be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to
 attend at the address below.
- 9. Late tenders will be rejected.
- 10. The addresses referred to above are:
- A. Address for obtaining further information and for purchasing tender documents Supply Chain Management Section
 State Department of Diaspora Services
 2nd Ngong Avenue, 316 Upper Hill Chambers, 15th Floor
 P. O. Box 30551-00100
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 Email:ict@diaspora.go.ke
- Address for Submission of Tenders.
 State Department for Diaspora Affairs
 2nd Ngong Avenue, 316 Upper Hill Chambers
 12th floor in the Tenderbox
- C. Address for Opening of Tenders.

 State Department for Diaspora Affairs

 2nd Ngong Avenue, 316 Upper Hill Chambers
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 12th floor Board Room

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a) Long Distance Safari Train services b) Commuter Service	Paybill: 222 222 Enter Account Number: KRCC -"Your Name" Enter Amount: XXX Enter PIN: XXXX - Please Note that tickets MUST be purchased at the station of departure.

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Nairobi Terminal	Paybill: 222 222			
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	Enter Amount: XXX			
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Malaba Terminal	Paybill: 222 222			
	Enter Account Number: MALT - "BTS Number"			
	Enter Amount: XXX			
	Enter PIN: XXXX			
Makongeni Terminal	Paybill: 222 222			
	Enter Account Number: MKTM- "BTS Number"			
	Enter Amount: XXX			
	Enter PIN: XXXX			

RTI S	ERVICES
a) Student Services	www.rti.ac.ke
Payment of Tuition fees	Log on to student portal
	Select Financial, Payment
	Follow the process as guided.
b) Hire of facilities	Paybill 222 222 and refer to website for the
	specific code.
c) Restaurant Services	
RTI Kilimanjaro	Paybill: 222 222
	Enter Account Number: RTIK - "First name"
	Enter Amount: XXX
	Enter PIN: XXXX
Kisumu Marine	Paybill: 222 222
	Enter Account Number: KSMR - "First name"
	Enter Amount: XXX

REAL ESTATE		
a) Applications (BR/BC/LT/LC) Log on to www.krs.ecitizen.go.ke to a the application forms		
b) Rental payment	Dial USSD Code *222#	
	Select Make Payments Option	
	Enter KRC123 as the service code.	
	Enter serial number (say xxxx) as the	
	KRC Real Estate Reference.	
	Enter amount then select option 1 to confirm.	
	Enter your MPESA pin.	

RESTAUR	ANT SERVICES
a) Outside catering	Paybill: 222 222
	Enter Account Number: KRRC - "First name"
	Enter Amount: XXX
	Enter PIN: XXXX
b) Purchase of Meals	Go to Paybill: 222 222
	Enter Account Number: NRBR - "First name"
	Enter Amount: XXX
	Enter PIN: XXXX
	Enter PIN: XXXX
c) Nakuru	Paybill: 222 222
	Enter Account Number: NKRR- "First name"
	Enter Amount: XXX
	Enter PIN: XXXX

PARKING SERVICES				
Nakuru Parking	Paybill: 222 222 Enter Account Number: NRKP- "Number Plate"			
	Enter Amount: XXX			
	Enter PIN: XXXX			

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b) Hire of facilities	Select Museum and follow the process as guided.

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- For more information, please contact: 0709 907 000, 0790 907 555





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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CABINET AFFAIRS

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

ASSIGNMENT TITLE:

DEVELOPMENT OF STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CABINET AFFAIRS STRATEGIC PLAN (2023-2027)

TENDER No.:

SDCA/E0I/004/2023-2024

The consulting services ("the Services") entails provision of advisory services, to the state Department for Cabinet Affairs specifically in providing support to develope the State Department Strategic Plan for the year 2023-2027. With its establishment vide Executive Order No. 1 of January 2023, the State Department for Cabinet Affairs de- rives its Mandate from Executive Order No. 2 of November 2023 on the Organization of the Government of the Republic of Kenya. Its Mandate is as follows: Coordinate and facilitate Meetings of Cabinet Committees; Oversee Implementation of Cabinet decisions and Presidential Directives across all Ministries and State Departments; Co-ordinate the planning and supervise the implementation of development partners' funded programmes and projects; Oversee Public Sector Reforms; and Coordinate the implementation of Special Government Initiatives including Coffee, Tea and Diary sub-sectors Reforms, Fertilizer Subsidy Programme, Affordable Housing, Universal Health Care, among others.

Being newly established and coinciding with the Revised Guidelines for the Fifth Generation Strategic Plan for MDACs, Constitutional offices and Independent Offices, the State Department is urgently required to develop its first Strategic Plan for the Period 2023-2027 as guided by the State Department for Economic Planning. In tandem with its mandates, functions and approved Organizational Structure, the Plan will communicate the vision, mis- sion, core values and strategic objectives of the State Department and provides the medium to long-term strategic direction for the planned period.

Purpose and Objectives of the Assignment

The aim of this assignment is to develop the State Department for Cabinet Affairs Strategic Plan - 2023 – 2027. Being a new State Department, the assignment will also encompass the development of a stakeholders' engage- ment framework (with a mapping of all stakeholders, their roles, expectations, the State Departments expecta- tions, possible areas of collaboration/partnership, and engagement modalities), a resource mobilization strategy and a M&E framework (aligned to the MTP IV indicator framework). These are key policy documents which will enable the proper anchorage of the Department.

For impetus, the State Department, therefore finds it fit to engage the services of a Consultancy Firm to support the process by providing technical expertise in the development of its first Strategic Plan and its key components.

Specific Objectives

Develop a pragmatic methodology and instruments to be used for effective development of the Strategic Plan and its components.

- Assess the performance of the State Department in the context of the Executive Office of the President by conducting a strategic review and interrogating the role of the office in fulfillment of the mandate as well as developing a strategic framework that will facilitate the alignment of efforts, activities, and resources necessary to achieve long term objectives.
- Research and recommend for adoption of best practices in Government execution delivery management at the highest level.
- Prepare and submit a draft and final State Department for Cabinet Affairs Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 and its key components.

The State Department for Cabinet Affairs now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Consultancy Services in development of the State Department for Cabinet Affairs Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

The Consulting firm

- 1. Should have been involved in the development of strategic plans for at least five (5) public institutions and at least one (1) for non-state actors.
- 2. Should be registered under the laws of Kenya and should have been in operation for more than eight (8) years.
- 3. Should have been involved in the review of strategic plans in the public sector.
- 4. Should have been involved in the development of policies or strategic plans for economic/policy/

coordination-re- lated organizations in the last three (3) years.

(a). Other qualifications

- Quantitative/qualitative and analysis skills: Must have skills and expertise in the use of standard data manage- ment software and statistical analysis packages.
- Practical application of monitoring and evaluation methodologies & tools.
- Strategy formulation and implementation.
- · Broader experience in programme development.
- The ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- · Excellent communication, facilitation synthesis and organization skills.
- · Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- · Excellent and proven analytical skills.
- High-level written and oral communications skills in English.

Other additional qualifications:

- Proficiency in computer applications, & information communication technology.
- Knowledge of government institutions and operations.
- Endowed with adequate resources (both human and financial).
- Provide only the structure of the organization and the number of key staff. Do not provide CVs of key staff.

Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

- Attention to detail, superior organization skills and ability to operate within tight deadlines.
- Technical and managerial capability of the consulting firm which should be supported by detailed company profiles, organogram and any valid statutory and supporting documents (VAT, Tax compliance certificate, Audited Accounts for last three years and any other).
- The consulting firm must be legally registered and established in Kenya

Please Note: Do not provide CV of staff. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the Expression of Interest stage.

The consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (PPAD) Act, 2015 and Procurement Regulations 2020.

The duration of the consultancy services is expected to be **Five (5) months.**

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the as- sociation is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if calcuted

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a plain sealed envelope to the address below (in person, and to be dropped at tender box situated at Harambee House Annex 5th Floor and clearly indicating the REOI Number and should be re-ceived on or before 30th January 2024 at 11.00 hours, Kenya local time (GMT+3 hours).

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) should be addressed to:

Principal Secretary

State Department for Cabinet Affairs Office of The Deputy President,
Harambee House Annex 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 30744 - 00100
Tel: +254-20-3247000

Email procurement@cabinetaffairs.go.ke

The Expression of Interest will be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the Harambee House Annex Office of the Deputy President, The State Department for Cabinet Affairs, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi, Conference Room on 4th Floor, on Tuesday, 30th January, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

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CS spearheads reforms to enhance profitability among artisanal miners

BY GEORGE AGIMBA AND JANEMOLLY ACHIENG(KNA)

ining, Blue economy and maritime Laffairs Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has urged artisanal miners in Maccalder mines, Migori County to acquire proper documentation for their organisations in order to regularise and streamline their operations.

Speaking during a visit to the Macalder mining site in Migori County, Mvurya noted that there's need to ensure that continued reforms are made in the mining sector in order to make the industry profitable to all the players.

The CS pointed that his visit was key to ensuring that the Government gets relevant knowledge of the sites when it comes to protecting the interest of those working in the areas.

Mvurya noted that Migori, Homabay, Siaya, Kakamega and Vihiga are counties which have innovated gold processing and assured the players that availability of a stable market for the gold miners was assured



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Salim Mvurya and the Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for Mining Elijah Mwangi during their visit to Macalder Gold and Copper Mines in Nyatike, Migori County. PHOTO: JANEMOLLY ACHIENG.

"Macalder region also has good potential for copper and gold, we want to enhance value addition and processing of copper from this area," Mvurya said.

While outlining the two categories for mining, the small-scale miners and artisanal miners, the CS noted that the two have an opportunity to create a big investment in copper processing.

"Artisanal miners have already been engaged in the formation of cooperatives which will allow them to have permits that will

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qualify them to access capacity building training,' he noted.

At the same time, CS Mvurya emphasized the gazettement of copper and other minerals as the way to go and added that government is looking forward to developing and strengthening opportunities in copper investment. He encouraged women to venture into the mining sector and ensure that they also hold leadership positions in mining adding statistics show that a bigger percentage of those doing artisanal mining are women. The CS urged the miners to protect the environment by planting trees and cautioned them against working during heavy rains as a safety measure against mining accidents.

He also warned parents who engage minors in mining activities that they risk prosecution for violating labour laws.

"I have seen young children in the mining site and I would like to ask parents to keep children out of the mines," he said.

The CS promised to work closely with the county government, local leaders and the community to ensure that the potential of the mining site is enhanced and that the mining investment benefits the local commu-



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TENDER NOTICE

Bukura Agricultural College (BAC) is an ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institution established by Bukura Agricultural Act, 1999 to provide agricultural training through integration of research and Extension.

The College hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible and competent insurance firms to provide for Comprehensive Medical Insurance cover for BAC staff for F/Y 2023/2024 for the period ending 1st March 2025

TENDER NO.	DESCRPTION	CLOSING DATE	OPENING DATE	ELIGIBILITY
BAC/TC/41/2023-2024	Provision of Medical Insurance Services	29 th January, 2024	29 th January, 2024	OPEN TENDER

The mandatory requirements to be obtained from the college website, tender document & PPIP portal http://www.tenders.go.ke

Tender documents may be obtained from Supply Chain Management Office, located on the Ground floor of the Administration Block at the College, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of KShs.1000/= per set of tender documents at the accounts office or downloaded from http://www.tenders.go.ke or www.bukuracollege.ac.ke free of charge.

Prices quoted must be inclusive of all taxes, delivered at BAC and must remain firm for One Hundred and Twenty (120) days from the closing date of this tender notice. Two copies Completed tender documents in plain, sealed envelope(s) clearly marked with the respective "Tender Number" and bearing no indication of the tenderer(s) name should be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the entrance to Administrative Block or sent by post to:

> The Principal/CEO, **Bukura Agricultural College** P.O. Box 23-50105, BUKURA

So as to reach him not later than Tuesday, 29th January, 2024 at 10.00am and to be opened immediately thereafter, in **SEMINAR ROOM M1**, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

VACANCIES

Bukura Agricultural College is a government middle level College offering training in Agriculture and related fields. The College seeks to recruit and retain self-motivated, dynamic and result oriented person to fill the following vacancies.

S/No	DESCRIPTION	JOB GRADE	POST	TERMS OF REFERENCE	JOB REFERENCE
1.	Director Legal Services at	BAC 2	1	Three (3) years Contract renewable once upon satisfac- tory performance	BAC/RLS/01/2024/01 - Re-advertised
2.	Senior Legal Officer at	BAC 6	1	One (1) year Contract renewable once upon satisfac- tory performance	SLO/BAC5/2024/02 - Re-advertised
3.	Lecturers		8		
4.	Lecturer Veterinary Medicine	BAC6	2	permanent	LEC BVM/BAC6/2024/03
5.	Lecturer Agricultural Engineering	BAC6	1	permanent	LEC AGE/BAC6/2024/04
6.	Lecturer Animal Production	BAC6	2	permanent	LEC ANPD/BAC6/2025/05
7.	Lecturer Agronomy	BAC6	1	permanent	LEC AGRO/BAC6/2024/06
8.	Lecturer Home Economics	BAC6	1	permanent	LEC HOMEC/BAC6/2024/07
9.	Lecturer Horticulture	BAC6	1	permanent	LEC HORT/BAC6/2024/08
10.	Accounts Assistant	BAC 7	1	Permanent	ACC/AST/BAC6/2024/08
11.	Instructor	BAC 7	1	Permanent	INST BAC7/2024/09
12.	Library Assistant	BAC 7	1	Permanent	LIB BAC7/2024/10
13.	Office Administrator	BAC 7	1	Permanent	OA BAC7/2024/11
14.	Food Technician (Dairy)	BAC 8	1	Permanent	FTECHD BAC8/2024/12
15.	Artisan (Electrician)	BAC 10	1	Permanent	ARTEL BAC10/2024/13
16.	Driver	BAC 10	1	Permanent	DRV BAC9/2024/14

Closing dates 6th February, 2024

For details please visit our website **www.bukuracollege.ac.ke** and send application to.





NOTICE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) is established by the Political Parties Act, 2011 as a State Office within the meaning of Article 260 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The mandate of ORPP is to; register and regulate political parties as well as administer the Political Parties Fund.

In line with Section 5 (2) (a) of the Political Parties Act, 2011 the Registrar of Political Parties is in the process of provisionally registering the following proposed political parties:

Name	Party Colours	Party Symbol	Slogan	Founder Members
Imarisha Uchumi Party (IUP)	Grey, dark teal blue, white and sunrise yellow	Power line on post	"Inatuhusu"	Alex Kanyi Kimani Maxwell Ochieng Nduko Patricia Nduleve Nzambu
Peoples Forum for Rebuilding Democ- racy (PFRD)	Maroon, blue with red and green as minors	Ballpoint pen with blue signature at the tip	"The party to be, the change we want"	Elizabeth Nthenya Joshua Benard Ochieng Adera Bilha Mukani Njoroge

Particulars of the above listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website

Any objections may be presented in writing or in person within seven (7) days from the date of this notice to:-

The Registrar of Political Parties (RPP) Lion Place, 4th floor off-Waiyaki way, Karuna close, Westlands P O Box 1131-00606 Nairobi.

Email: registrar@orpp.or.ke.

Ann N. Nderitu. CBS **Registrar of Political Parties/CEO**





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DP unveils state support for Kenyan athletes through Talanta Hela initiative

BY VALARIE KOSURI (KNA)

The Deputy President, Rigathi Gachagua, has stated that the government will support Kenyan athletes in realizing their full potential through the Talanta Hela Initiative.

The Deputy President made these remarks while attending the Tinderet Barng'etuny Mountain Run National Championship in Tinderet constituency, Nandi County.

He disclosed that Kenyan athletes will receive the necessary support through the Talanta Hela Initiative to fully achieve their potential.

"The government will offer Kenyan athletes full support through the Talanta Hela initiative to help them achieve their full potential," said the Deputy President.

Rigathi praised Kenyan athletes, emphasizing that they have been a great source of inspiration to many Kenyans due to their resilience and determination to emerge as the best in the world.

"Our athletes have remained the shining light for many years, inspiring countless Kenyans with their resilience and determination to be the best in the world. They are a perfect representation of what hard work can deliver," said Rigathi.

The Deputy President lauded Tinderet Member of Parliament Julius Melly for



The Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (left), Marianne Kitany (C) and Nandi County Governor Stephen Sang.

organizing the mountain run adding that it is a perfect opportunity to nurture talent.

Gachagua also urged the County Commissioner of Nandi County Carolyne Mueni to tighten the fight against illicit brew in the County.

The Deputy President was accompanied by Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, athletics Kenya chairman Jackson Tuwei,

Our athletes have remained the shining light for many years, inspiring countless Kenyans Principal Secretary Peter Tum, Nandi women representative Cynthia Muge, Aldai MP Maryanne Kitanny, Mosop Constituency MP Abraham Kirwa, Emgwen MP Josses Lelmengit, Nandi Hills MP Bernard Kitur, Kipkelion West MP Hillary Kosgei, Kipkelion East MP Joseph Cherorot and EALA MP Zipporah Kering.

Others who attended the occasion included Mountain Run chairman Peter Angwenyi, Chepsaita Marathon Patron Farouk Kibet, National Police Service Commission CEO Peter Lelei, Nandi County Assembly Speaker Philemon Melly, Nandi County Commissioner Carolyne Mueni among other political leaders.



KENYA NATIONAL INNOVATION AGENCY



VACANT POSITIONS

The Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) is a State Corporation established under the STI Act, No. 28 of 2013 under the Ministry of Education with the mandate to develop and manage the National Innovation System.

The Agency invites applications from suitably qualified applicants to fill the following vacant positions:

#	#	DESIGNATION	GRADE	NO. OF POSTS	ADVERT NO.	TERMS OF SERVICE
1	1	Manager, Innovation and Commercialization	3	1	KENIA/1/2024	Permanent

TO APPLY

- 1. Go to https://innovationagency.go.ke/careers on your browser.
- 2. Click apply on the relevant position.
- Fill the form then submit.

Application Deadline 7th February, 2024



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

 The State Department for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development invites sealed bids from interested and eligible firms for the under mentioned item.

S/NO	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Security (Kshs)	Eligibility
1.	MOALD/SDA/IT/001/2023/2024	Leasing of the Public Sector owned/ Controlled Sugar Companies	10,000,000.00	Open

- Interested and eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, 4th Floor Room 4.1B or at our website: http://www.kilimo.go.ke
 http://www.tenders.go.ke
- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by potential candidates upon payment
 of non-refundable fee of Kshs.5,000 in cash or bankers' cheque or may be downloaded free
 of charge from the websites indicated above.
- 4. Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes with the respective tender numbers and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, Main Reception or addressed to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Box 30028-00100 Nairobi, so as to be received on or before Friday 15th February, 2024 at 11:00 am.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom Upper Floor.

Principal Secretary
State Department for Agriculture





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE

TENDER NOTICE

 The State Department for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development invites sealed bids (Framework Contracts) for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Financial Years from interested and eligible suppliers for the under mentioned items.

S/NO	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Security	Eligibility
1.	MOALD/SDA/FRM/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of seeds and seedlings	300,000	Open
2.	MOALD/SDA/FRM/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of computer and accessories		AGPO
3.	MOALD/SDA/FRM/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of General Office Stationary		AGPO
4.	MOLD/SDA/FRM/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Tyres, Tubes and Car batteries		AGPO

- Interested and eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,4th Floor Room 4.1B or at our website: http://www.kilimo.go.ke or PPIP Portal: http://www.tenders.go.ke
- A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by potential candidates upon payment of non-refundable fee of Kshs.2,000 in cash or bankers' cheque or may be downloaded free of charge from the websites indicated above.
- 4. Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes with the respective tender numbers and be deposited in the Tender Box at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, Main Reception or addressed to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Box 30028-00100 Nairobi, so as to be received on or before Friday 9th February,2024 at 11:00 am.
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of candidates or their designated representatives who choose to attend at Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, ASCU Boardroom Upper Floor.

Principal Secretary State Department for Agriculture



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Sagana poised to attain new status, courtesy of industrial hubs

BY DAVID WANDETO
(KNA)

agana, a renowned rural town in Kenya, is known for its historical role as an industrial hub and the inspiration for the rhumba song "Afro Mtoto wa Sagana."

Located in Kirinyaga County, this small old town snugly sits along Kenya's longest river, the Thagana, from which it derives its name. John Ngereza, the band leader for Orchestra Les Wanyika, met and fell in love with Margaret Wambui Mwangi, also known as Afro.

It is estimated that the town started around 1922, with the first permanent commercial building established by the colonial government in the 1930s.

The town was home to the only train station in the Mount Kenya region, which kept its lifeblood flowing, thanks to the Nairobi-Nanyuki railway line.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the

town was primarily known for hosting coffee, leather, fish, flour milling, oil depots, timber yards, and a vibrant hotel and entertainment industry, driven largely by the people working in the factories.

Sagana was known as a "haven for entertainment" where true and illicit love thrived. The town's entertainment industry was largely driven by the huge cash flow from the industries

Traders from Meru, Embu, Isiolo, Nyeri, and Murang'a relied on the railway line for goods transportation from Nairobi and Mombasa, with the town hosting numerous go-downs for storage.

The town's economy was a vibrant tapestry of trade, services, and manufacturing, and these industries were the engines of development and night escapades that made the town famous. The industries attracted a huge workforce from as far as the Rift Valley and Western Kenya.

However, the gradual decline of the country's railway transport network, which began in the 1980s, crippling one of Kenya's oldest transport infrastructures, did not spare Sagana.

The emerging industrial hub of the 1970s and 1980s died gradually, leaving behind a trail of desperation from business owners who had invested in the town.

Today, the town wears its

history like a proud badge, with its empty warehouses and closed gates to once vibrant industries speaking volumes of its glorious past.

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For Jeremiah Makimi, Kariti Ward Member of the County Assembly (MCA), the empty bricks-and-mortar are a stuck reminder of the bygone era of prosperity.

Makimi says that despite the economic downturn, the local community still holds on to its vibrant spirit and a testament to its resilience.





MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

KENYA WATER INSTITUTE

TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Water Institute hereby invites eligible and interested candidates to apply for the following framework Agreements/

NO.	D. TENDER NO. TENDER DESCRIPTION		ELIGI- BILITY	SAMPLE VIEWING
1.	KEWI/FWC/01/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of office stationery	AGPO	N/A
2.	KEWI/FWC/02/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of dry foodstuff	AGPO	N/A
3.	KEWI/FWC/03/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of cleaning materials	AGPO	N/A
4.	KEWI/FWC/04/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of Laboratory reagents and related materials	Open	N/A
5.	KEWI/FWC/05/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of fruits and vegetables	AGPO	N/A
6.	KEWI/FWC/06/2023-2025	Supply & Delivery of Meat and Meat Products, Poultry, Poultry Products and chicken Kienyeji, Fish, Sausages	AGPO	N/A
7.	KEWI/FWC/07/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of drilling materials	Open	N/A
8.	KEWI/FWC/08/2023-2025	Supply and delivery of Tonners and Cartridges.	AGPO	N/A
9.	KEWI/FWC/09/2023-2025	Supply & Delivery of Soft Drinks	AGPO	N/A
10.	KEWI/FWC/10/2023-2025	Supply & Delivery of Milk and Milk Products	Open	N/A
11.	KEWI/FWC/11/2023- 2025	Supply & Delivery of Bread and assorted Bakery items	Open	N/A
12.	KEWI/FWC/12/2023- 2025	Supply and Delivery of LPG, Fuels, Oils and Lubricants	Open	N/A
13.	KEWI/FWC/13/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Hardware, Timber Products & Building Materials	AGPO	N/A
14.	KEWI/FWC/14/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Electrical Fittings	AGPO	N/A
15.	KEWI/FWC/15/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Water Fittings	AGPO	N/A
16.	KEWI/FWC/16/2023-2025	Design, Supply and Delivery of Branded Promotional items and Merchandize	AGPO	24 th January 2024 at 11am.
17.	KEWI/FWC/17/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Branded Stationery Materials	AGPO	24 th January 2024 at 11am.
18.	KEWI/FWC/18/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Tires, Tubes and Batteries	Open	N/A
19.	KEWI/FWC/19/2023-2025	Hire of Tents, Domes, Tables, Chairs, Drapery, Décor, Lighting, PA Systems, Stage, Floor and all other Accessories	Open	N/A
20.	KEWI/FWC/20/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Airtime	AGPO	N/A
21.	KEWI/FWC/21/2023-2025	Provision of Sanitary Disposal Services	AGPO	N/A
22.	KEWI/FWC/22/2023-2025	Provision of Outsourced Conference and Accommodation Services (Hotels/Lodges/ Resorts)	Open	N/A
23.	KEWI/FWC/23/2023-2025	Provision of Transport Services (Buses/Taxis/ Car Hire/Mobile App Taxis)	Open	N/A
24.	KEWI/FWC/24/2023-2025	Supply and Delivery of Bottled water	Open	N/A

Interested and eligible firms may obtain further information from procurement office during normal working hours. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded **FREE of charge** from the institute website: **www.kewi.go.ke** or PPIP Portal: **supplier.treasury.go.ke**.

Duly completed tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender name and Number shall be sent to:

Director/CEO Kenya Water Institute P.O. Box 60013 - 00200, Nairobi Ole – Shapara Avenue, Nairobi South C

Or, dropped in the Tender Box situated at the Main Gate of Kenya Water Institute, main campus along Ole – Shapara Avenue, Nairobi South C and not any other place so as to reach the institute not later than 10:00am on 30th January 2024 at 10am.

Opening of the bid documents will be done immediately thereafter in the presence of applicants or their representatives who choose to attend.

Director/CEO Kenya Water Institute



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION

HORN OF AFRICA GROUND WATER FOR RESILIENCE PROJECT (HoAGW4RP)

Project No.:	P174867
Credit No.	IDA7082-KE

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FINALIZATION OF DRAFT TRANSBOUNDARY WATER POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER BILL

CONTRACT NO.: MOWSI/SDWS/HoAGW4RP/008/2023-2024 (KE-MOWI-353653-CS-QCBS)

- The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project (HoAGWARP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FINALIZATION OF DRAFT TRANSBOUNDARY WATER POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER BILL contract No.: MOWSI/SDWS/HoAGW4RP/008/2023-2024 (KE-MOWI-353653-CS-QCBS)
- 2. The objective of the assignment is to review and finalize the draft Transboundary Water policy and Develop Transboundary Water Bill. The Policy and the Bill documents prepared will fully inform the Government of Kenya (GOK) and its future decisions. The two documents will provide a clear framework for sustainable management of transboundary water resources, clarify roles and responsibilities, increase accountability, reduce conflict, improve the integrated management of resources, provide water security for present and future generations, and optimize public funds through more effective use of resources
- 3. The duration of the consultancy services will be for a period of **eighteen (18) months.**
- The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at Ministry's website www.water.go.ke and PPIP portal https://tenders.go.ke free of charge.
- 5. The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, State Department for Water and Sanitation now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short-listing criteria are:
 - i. Relevance and suitability of the applicant's core business to the assignment.
- ii. The consultancy firm should demonstrate experience of not less than ten (10) years in the following: Public Policy formulation, Legislation development, implementation and management, Legal Frameworks related to shared water resources implementation within the water sector and related policies, institutional reforms, Transboundary integrated water resources development, management and planning studies including ground and surface water environments, catchment management, stakeholders management and engagement, and including Transboundary water governance. (Proof of this including the references of the respective clients must be provided in the tender document)
- iii. Must have a good knowledge of policy formulation and governance in Kenya.iv. Demonstrated technical, managerial, administrative and financial capabilities of the firm.

Please Note: Key experts' bio data (CV) will not be evaluated at this stage.

- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's
 "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 and revised in October 2017, August 2018 and November 2020
 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 7. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- 8. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Section (QCBS) method set out in the
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 0900 to 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400Hrs) and public holidays.
- 10. Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person or by mail or by e-mail so as to be received on or before 6th February, 2024 at 1000 hours Local Time. For expressions of interest that will be deposited at the Tender Box on Ground Floor, Maji House, Ngong Road, Nairobi, the packages should be clearly marked "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FINALIZATION OF DRAFT TRANSBOUNDARY WATER POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER BILL contract No.: MOWSI/SDWS/HoAGW4RP/008/2023-2024 (KE-MOWI-353653-CS-QCBS)" addressed to:

Principal Secretary
Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation
State Department for Water and Sanitation
Maji House, Ngong Road, 2nd Floor Room No. 233
P.O. Box 49720-00100, Nairobi.
Tel: +254 20 2716103 Ext. 42335/42260

Email: hoagw4rp@water.go.ke/hoagw4rp@gmail.com Website: www.water.go.ke KENYA VISION 2030

Kenya takes center stage in global push for green energy

(PCO)

enya continues to solidify its status as La towering advocate for a shift to green energy on the global stage, as calls intensify for more strategic investments in the exploitation of minerals driving the transition to clean energy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, Salim Mvurya, emphasized that more efforts were needed to promote the exploitation of minerals critical to the green energy transition.

He challenged world governments to ensure that local communities benefited from the equitable distribution of benefits derived from such resources.

Mvurya spoke at the Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, where he joined other mining ministers from across the globe to represent Kenya in deliberations on fundamental aspects that emerged from COP 28 in Dubai last year regarding green energy.

Already the State Department for Mining has clas-



Mining CS Salim Mvurya at the Future Mineral Forum in Riyadh Saudi Arabia where he represented Kenya in talks on green energy transition.

sified minerals including copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt, and rare earth among others as strategic minerals. These are critical minerals that are at the heart of the country's drive towards green energy transition.

"Kenya is part of the global economy seeking to deliver tangible contributions to the critical energy transition targets. As a country, we are focused on participating actively for the

benefit of our great nation and mining communities," said the CS.

The CS further highlighted the significant progress achieved in the mining sector to spur growth and position Kenya as a preferred mining destination. He said the country was developing a Mineral Value Addition and Processing Policy to guide in sustainable exploitation of local minerals.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM, WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE

INVITATION TO TENDER

Date:	28th January 2024
Tender No.:	SDW/ONT/011/2023-2024
TENDER NAME:	PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF CABINET SECREATRY'S OFFICE AT NSSF BUILDING BLOCK A 20^{1H} FLOOR FOR STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE

- The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, State Department for Wildlife invites sealed bids from interested bidders for the Proposed Refurbishment of Cabinet Secretary's Office at NSSF Building Block A 20th Floor for State Department for Wildlife
- 2. Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method using standardized tender document
- 3. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested tenderers
- 4. Interested eligible candidates may obtain the tender document from www.tenders.go.ke or ism.go.ke free of charge. Further information can be obtained at Supply Chain Management Unit, NSSF Building Block 'A' 15th floor P.O. Box 41394 - 00100 Nairobi, during normal working hours (from 0800hrs and 1700hrs)
- Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes and must be expressed in Kenya shillings and shall remain valid for a period of 156 days from the closing date of the tender.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security/bid bond inform of bank guarantee from a bank or insurances approved by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) of Kshs. 800,000.00.
- The tenderer shall chronically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted
- Application in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked must be sent to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Wildlife, P. O. Box 41394 - 00100, Nairobi or deposited into the Tender Box on the 15th floor, NSSF Building Block 'A', so as to reach us on or before Wednesday 31st January 2024
- Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend the tender opening on indicated in the advert at the NSSF Building.
- 10. Tenderers who download the tender document and require clarification must forward their particulars at least 7 days before the tender closing date to the head of procurement to facilitate any further clarification
- 11. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date. The tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of tenderers or designated representatives
- 12. Late tenders shall be rejected.

Silvia Museiya CBS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

INVITATION TO TENDER





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INVITATION TO TENDER

NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGN-GDD-001-2024	Tender for Supply of Two Special- ized High Load Capacity 8-Axle Low Bed Semitrailers. (Manufacturers).	Open National	5 th February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
2	KGN-GDD-002-2024	Tender for Supply of Transient Electromagnetic (TEM), TEM Reels and Cables.	Citizen Contractors	5 th February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.
3	KGN-SONDU-001- 2024	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Machine Runner for Sang'oro Power Station.	Citizen Contractors	6 th February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
4	KGN-OPS-001-2024	Tender for Supply of Secondary Injection Test Set for Garissa Solar Plant.	Citizen Contractors	6 th February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.
5	KGN-HR-001-2024	Tender for Provision of Training Needs Analysis for Performance Improvement.	Citizen Contractors	7 th February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
6	KGN-HYD-001-2024	Tender for supply of Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines and Non- Pharmaceuticals for KenGen clinics. (Framework Agreement for Two Years).	Citizen Contractors	7 th February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.
7	KGN-PROC-001-2024	Tender for Provision of Clearing and Forwarding Services (Additional Agents).	Citizen Contractors	8 th February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
8	KGN-SONDU-002- 2024	Tender for Design, Supply, Installa- tion and Commissioning of Sondu Intake Gates Automation PLC and Spill Warning Siren.		8 th February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.
		There shall be a Mandatory site visit on 24th January, 2024 starting at 10.00 a.m. at Sondu Miriu Power station.		

Interested firms may obtain further information from the office of the General Manager-Supply Chain, Tel: (254) (020) 3666230, Email: tenders@kengen.co.ke on normal working days beginning on the date of advert. Bidders who are unable to download the tender documents from the website may collect them from any KenGen Supply Chain Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **KShs.1**, **000.00** paid via Mpesa, pay bill no. 400200 and account no. 01120069076000, then share the MPesa message to KenGen Finance office staff for receipt and issuance of official receipt.

The document can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.kengen.co.ke, on E-procurement https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal and on PPIP portal https://tenders.go.ke

Bidders are advised to refer to the website and on e-procurement regularly for any additional information /clarifications/addenda. Downloaded copies are FREE.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

- Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal
- found on the KenGen website (**www.kengen.co.ke**) Bidders who are interested in this tender MUST ensure that they are registered in the E-Pro-
- curement Portal. Please ensure compliance to the following;
 For suppliers registering for the first time ensure the "Public Procurement" checkbox is ticked so that the login details are sent to suppliers automatically.

 - All documents **Must** be uploaded to the SRM System through the **https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal** found at **www.kengen.co.ke**Prices to be entered under item of the RFx shall be similar to be prices in the price sched-

Note; Those Bidder who have submitted their bids and wish to amend them further should not click on WITHDRAW but click on EDIT to enable them amend their bid response and make

Bidders who require any form of assistance on how to bid via the system are advised to download a manual from the website or may contact eprocurement@kengen.co.ke

Tender Security:

Electronic Tender Securities are acceptable subject to:

- Attachment of a scanned copy to the bid document.
- Submission of the e-security to the address indicated below in plain sealed envelope clearly
- Such E-Security can be verified by use of a Quick Response (QR) code Such E-Security can be verified via the issuing institution's online portal.

Where a non-electronic security is submitted, the hard copy of the Original Tender Security in the form and amount specified must be delivered in plain sealed **envelope clearly labelled with the tender number and tender description** before the closing date and Time to the following address:

General Manager- Supply Chain, Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC, 9th Floor, KenGen Pension Plaza II, P.O. Box 47936, 00100 NAIROBI

Tenders will be opened **online** soon after the closing time in the presence of the candidates' representatives who choose to attend at KenGen Pension Plaza II, Tender opening room, 6th floor.

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Committee mediates dispute between County and National Governments on ECDE centers

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU(KNA)

The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) plans to arbitrate a simmering dispute between the county and national governments over the management of Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) centers in the country.

Speaking to the press in Naivasha, the Chair of IG-RTC, Kithinji Kiragu, stated that the committee will hold consultations on the recommendations related to the implementation of the pre-primary function as envisioned in the law.

The decision to convene the consultative meeting comes amid allegations by the Council of Governors (COG) that the national government has taken over the function of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) in accordance with the commendation by the Presidential Working



The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) Chair; Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Kithinji Kiragu speaking to the press in Naivasha.

Party on Education Reforms recommended the transfer (PWPER). PWPER, in its report released early last year,

of the management of over 30,000 ECDE centers, cur $rently\,under\,the\,jurisdiction$ of County Governments, to the national government.

Kiragu said the PWPER only made a recommendation and has no power to transfer any function from one government to another.

"In view of this confusion, there is need for more consultations between the two levels of government on the matter before an agreement can be reached," Kiragu said adding that as it stands now, the ECDE function can only be transferred through changing the Constitution or by an Intergovernmental agreement signed by both parties.

He further said that in this regard and under IG-RTC mandate as provided in the Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012, his committee had written to the two levels of government inviting them to a consultative meeting on 16th, January 2024 to try and reach an amicable solution to this impasse.

"IGRTC notes that there was need for further consultations between the two levels of government, arising from the issues raised by the Council of Governors and also acknowledging the Constitutional tenets on consultations and co-

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operation between the two levels of government, and the positive impact of harmonious relations to public service delivery, IGRTC beseeches the two levels of government to leverage on the Constitutional and statutory provisions that pave way for continuous consultations," Kiragu stated.

The Chair, who was accompanied by the IGRTC Board members, said it is in this spirit and in furtherance of its mandate, that his board echoes its invitation to the two levels of government for consultations and reiterated its commitment to providing a neutral platform for such consultations with the sole objective of facilitating coordinated, seamless and quality public service delivery.

"We are neutral and will remain so, in order to provide professional and technical advice to the two levels of governments so that they can work together for the people of Kenya,' the IGRTC chair observed.

To this end, Kiragu implored the two levels of government to adopt the continuous consultations approach to amicably resolve the standoff given the concerns raised by the COG over the proposed recommendations

He noted that the committee is on course on the unbundling of functions as per its mandate to beat the February 2024 deadline as directed by President William Ruto in a bid to ensure seamless service delivery between the two levels of government.

The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) is a state agency established by an Act of Parliament which is the Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012.

It's intended to promote and facilitate cooperative decision-making and ensure that policies and activities across all spheres encourage service delivery meet the needs of the citizens effectively and ensure harmonious coexistence between the governments through cooperation, consultation, and coordination.



RELEASE OF THE RESULTS FOR THE DECEMBER 2023 CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY PROFESSIONAL OF KENYA (CPSP-K) AND ASSOCIATE IN PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF **KENYA (APS-K) EXAMINATIONS**

KISEB wishes to inform candidates who sat for CPSP and APS December 2023 examinations that the results have been released and can be accessed from the student portal; https://students.kiseb.or.ke/

APPEALS FOR REVIEW OF MARKING

Any appeals for review of marking should be submitted online through the student portal; https://students.kiseb or.ke/ on or before Friday, 26th January, 2024. The appli cation should be submitted with evidence of payment of the re-marking fee.

EXAMINATION NOTICE - APRIL 2024 EXAMINATIONS

Monday, 22nd April, 2024 to Thursday, 25th April, 2024

Note: Candidates are advised to make early arrangements, including seeking permission from the employers, where applicable, to ensure they sit for the examinations.

CPSP-K: CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY PROFESSIONAL OF KENYA

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CPSP-K MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Degree with at least 480 credits in relevant subject areas or equivalent prior learning experience and/ or a qualification in the relevant subject area or 600 credits after KNQA Level 2, Diploma/APS-K, KCSE

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This course is designed to equip learners with foundational knowledge, practical skills and attitudes that will enable them to possess transferrable skills, operational and tactical skills.

APS-K STRUCTURE

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LEVEL III: Logistics Management, Supply Chain Information Systems, Finance in Supply Chains, Project Management, Operations Management. Asset Management, Costing and Budgeting, Industry-based Learning.

APS-K MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) aggregate average of at least grade C- (minus), or Division II. KACE one principal or an equivalent qualification, Certificate of experiential learning, KNQA Level 5.

EXEMPTIONS

Candidates may apply for exemptions in Certified Procurement and Supply Professional examinations. Exemptions will be granted on a paper-by-paper basis. Information on how to apply for exemptions is available on www.kiseb. or.ke. Candidates seeking exemptions for April 2024 sitting must make an online application by 15th accompanied by required attachments.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION ENTRY

The closing date for the APRIL 2024 examinations will be Friday 22nd March, 2024.

Course brochure and other information on CPSP-K & APS-K Examinations can be downloaded on the KISEB website and obtained from KISEB, KISM and kasneb offices.

HOW TO REGISTER AND BOOK EXAMINATIONS

ALL registration processes and bookings are made online through the student portal; https://students.kiseb.or.ke/

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- Method of fee payment: Payments are ONLY done through student portal on the eCitizen Pay gate
- All Continuing students of KISEB are required to annually renew their registration status immediately they receive the December results. (CPSP-K, ksh. 1,500 and APS-K, Ksh. 1,200)

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Government to deal with cartels obstructing UHC

NAMWALO (KNA)

ealth Cabinet Secretary ■Ms. Susan Nakhumicha is urging Governors to seal all loopholes in the health sector that have led to compromised service delivery in most healthcare facilities in their devolved units.

Speaking in Busia after an inspection tour of facilities, Ms. Nakhumicha said that despite the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) supplying medical drugs to the counties in large quantities, most healthcare facilities lack necessary pharmaceutical supplies across the board.

for many years, has been hijacked by cartels who controlled the KEMSA and NHIF scheme. We must remain vigilant if we want to restore order in the sector," said Ms. Nakhumicha.

The CS stated that she will uproot the cartels in the Ministry of Health amidst the ongoing tussle between the government and other stakeholders on healthcare reforms.

"We are aware of cartels sponsoring court cases to derail the Universal Health Care (UHC) plan, but the government is up to the task to ensure the success of the

"The health sector, program," she added.

The CS was speaking after meeting Community Health Promoters in Busia to assess the success of the program so far.

This comes after the government distributed Health kits to CHPs to aid them in championing preventive care as opposed to curative.

"I am happy to confirm that all CHPs have received their kits and capacity building training. The government remains committed to ensuring welfare of CHPs is attended to," Nakhumicha added. The CS noted that the reforms, especially at the National Hos-



Susan Nakhumicha, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health during a visit to Busia County Referral Hospital to assess the situation at the facility

pital Insurance Fund (NHIF), which is now the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), are unstoppable. "We will not bow or accept blackmail anymore. The people who are opposing Universal Health Care (UHC) are those who have been benefiting from corruption in the

Ministry of Health," she said.

According to the CS, individuals sponsoring court cases have private hospitals which have more claims for surgeries than government health facilities like Kenyatta and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospitals.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND **HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

THE 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF AND **HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

The Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service has developed the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. The Plan has been developed in recognition for a cohesive and well-coordinated approach in the implementation of the Bottom Up-Economic Transformation

The Plan presents the Architectural Strategy of the Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service on the **Supervision and Coordination** of the entire Public Service on behalf of H.E. the President for harmonious and efficient operation of Government.

This is to invite the public and stakeholders to share their comments for consideration and input.

Comments should be sent to the email:**strategicplan@headofpublicservice.go.ke** and should be received not later than **Friday 19th, 2024** by 5:00pm

For more information visit: www.headofpublicservice.go.ke





JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Human Resource Manager Job Group "Q"

National Museums of Kenya is a state corporation established by an Act of Parliament, the Museums and Heritage Act 2006. NMK is a multi-disciplinary institution whose role is to collect, preserve, study, document and present Kenya's past and present cultural and natural heritage. This is for the purposes of enhancing knowledge, appreciation, respect and sustainable utilization of these resources for the benefit of Kenya and the world, for

It is in line with the need to realize the above mandate that NMK management is seeking to recruit a suitable and qualified person to fill the position of Human Resource Manager Job Group "Q"

(a) Position Functions:

The holder of the position will report to the Director Administration and Human Resource and will be responsible for the following specific functions:

The duties of Human Resource Manager include:-

- Implementation of human resource management strategies that include; human resource planning, training and development, employee compensation, health and safety, employee welfare and benefits and succession planning;
- Manage selection, recruitment and induction of staff;
- Interpreting and administering NMK Career Progression Guidelines and Human Resource Policies and Procedures;
- Coordinate payroll administration;
- Coordinate preparation and implementation of annual Human Resource Management budget;
- Performance management; oversee the performance appraisal process and goal setting
- vii) Preparing and submitting on regular basis to the Director of Human Resource & Administration written report on Human Resources Management issues;
- viii) Handling industrial relations;
- Initiate best practices in the management of Human Resource Management and Development function

(b) Requirements for appointment

- Be in possession of Master's Degree in Human Resource Management or Business Administration or a related field from a recognized institution;
- Be in possession of Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management or Business Administration or a related field from a recognized institution;
- iii. At least seven years' relevant work experience, three (3) of which should be at Senior Management
- Must have shown ability and merit in job performance;
- Proficiency in computer applications.
- Membership to a relevant professional body will be an added advantage;

Terms of Service: Three (3) years contract, renewable based on performance. Work station: National Museums of Kenya's headquarters in Nairobi.

Qualified and interested candidates may apply enclosing a detailed resume, certified copy of their current pays lip, certified copies of academic and professional certificates plus testimonials, names and addresses of three (3) referees including their telephone contacts and emails.

Applications should be addressed to: The Chairman, Board of Directors, National Museums of Kenya, P.O. Box 40658 - 00100, Nairobi, Kenya

The application should be placed in a plain envelop clearly marked "Application for the Position of Human Resource Manager" and dropped in the box marked "Applications for the Position of Human Resource Manager" placed outside the Director General's Office on 2nd Floor, Heritage Centre, National Museums of Kenya HQs in Nairobi NOT LATER than 30th January, 2024, 5.00pm.

Note: NMK is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are informed that any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.





JOB ADVERTISEMENT

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL REPOSITORY AND RESEARCH (DNRR), **JOB GROUP "S"**

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It is in line with the need to realize the above mandate that NMK management is seeking to recruit suitable and qualified persons to fill the position of the Director National Repository and Research. Reporting to the Director General, the duties and responsibilities of the qualified candidate under this position will be as follows:

(a) Duties and Responsibilities

In collaboration with other Directors and the Director General Office, he/she contributes to the formulation and implementation of the overall NMK Research policies and strategic planning.

- i). Implementation and co-ordination of the programmes and activities of a large multi-disci-plinary research team and advising the Director General on their progress;
- Monitoring performance and evaluating staff and team working in the Directorate;
- iii). Administering and allocating resources from the Directorate budgets to the departments, and overseeing expenditure;
- iv). Promoting National/international institutional partnership with relevant research institution, government departments and stockholders;
- Ensuring effective internal communication flow of information within the Directorate and with other
- vi). Liaise with Director of HR and Administration for effective staffing and staff development.

(b) Requirements for appointment

- i). Have served in the grade of Senior Research Scientist or an equivalent position in a reputable research organization for at least five (5) years;
- Be in possession of a relevant PhD Degree;
- iii). Published at least seven (7) scientific articles in peer review scientific journals as a first author;
- Demonstrated success in generating research funds for the specified area of study of not less than
- Organized at least seven (7) seminars and workshops; and vi). Have shown exemplary administrative and leadership capabilities.

Terms of Service: Three (3) years contract, renewable once based on performance. Qualified and interested candidates may apply enclosing a detailed resume, certified copy of their current payslip, certified copies of academic and professional certificates plus testimonials, names and addresses of three (3) referees including their telephone contacts and emails. The applications should be addressed to: The Chairman, Board of Directors, National Museums of Kenya, PO Box 40658 - 00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

The application should be placed in a plain envelop clearly marked "Application for the Position of Director, National Repository & Research" or dropped in the box marked "Applications for the Position of Director, National Repository & Research" placed outside the Director General's Office on 2nd Floor, Heritage Centre, National Museums of Kenya HQs in Nairobi not later than 30th January, 2024

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Gov't to invest Sh5b in New KCC to improve efficiency

resident William Ruto has announced that the government is investing Sh5 billion in the modernization of the New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (KCC) to improve efficiency and increase its processing capacity.

The goal is to enable the facility to handle the entire volume of milk produced by

Additionally, the President has instructed KCC to initiate payments of Sh50 per liter to milk farmers, starting from March 1, with a directive to maintain a stable pricing structure.

Furthermore, he emphasized that, as of July 1, farmers will receive payments every 15 days, aiming to eliminate issues like milk hawking, which arises when farmers experience delays in receiving payments, stretching up to two or three months.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony of the upgraded New KCC in Nyahururu, Laikipia County, the President highlighted the government's commitment to assisting farmers in acquiring high-quality animal breeds that require less feed, ultimately maximizing

He also pledged the government's support in enhancing farmers' access to seasonal credit through the Agricultural Finance Corporation, with a dedicated allocation of KSh10 billion for this purpose.

At the same time, President Ruto assured farmers that they will get this season's fertiliser on time at a subsidised price of KSh2,500. "Investing in agriculture is the best way to create wealth and expand opportunities for the people and reduce the cost of living and food," he said.

Deputy President Rigathi

Gachagua said reforms in the agricultural sector have been successful, citing improved earnings by tea, coffee and milk farmers.

"The last bonus has been the highest in the history of tea farming in the country," he said.

Earlier, President Ruto commissioned the tarmacking of access roads in Lamu-

As we speak we have 120,000 youth working in various affordable housing projects across the country

ria, Laikipia County and also laid the foundation stone for the construction of the 200unit Nanyuki Affordable Housing Project which will generate more than 1,000 jobs.

On infrastructure, the President said that the government is expanding the Nairobi Commuter Railway Services to address traffic congestion in the Nairobi Metropolitan.

President Ruto said the project will give Kenyans affordable and reliable transport solutions, connecting people to services and economic opportunities.

He said the government has secured funds for the revitalization of transport infrastructure projects in Nairobi among them the Riruta- Ngong- Kiserian-Ongata Rongai commuter

"This rail has the capacity of transporting thousands of people every day, thereby reducing traffic congestion on our roads."

He noted that the rail would reduce the cost of transport within the city by half, contributing to the overall reduction in the cost of living.

He made the remarks during the launch of the construction of the 12.5 Kilometre Riruta-Ngong Commuter Rail line that will run through Riruta, Karen, Bulbul and Ngong' stations.

The President said the government is implementing such projects to create jobs for the youth.

The government, he added, will also construct affordable houses in Ngong, aiming to generate additional opportunities for the

"As we speak we have 120,000 youth working in various affordable housing projects across the country,' he added.

Mr Gachagua said the implementation of infrastructure projects will facilitate the movement of people and goods, thereby opening up the country for business.

Mr Murkomen said the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit will resume in January next year to complement the rail system.

KENYA RAILWAYS

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON KENYA RAILWAYS DRAFT 2023 – 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN.

Kenya Railways is a State Corporation established under CAP 397 of the laws of Kenya to develop, maintain and provide safe and reliable rail services.

The Corporation has developed its Strategic Plan for the period 2023–2027 in line with guidelines provided for preparation of the fifth generation of Strategic Plans for Ministries, Departments and State Agencies. The guidelines were issued by the State Department for Economic Planning.

The Kenya Railways 2023 -2027 Strategic Plan sets out the Corporation's strategic focus for the five year period as it pursues to be a provider of world-class rail services.

This is to invite members of the public and stakeholders to submit comments on the plan.

The document can be accessed in the Corporation's website, https://krc.co.ke. Please send your feedback to Mr. Job Otiwa via skitsao@krc.co.ke so as to be received on or before 24th January, 2024.

Managing Director









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2.	Assistant Manager, Investment Promotion (New Advertisement)	1	EPZA 4	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/02/01/2024			
3.	Principal ICT Officer	1	EPZA 5	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/03/01/2024			
4.	Human Resource Officer	1	EPZA 7	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/04/01/2024			
5.	Assistant Office Administrator	1	EPZA 7	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/05/01/2024			
6.	Human Resource Assistant	1	EPZA 9	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/06/01/2023			
7.	Office Administrative Assistant	1	EPZA 9	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/07/01/2024			
8.	Driver	3	EPZA 11	Permanent & Pensionable	EPZA/08/01/2024			

Application Requirements

Suitably qualified candidates should apply online in confidence using the GOOGLE FORMS and clearly indicate the Job Reference and the job applied for. Job descriptions can be downloaded from the 'Careers' section at www.epzakenya.com. Candidates should also attach a detailed curriculum vitae, copies of academic and professional certificates, testimonials and National Identity Card.

Additional Requirements

Successful candidates will be expected to fulfill the requirement of Chapter Six of the Constitution by providing originals of the following documents; Police Clearance Certificate from the Directorate of Criminal Investiga-

- Clearance/Compliance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
- b. Tax compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority
- Clearance from the Ethics & Anti-corruption Authority (EACC) and
- d. Clearance from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

All applications should be filled and submitted not later than 29th January 2024 at midnight East Africa Time. Export Processing Zones Authority is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and gender equality. Women and persons with disability are encouraged to apply. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.





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No	Tender No	Item/Service Description	Closing Date / Time	Targeted Group
1.	KMA/ONT/18/2023-2024			Youth, Women & PWDs
2.	KMA/ONT/19/2023-2024	Provision of Medical Insurance Covers to KMA staff and Board Members	30 th January, 2024 at 10.00 am	Open
3.	KMA/ONT/20/2023-2024	Provision of Group Life Assurance Cover to KMA Staff	30 th January, 2024 at 10.00 am	Open

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document free of charge from the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) website; www.kma.go.ke under "Tenders" portal and/or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) https://www.tenders.go.ke respectively. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant) to email; procurement@kma.go.ke and/or info@kma.go.ke for purposes of registration and any further tender clarifications and addendum.

Original, Completed Tender documents plus one copy should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with tender reference name & number and should be deposited in the Tender Box located at 4th Floor of Kenya Maritime Authority's Headquarter Offices; KMA Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa addressed to: -

> Director General **Kenya Maritime Authority** P. O. Box 95076-80104 MOMBASA

so as to be received on or before 30th January, 2024 at 10,00am

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the 4th Floor KMA Board Room- KMA Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Late tenders will not be accepted.



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NORTHERN WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NWWDA)



INVITATION TO TENDER

Northern Water Works Development Agency a State Corporation in the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation has received funds from the National Treasury towards the cost of financing water projects and intends to use part of these funds to cover eligible payment under the Contract as tabulated below

S/ No	Tender No	Description	County/ Constitu- ency	Eligibility	Tender Security in Kshs	Closing Date/Time
1	NWWDA/T/CW/ 005/2023-2024	Construction of Wayama Jibril Water Pan	Garissa - Lagdera	Citizen Contractors	600,000.00	30-01-2024 11.00 am
2	NWWDA/T/CW/ 006/2023-2024	Construction of Yagora Water pan	Garissa - Balambala	Reserved for PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration	30-01-2024 11.00 am
3	NWWDA/T/CW/ 007/2023-2024	Construction of Jarirot Water pan	Garissa - Township	Reserved for Women	Tender Securing Declaration	30-01-2024 11.00 am
4	NWWDA/T/CW/ 008/2023-2024	Construction of Rubaale Water Pan	Garissa - Dadaab	Citizen Contractors	750,000.00	30-01-2024 11.00 am
5	NWWDA/T/CW/ 009/2023-2024	Construction of Kora Kora Water Supply	Garissa - Township	Citizen Contractors	400,000	30-01-2024 11.00 am
6	NWWDA/T/DB/ 010/2023-2024	Drilling of Sigaley Borehole	Garissa - Balambala	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	30-01-2024 11.00 am
7	NWWDA/T/CW/ 011/2023-2024	Construction of Hulba Dur Water pan	Garissa - Dadaab	Citizen Contractors	250,000.00	30-01-2024 11.00 am
8	NWWDA/T/CW/ 012/2023-2024	Construction of Bananey Pan	Wajir – Wa- jir West	Reserved for Women	Tender Securing Declaration	31-01-2024 11.00 am
9	NWWDA/T/CW/ 013/2023-2024	Rehabilitation of Andaraka Water pan	Wajir – Wa- jir North	Reserved for Youth	Tender Securing Declaration	31-01-2024 11.00 am
10	NWWDA/T/CW/ 014/2023-2024	Construction of Gedma Ugas Water pan	Wajir – Wa- jir South	Citizen Contractors	400,000.00	31-01-2024 11.00 am
11	NWWDA/T/DB/ 015/2023-2024	Drilling of Handaki Borehole	Wajir- Wajir East	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	31-01-2024 11.00 am
12	NWWDA/T/CW/ 016/2023-2024	Construction of Sere ollipi Water pan	Samburu- East	Reserved for Youth	Tender Securing Declaration	31-01-2024 11.00 am
13	NWWDA/T/CW/ 017/2023-2024	Construction of Ogor wein Water pan	Mandera - North	Citizen Contractors	150,000.00	31-01-2024 11.00 am
14	NWWDA/T/CW/ 018/2023-2024	Construction of Korahin- di Water pan	Mandera - East	Reserved for Youth, Women & PWDs	Tender Securing Declaration	31-01-2024 11.00 am
15	NWWDA/T/DB/ 019/2023-2024	Drilling of Al Zakhat Borehole	Isiolo-Isiolo South	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am
16	NWWDA/T/DB/ 020/2023-2024	Drilling of Oldonyiro Ward Borehole 3	Isiolo-Isiolo North	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am
17	NWWDA/T/CW/ 021/2023-2024	Construction of Ele bor Water pan	Marsabit - Moyale	Reserved for Youth	Tender Securing Declaration	01-02-2024 11.00 am
18	NWWDA/T/DB/ 022/2023-2024	Drilling of Mata arba Borehole	Marsabit - Saku	Citizen Contractors	150,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am
19	NWWDA/T/CW/ 023/2023-2024	Construction of Ririma Water pan	Marsabit - Laisamis	Citizen Contractors	300,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am
20	NWWDA/T/CW/ 024/2023-2024	Construction of Sarai/ Mbagas Water Pan	Marsabit - Laisamis	Reserved for Youth	Tender Securing Declaration	01-02-2024 11.00 am
21	NWWDA/T/DB/ 025/2023-2024	Drilling of Arapal Borehole	Marsabit - Laisamis	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am
22	NWWDA/T/DB/ 026/2023-2024	Drilling of Moite Borehole	Marsabit - Laisamis	Citizen Contractors	100,000.00	01-02-2024 11.00 am

PWDs- Persons With Disabilities

Tender documents may be obtained by Interested eligible bidders by downloading free of charge from NWWDA website: www.nwwda.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke. Upon downloading bidders must immediately send/email their names and contact details to info@nwwda.go.ke for recording and issuance of any clarifications if any.

Addendum/Clarifications will also be posted in the NWWDA website immediately they become available.

Complete tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the tender number should be deposited in the tender box at Northern water Works Development Agency, ground floor, maji house kismayo road Garissa and addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer Northern Water Works Development Agency P.O. Box 495-70100 GARISSA

Tenders will be opened at **11.30 am** same day in the conference room in the presence of the tenderers representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will not be accepted.





COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



INSTITUTIONAL LICENSING STATUS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

Under the provisions of Sections 2, 8 (1) (b), 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 48 of the Legal Education Act No. 27 of 2012, the following are the ONLY Licensed Legal Education Providers and Legal Education Programmes in Kenya as indicated respectively in each cluster.

<u> </u>	MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMME		
	NAME OF INSTITUTION FACULTY/	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Strathmore Law School	Master of Laws	License valid until 19 th November, 2024
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 23 rd March, 2026
3	Catholic University of Eastern Africa	Master of Laws	License valid until 20 th June, 2028
4	Faculty of Law Jomo Kenyatta University of Agricul-	(LL.M.) Master of Laws	License valid until 20 th June, 2028
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1	Daystar University School of Law – Valley Road Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 31st July 2023. Renewal of License ongoing.
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 31st July 2023. Renewal of License ongoing.
3	University of Nairobi Faculty of Law - Kisumu Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 31st July 2023. Institution has not applied for renewal of license.
4	Kisii University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th April 2024
5	University of Embu School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th April 2024
6	Umma University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) & Sharia	License valid until 24 th September 2025
7	Africa Nazarene University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
8	Chuka University Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
9	Moi University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10 th December 2025
10	University of Nairobi Faculty of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws	License valid until 10 th December 2025
11	Egerton University Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th June, 2026
12	Kabarak University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16 th June 2026
13	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
14	Strathmore Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
15	Maseno University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November, 2027
16	South Eastern University of Kenya School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29 th November 2027
17	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agricul- ture & Technology School of Law	Bachelor of Laws	License valid until 20 th June 2028
(c)	DIPLOMA IN LAW PROGRAMME	(LL.B.)	
1	Mount Kenya University School of Law – Parklands Campus Faculty of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 6th November 2023. Renewal of License ongoing.
2	Kisii University School of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 16 th April 2024.
3	Kenya Institute of Management	Diploma in Law & Management	License valid until 19th November 2024. Institution wa
4	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 29th November 2027
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1	Daystar University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	The Institution applied for renewal of license on 3 rd July 2023. Council inspected the Institution on 19th
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and Diplo- ma in Law	October 2023. Pending determination by Council. The Institution applied for renewal of license and audited on 5 th April 2023. Council inspected the Institution on 26 th October 2023. Pending determination by Council.
3	Kenya School of Law	Diploma in Law (Para Legal Studies)	The Institution was inspected by Council on 1*November 2023. Pending determination by Council
4	Riara Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	The Institution applied for renewal of license on 9 th September 2022. Council inspected the Institution on 26 th May 2023. Pending determination by Council.
5	Kenyatta University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws	The Institution applied for renewal of license on 7 th

Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, HSC Ag. SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



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Lamu's Bixa farmers seek Government support for sustainable growth and development of sub-sector

BY AMENYA OCHIENG (KNA)

Parmers in Lamu County have urged the national government to accelerate efforts aimed at revitalizing Bixa farming, a once-thriving cash crop in the area that has faced a decline in recent years.

The call for action was made during a stakeholders' validation workshop held in Mpeketoni, Lamu West Sub-County, organized by the AFA-Miraa, Pyrethrum, and Other Industrial Crops Directorate.

Stakeholders along the Bixa value chain, including farmers, processors, and exporters, gathered to discuss the proposed Crops (Bixa) Regulations of 2023.

These regulations are envisioned to establish a comprehensive framework for sustainable growth and development within the Bixa industry in Kenya. Bixa Orellana, which flourished as a cash crop in Lamu during the 1990s and early 2000s, experienced a downturn in trade primarily due to poor prices.

This saw farmers in Lamu



Javas Mwangi Ahongwe giving his views over the plight of Bixa Farming during a stake-holders' validation forum held in Mpeketoni over the proposed Crops (Bixa) Regulations of 2023. PHOTOS: AMENYA OCHIENG.

shift their cultivation focus to cotton, further impacting the Bixa farming landscape.

Samuel Waruinge, Secretary-General of the Lake Kenyatta Farmers Association, noted that the revival of Bixa farming hinges on critical support in the form of subsidies and improved pricing.

He highlighted the detrimental role played by unscrupulous brokers in the decline of Bixa farming along the coastal region.

Waruinge further urged AFA to proactively develop policies aimed at safeguarding farmers from exploitation, while emphasizing the need for sustainable agri-

cultural practices.

Javas Mwangi, a farmer from Hindi, shared past experiences, recounting instances where he received as little as Sh15 per kilo for Bixa crops.

Mwangi emphasized the need for the government to embark on comprehensive efforts to restore the tar-



Felix Mutwiri, the Director of AFA-Miraa, Pyrethrum, and Other Industrial Crops, addressing farmers during a stakeholders' validation forum held in Mpeketoni over the proposed Crops (Bixa) Regulations of 2023.

nished reputation of Bixa farming.

Felix Mutwiri, the Director of AFA-Miraa, Pyrethrum, and Other Industrial Crops, in his remarks expressed the national government's unwavering commitment to the revival of Bixa farming.

He underscored that the proposed regulations would

serve as a transformative force for Bixa farmers, integrating both indigenous and modern farming practices for their benefit.

Mutwiri announced the launch of the Bixa Handbook Manual last month by the AFA, designed to address the challenges and outline revival strategies for Bixa farming, particularly in the coastal region as a pointer towards the government's commitment to revive the sector.

The handbook includes regulations intended to elevate Bixa as a significant contributor to the country's economy.

Dickson Kathuri, AFA Deputy Director in charge of Regulation and Compliance, emphasized that the regulations would ensure farmers in major Bixa-producing counties such as Kwale, Kilifi, and Lamu receive fair value for their produce.

The collaboration between stakeholders and the government is perceived as paramount in the collective effort to restore Bixa farming to its former prominence.



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TENDER NOTICE

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

No.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER No.	CLOSING DATE
1.	Provision of security guarding services for the year 2024-2025		
2.	Supply of laptops, desktops and ups-750 kva	KEBS/T017/2023-2024	30th January 2024 1000Hours (E.A.T)
3.	Provision of citrix licence, renewal, upgrade and support services	KEBS/T020/2023-2024	30th January 2024 1000Hours (E.A.T)
4.	Supply, installation & maintenance of Kebs solar street lighting	KEBS/T021/2023-2024	30th January 2024 1000Hours (E.A.T)
5.	Provision of biometrics access control time & attendance control units	KEBS/T022/2023-2024	30th January 2024 1000Hours (E.A.T)

Tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained from the Supply Chain Office, KEBS Centre, Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, on normal working days between 0900 hours and 1600 hours upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000 (One thousand Kenya shillings Only) as indicated in the Tender Document and 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,for free.

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 MANAGING DIRECTOR, KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARDS, 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 Conference Room One

Bid security will be as indicated in the tender document. KEBS Implements an Anti-Bribery Management Policy accessible through KEBS website www.kebs.org.

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TENDER NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Sports Kenya (SK) is a body corporate established by the Sports Act 2013 with the mandate of harnessing Sports development, encouraging and promoting sports and recreation, providing for establishment of sports institutions, facilities, administration and management of Sports in the country, and for connected purposes.

Sports Kenya invites eligible and competent firms for Expression of Interest as indicated below:-

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST						
EOI NO.	EOI NAME					
SK/EOI/001/ 2023-2024	Expression Of Interest (EOI) For Design and Build the proposed Kamariny Stadium and Iten training grounds					

Interested eligible Firms may obtain EOI documents from the office of the Supply Chain Management, Head Office, Kasarani, upon payment of a non-refundable fee (cash or bankers cheque) of Kenya Shillings one Thousand (KShs.1,000/=) only, during normal working hours (8.00AM- 5.00PM) from Monday to Friday. The documents can be downloaded free from www.sportskenya.org or supplier.treasury.go.ke.

Completed EOI documents are to be enclosed in **plain sealed envelopes** marked with **EOI name and reference number** and deposited in the Tender Box at the reception, **Main Office, SPORTS KENYA, KASARANI** or to be addressed to:

Director General Sports Kenya, Private Bag, KASARANI NAIROBI.

so as to be received on or before Friday 26th January 2024 at 11.00am.

Applications will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend the opening meeting, at the Director General's Boardroom.

Director General

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VIRTUAL SENSITIZATION FORUM FOR YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KEPHIS is a government agency formed by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service Act, 2012. Our mission is to assure plant health, quality of agricultural inputs and produce towards a food secure nation and safe trade.

KEPHIS intends to hold an online sensitization forum for the aforementioned special groups. This exercise aims to build awareness, build capacity, increase transparency and promote competition with regard to 30% allocation of public procurement opportunities reserved for the disadvantaged groups.

Description	Date
Youths, Women and Persons living with Disability Sensitization on Access to Government Procurement Opportunities.	Wednesday, 31 st January, 2024 11:00am – 12:00 noon

Interested special groups should confirm participation on or before close of business on **Wednesday, 24th January, 2024.** In order to receive the link, you are requested to register by sending an email to **supplies@kephis.org.** Ensure to provide your Company Name, Director/s Name/s, Telephone Contacts and Category (Youths, Women or PWD) – where applicable.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
KENYA PLANT HEALTH INSPECTORATE SERVICE





EWASO NGIRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO. ENNDA/CONTR/012/2023-2024

Date of Publication: 16th January 2024

Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority, a State Corporation under the Ministry of East African Community ,Asal's & Regional Development has received funds for the construction of Dams, Water pans, Drilling & equipping of Boreholes within ENNDA basin.

The Authority invites qualified and interested firms to submit their bids for these tenders. Detailed bid documents may be viewed and downloaded from the Authority's website www.ennda.go.ke or from the Government Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke at no cost. Bidders who download the tender documents MUST forward their particulars immediately to ewasonorth14@gmail.com/ md@ennda.go.ke/abdikadir@ennda.go.ke for records so as to be used for any further tender clarification and addenda.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from Supply Chain Office ENNDA Headquarter, Hospital Road Isiolo during normal working days between 8:00am -5:00pm.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelope clearly marked with the tender name ,tender Number and LOT number should be deposited in the tender box situated at the Ewaso Ng'iro North Development Authority Headquarter on or before **9**th **February**, **2024 at 10: am** and addressed to:

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
EWASO NG'IRO NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
P.O BOX 203 - 60300
ISIOLO, KENYA
Website, www.ennda.go.ke







1. CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMEND-MENTS TO THE NAIROBI CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL (ARBITRATION) RULES, 2015

The Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) is established by the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration Act, Act No. 26 of 2013. Its mandate is to promote, facilitate and encourage the conduct of international commercial arbitration. It also administers domestic and international arbitrations as well as alternative dispute resolution techniques such as mediation among other functions as set out in its establishing Act.

The current NCIA (Arbitration) Rules were enacted in 2015 and revised in 2019. In a bid to expand our services and in light of the change in economic times and clients' needs, the Centre wishes to amend the Rules to enhance efficiency in the administration of Arbitrations filed at the Centre.

The Centre therefore invites relevant stakeholders, members of the public and all interested parties, to provide comments, views, and input with justification(s) on the Proposed amendments, which will inform changes thereof.

The Proposed Amendments are available on the NCIA Website under the Arbitration Tab at: https://ncia.or.ke/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PROPOSED-AMENDMENTS-TO-THE-NCIA-ARBITRATION-RULES.pdf

Written submissions should be submitted to the Centre using the template provided below. The Submissions should be received not later than 31st January 2024 through counsel@ncia.or.ke or through the following address:

The Registrar/CEO
Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration
Co-operative Bank House, 8th Floor
Haile Selassie Avenue
P.O Box 548 – 00200
NAIROBI

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL/ORGANISATION						
S/No	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	COMMENT/PROPOSAL	JUSTIFICATION			
1.						
2.						

2. TENDER NOTICE

No	Tender Reference	Tender Description	Tender Fee	Tender Security	Opening Date	Category
1.	NCIA/TNDR/PCIC/ 004/2023-2024	Provision of Comprehensive Medical cover, Group life, Group Personal Accident & WIBA Insur- ance Cover	1,000	Kshs. 300,000	31/01/2024 10.00 a.m.	Open
2.	NCIA/TNDR/PCS/ 005/2023-2024	Provision of cleaning services	Nil	Nil	31/01/2024 10.00 a.m.	AGPO

Full details of the advert and documents are available at NCIA's website: www.ncia.or.ke and www.tenders.go.ke

3. PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT DISPUTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDAS)

The Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice (OAG & DoJ) in collaboration with the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) has developed a Dispute Management Plan Manual with the objective of implementing measures to enhance the avoidance and prevention; and fast resolution of disputes in the Public Sector.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments to the Centre. In view of this, NCIA requests the public to participate by submitting their written comments/ memoranda through the provided address.

The draft Manual and the stakeholder feedback forms can be obtained from the Centre's Website: www.ncia.or.ke and the OAG & DoJ website: www.statelaw.go.ke.

Duly filled comments/ feedback forms may also be submitted to the following address:

The Registrar/CEO
Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration
Co-operative Bank House, 8th Floor
Haile Selassie Avenue
P.O. BOX 548 - 00200
Nairobi - Kenya.
Email: adrpolicy@ncia.or.ke

The representations/ comments on the proposed amendments should reach the Centre not later than 30th January 2024.

4. CALL FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

To build the buy in of the DMP by County Governments & MDAs, and part of the statutory requirements on law and policy formulation, the Centre is calling on the services of a consultant (**firm/individual**) to support the implementation of the DMP.

Full details of the advert are available at NCIA's website: www.ncia.or.ke.



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State Department for Public Service wins the coveted HR Excellence Ministry of the Year Award

BY ALICE NDUBI (PCO)

The State Department for Public Service has won the coveted HR Excellent Ministry of the Year Award for its dedication and distinction service delivery on Human Resource matters.

The trophy is awarded to trailblazers for their efforts in the improvement of Civil Servants welfare and compliance to Values and Principles of Public Service.

For its dedication to improving the welfare of civil servants, the State Department was declared the best performing Ministry during the 4th Annual HR Excellence Awards (2023) ceremony organized by the Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM) which took place on 8th of December 2023 at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.

"Competing for this award wasn't merely a challenge; it was an art form that painted the success using the vibrant strokes of hard work and unparalleled teamwork as demonstrated through the initiatives of recruitment of public service Clerical Officers, drivers and office assistants (Support Staff), training of mental health champions, development of post-retirement medical insurance policy and guidelines for Public Service Dignity at Work Policy," said the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Public Service Mr. Amos Gathecha while receiving the award.

Gathecha noted that in navigating the competitive landscape of recruitment, the State Department ensured a proportionate representation



Dr Jacob Mbijiwe (left), Director of Human Resource Management and Development in the State Department for Public Service presents the award to the PS Mr. Amos Gathecha.

that reduces stigma associ-

ated with seeking for coun-

"In development of post-

retirement medical insurance

policy and guidelines for the

Public Service, the State De-

partment sought to ensure

Civil Servants who are mem-

bers and their eligible spouses

shall be entitled to out-pa-

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and critical treatment after

The PS further said that in

the development of a Dignity

at Work Policy for the public

service, the State Department

has provided a framework for

protecting and resolving is-

sues related to employee dig-

He noted that the depart-

ment has prescribed a pro-

cedure for handling dignity

at work related complaints

and outlined the roles and

responsibilities for the vari-

ous players at the workplace

in creating, promoting and

maintaining a dignified work

environment and provided

a structure for monitoring,

nity at work place.

retirement," Gathecha said.

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of the forty-seven counties of Kenya and recruited all applicants abled differently that met the minimum requirements which improved the percentage requirement above the mandatory 5 per cent as follows: 8.58 per dent in the clerical cadre, 1.29 per cent in the drivers' cadre, 6.15 per cent in the office assistant cadre and overall 6.56 per cent.

The PS added that the State Department also ensured a gender representation of 52.37 per cent male and 47.59 per cent female.

In matters Mental health, Gathecha added, the State Department trained seven hundred and one mental Health champions in all Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Counties (MDACs) with the aim of improving the mental health awareness and wellness in the Public Service and also introduced Tele-Counselling services in Huduma Centres to enable accessibility of the services to the Public Service in a way

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plaints in the Public Service.

in his office, the Principal

Secretary Mr. Amos Gathe-

While receiving the trophy

KENYA ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES CENTRE

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ment) Dr. Jacob Mbijiwe for

the excellent job and the en-

tire team in the State Depart-

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For Superior Kenyan Animal Genetics



He also encouraged the

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The Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre (KAGRC) is a state corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development mandated to produce, preserve, conserve and distribute animal genetic materials.

KAGRC seeks to recruit a qualified and competent staff to fill the following vacant positions.

NO.	POSITION	JOB GRADE	NO. OFPOSITIONS
1.	Livestock Production Officer	KAGRC 6	1
2.	Communication and Branding officer	KAGRC 6	1
3.	ICT Assistant	KAGRC 7	1
4.	Livestock Attendant	KAGRC 10	2

For details and Job requirements for the above posts visit our website: www.kagrc.go.ke. Interested and qualified candidates are requested to make their applications **ONLINE** through KAGRC's recruitment portal accessible through www.kagrc.go.ke by 5th February, 2024 at 5.00 pm.

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KAGRC is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities, marginalized and minority groups who meet the job specifications are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Email: info@kagrc.co.ke, Web: www.kagrc.co.ke

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Tilapia pond farming revolutionizes school feeding in Kisumu

BY ROBERT OJWANG (KNA)

The Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) has introduced pond fish farming for tilapia cultivation in schools in Kisumu County to address and reduce the rising food expenses in the country and enhance the school feeding program.

The County Project Coordinator, Kevin Wamira, noted that the ABDP supported pond construction and donated pond liners, predator kits, tilapia fingerlings, fish feeds, cone garden materials, and extension services to the benefiting schools.

"The objective of the

program, conducted in partnership with the Kisumu County Directorate of Fisheries, is to support the school feeding program through fish farming and promote dietary diversity through kitchen gardening," Wamira observed.

The ABDP team successfully harvested 278.14 kilograms of tilapia fish at St. Agnes Muhoroni Primary School in Muhoroni Sub County.

The school's Headteacher, Charles Abonyo, lauded the initiative saying that the fish harvest would go a long way in supplementing the usual diet of githeri, rice and beans to provide learners with sufficient proteins.

The project has estab-



Fishermen harvesting fish at St. Agnes Muhoroni Primary School, Muhoroni Sub County from the school fish ponds. Some 278.14 Kilograms of tilapia fish was harvested.

lished a community-based resource center for learning about Competency Based Curriculum. Abonyo urged regional schools to increase their resources for pond fish farming to maximize its benefits.



Pupils and staff from St. Agnes Muhoroni Primary School celebrate the output from the pond fish farming program supported by the ABDP that seeks to boost school feeding programme.

He noted that the learners have fully embraced kitchen gardening in the school, with some further cascading the practice to their homes.

Govt unveils ambitious plans to boost coffee industry, expand share in international market

The Government is implementing robust measures to stimulate coffee production in the next five years and expand her share in the international market from the current 51,000 to 81,000 metric tonnes by 2024 and progressively to 260,000MT

The government will achieve this by lowering the cost of production through subsidizing farm inputs, streamlining the accessibility and disbursement of the Cherry Advance Revolving fund at New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (New KPCU), and revamping the Coffee Research through reintroduction of the Coffee Research Institute.

The Cabinet in October last year, approved an additional Sh 4 billion Coffee Cherry Advance Fund bringing the total allocation for the kitty to Sh 6.7 billion.

With the increased funding, farmers will now take home Sh 80 per kilogram of cherry delivered to factories from the previous Sh20 per kilogram of cherry in a bid to cushion farmers from poor market prices.

According to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Small, Micro, and Medium Enterprises, Simon Chelugui, the fund will be managed by his ministry and it will be administered through the new Kenya Planters Co-operative Union(KPCU) through the respective farmers' co-operatives.

Chelugui, speaking to more than 3,000 Nyeri coffee farmers who turned up for the sensitization that the money will be available to them in two tranches of Sh 40 each.

"Within a month of your harvesting you should get your Sh 80 but you will receive it in the following manner. Once you deliver



Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives & Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises Simon Chelugui (left) with Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr during the launch of nationwide Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund (CCARCF) distribution and coffee production sensitization programme at Kikima, KIE grounds in Makueni county.

your cherry to the pulping unit you should be given a receipt of your coffee and you are entitled to Sh 40 per kilogram," he said.

"Secondly, once the coffee is processed and dried by the factory and delivered to the miller within three weeks and once that process is complete you receive the remaining Sh 40 per kilogram," he said.

The CS further noted that the advance was part of the coffee sub-sector reforms that the government is instituting to ensure that the sector is self-sustaining. Chelugui said that the state was keen on resolving the four major challenges that continue to bedevil the coffee sub-sector, key among them poor returns for farmers, poor management of coffee co-operatives, debts owed by farmers and car-

He noted the Cooperatives Bill, which is currently before the National Assembly. would delineate the roles of both National and County governments in the management and the supervision of co-operatives which have been blamed for exploiting coffee farmers.

As a way of ramping up production, Chelugui said there are also plans to increase the input subsidy fund to allow coffee farmers access fertilizers and other inputs at a discounted price.

Currently, according to the CS, through the subsidized fertilizer program, the country's coffee production has doubled from 25,000 tonnes of coffee to 51,000 tonnes.

Chelugui reckons that with adequate support, the country could realize 200 metric tonnes of coffee by the year 2027.

He clarified that the Sh 80 per kilogram Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving fund that is being issued to more than 700,000 smallholder coffee farmers in the country is not a loan.

"I have heard people in some quarters claiming that the cherry fund is a loan which will be repaid with an interest. Please note it is not a loan or payment of coffee, it is an advance to the farmer. Once the coffee is sold, the difference between the selling price and the Sh 80 advance will go back to the farmers as a bonus,' said Chelugui.

Speaking to farmers in to take advantage of the Kiambu, the CS noted that although the fund only covers 25 percent the funds will assist the farmers in addressing urgent financial

'Every Tuesday we sell coffee, we recover what we give, and also re in-invest. Farmers are borrowing 100 million shillings daily and through this it is recovered and ploughed back in the basket", he said.

On matters of fertilizer which coffee farmers in Kiambu were up in arms about accusing the Governor of the subsidy not reaching the intended, the CS assured them that he would petition for reinstatement of the farm inputs that initially were subsidized.

The CS also noted that most counties are employing extension services and others have even gone to ward level saving the government was ready to support by sending offices to train them and work together with them.

Speaking in Kirinyaga County, the CS said the reforms at Nairobi Coffee exchange, have streamlined the sector from production to marketing.

Chelugui quipped that only one license will be given to an organization to be a miller, marketing or a brokerage.

He called upon them to choose one because no entity shall be allowed to be a miller and broker at same

"This is our first year in implementation of coffee reforms and we want to see real changes," CS said.

"The fertilizers used in coffee may not be similar to others, I have made a special request in the Cabinet, to allow provision of subsidized fertilizers for coffee," CS

In Machakos County, Chelugui urged farmers government support and reforms to achieve highquality coffee production and to earn them profits.

Among the reforms that the CS promised were the re-establishment of the Coffee Research Foundation and the Coffee Board of Kenya to be in charge of marketing and licensing of the 14 unions that are to be formed to represent coffee farmers.

When we open up the coffee market the unions will be the eyes and ears of the coffee farmers," said Chelugui.

The CS said the coffee research foundation will be reinstated through the cooperatives and coffee bill currently in parliament so that they will have scienceled farming where they will have seeds that have been tested and registered through the research foundation.

Speaking at Kikima, KIE Grounds, Makueni County, "Today marks another key milestone as the Coffee sector revival plans to hit the homestretch with the Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund (CCARCF) distribution and coffee production sensitization programme starting here in Makueni County," said Chelugui.

He said the sensitization fora is part of the government initiative to revamp the sector.

We must work together with the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (New KPCU) and the county government of Makueni in finding the expert extension officers to offer the services to the farmers in their farms to boost coffee production,' added Chelugui.

Similarly, the County government of Nakuru has affirmed that it will not relent on supporting the national government's initiative in reforming the coffee

sub-sector in a bid to rein in cartels.

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The devolved unit has indicated that it is supportive of President William Ruto's administration's resolve to get rid of private profiteers who have controlled the market and manipulated coffee prices.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Mr Leonard Bor further announced that the County Government had launched a major drive to revive growing of coffee on commercial scale in the devolved unit.

Principal Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Patrick Kilemi, urged the farmers to take care of coffee bushes for maximum output.

He further challenged the youths to follow the footsteps of their parents, as the future of coffee relies on them and must give opportunities to practice as early as possible.

Kilemi noted that currently the cooperatives have problems with governance, asking the legislators to see old law and make necessary amendments, to incorporate the farmers in all levels of management.

"Our youth are now moving to the transport sector, bodaboda, because we don't give them the opportunity to do farming. Give the small piece of land as a startup, because the future of our coffee is on them," Kilemi noted.

Lisper Ndungu from Nairobi coffee exchange, said the new reforms allow farmers' organizations to sell their coffee once they are licensed, hence create an open marketing system that is meant to serve the farmers. She also noted they are looking at areas to improve transparency and efficiency.

State recruits 371 Probation and After-Care officers

(PCO)

total of 371 probation officers have joined the State Department for Correctional Services for deployment across different probation stations in the country.

The new probation officers who comprise 211

female and 160 male are expected to enhance service delivery by using non-custodial sanctions by the Judiciary to facilitate supervision of offenders placed on non-custodial sentences, as well as rehabilitation, reintegration and resettlement of offenders in the community.

Probation and After Care Service largely contributes to national security in the management of non-custodial offenders through crime prevention, supervision, rehabilitation, and reintegration of offenders while enhancement of peace and security is pivotal in ensuring the

government's agenda is achieved.

The PS for the State Department for Correctional Services Dr. Salome M. Beacco commissioned the newly recruited officers at the Prison Staff Training College in Ruiru and issued them with posting letters to the different stations they are expected to work from.

''I encourage you to come to this department with an open mind, be willing to learn and help these offenders reintegrate

smoothly into the society,' the PS said while congratulating the officers on their milestone in joining the Civil Service.

She also urged them to take up their duties and responsibilities to support the department in achieving its objectives and goals.

'I assure you of my support and commitment to strengthening the role of Probation Service in the administration of Justice and transforming Correctional Services to become

centers of excellence in Kenya and beyond," she

Accompanying the PS was the Commissioner General of Prisons Brg (Rtd) John Warioba, the Acting Probation and Aftercare Services Secretary Dr. Christine Obondi, the Prison Staff Training College Ruiru Commandant Mr. Angus Masoro, Director HRM&D Mr. Peter Koros, senior officers from the State Department Headquarters and Probation and After Care Services department.

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Tea farmers in Murang'a poised to get increased returns from KTDA deal

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Tea farmers in Murang'a are poised to earn increased returns after their directors signed a new management agreement with the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA).

The signing of the agreement brought an end to the stalemate between the management of 10 tea factories in the county and the KTDA.

Controversial provisions in the agreement initially led some farmers to shy away from entering into the new deal with their agent, prompting the Tea Board of Kenya to intervene.

A standoff was also witnessed during the signing of the management agreement, as the two parties failed to agree on certain areas.

A solution was arrived at later in the night, when KTDA gave in to the demands of the farmers through the directors, that will allow tea factory boards, to have full authority over the finances.

The role of management of finances of respective tea factories was under KTDA, with the directors saying the new changes, some ex-



KTDA Management Services Chairman, Solomon Maina (right), with directors of Ngere Tea factory after signing a five-year management agreement

penses would be eliminated, thus more returns to farmers.

Chairman of the Tea Board of Kenya, Mr Jacob Kahiu, lauded the signing of the five-year agreement, saying directors of the 10 factories will now control the finances, as KTDA handles the responsibilities of processing green leaf, and marketing of teas among others.

Kahiu further said after the new deal comes into effect on July 1 this year, Sh. 2.5

which was levied by KTDA per kilo, will go down to Sh.

"The reduction of the management fee will see farmers get increased returns from the tea they have supplied to their respective factories," noted Kahiu.

With the new management agreement, the Chairman asked farmers, to ensure they elect transparent and trustworthy directors, who will manage their finances prudently.

"Having the finances being managed at factory level, there is a need to have trustworthy directors who will not mess with farmers money," he added. KTDA Management Ser-

KTDA Management Services Chairman, Solomon Maina, on his part said Murang'a directors have emerged champions, for going through the process that has taken more than seven months.

"The management agent, will work hand in hand with the factory boards, to ensure the farmers get quality services," said Maina.

He noted that KTDA will have to adjust its ways of operations to minimize expenses since the management fees that were being levied to farmers have been reduced.

Zone 3 board member Chege Kirundi lauded the new agreement saying for a long time, farmers have been agitating to be custodians of their money.

He noted that in the previous agreement, factories were subjected to requests for "The new agreement will also ensure factories will not cater for salaries among

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Governor unveils ambitious plan for 250km murram road construction

Nyamira County Governor Amos Nyaribo has initiated the construction of 250 kilometers of murram roads to enhance the road network system and improve transportation in the area.

Nyaribo confirmed that the County Government has allocated Sh250 million for the construction of 70 roads within the region, totaling 250 km. He stated that he is committed to ensuring that he delivers on the promises made to the people of Nyamira during the past campaigns.

"The prolonged heavy El Nino rains halted this launch, as they could have rendered our construction works useless, leaving us with significant losses.

The destructive runoff rainwater during the El Nino rains between the months of October and December last year destroyed virtually all murram and all-weather roads, not just in our county but the entire country. Therefore, we could not risk undertaking road constructions at that time," he ex-

plained. Speaking at Kebirigo market, Nyaribo disclosed that all 20 wards in his entire county will benefit from this program.

He said roads which were totally destroyed by the El nino rains have been mapped and will be given priority including those that are frequently used by traders to access market places and learners to access learning institutions.

The Governor urged area MPs to focus on delivering development projects , as this will make the county stand out in development matters.

Nyaribo promised to launch completed development projects, particularly in health and agriculture sectors, which residents want prioritized and allocated a significant share during county budgeting.

"Ensure standard work is done so that these roads can serve us for a long time in making communication and transportation services efficient, irrespective of the weather changes.," he said.

By Deborah Bochere(KNA)

Bomet County grants 875 bright and needy students with full scholarships

BY ENOCK LANGAT(PCO)

The County Government of Bomet, through the Department of Education and Vocational Training, has granted full scholarships to 250 students entering Form One and 625 trainees who have recently enrolled in the 33 Vocational Training Colleges across the county.

The 250 students entering Form One primarily comprise bright and economically disadvantaged individuals who excelled in the KCPE last year. The full scholarship program, in operation since 2015, encompasses the entire cost of the four-year secondary education

Originally, the program supported four students in each of the 25 wards in the county. However, in 2019, the number was increased to 10 per ward, aiming to assist more bright students hailing



Bomet Governor Prof. Hilary Barchok hands over a cheque to a group of beneficiaries joining Koiwa Secondary School.

from financially challenged backgrounds.

Speaking while awarding the bursaries, Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok congratulated the beneficiaries for posting excellent results despite the challenging backgrounds they come from.

"This program aims to empower brilliant and hard-

working students like you so that your future can be better than your today," Governor Barchok told the beneficiaries who were accompanied by their parents and guardians for the colorful event which was held at the Bomet Green Stadium.

"This year, we have set aside Sh 141million for this program out of which Sh 116million will cater for secondary school full and partial scholarship programs while Sh 25million will cater for Vocational and Technical Training Colleges full and partial scholarship programs," Prof Barchok added.

The event was attended by three special guests who previously benefited from the full scholarship program in Emmanuel Kipkirui of Kamungei Secondary School who scored an A, Sandyabel Kibet of Baringo High School and Enock Kipyegon, both of whom attained a mean grade of A- in the recently released KCSE results.

The three were beneficiaries of the scholarship program by the County, KCPE class of 2019.

They were gifted by the governor alongside five others, in absentia, who also scored A minuses.

20 students receive Sh 4m in grants from Finlays Trust

The Finlays Community Trust, an independent charitable organization that aims to empower communities and foster sustainable growth in Kericho and Bomet counties, has awarded scholarships totaling Shs 4 million to 20 students set to enroll in secondary school. Each student from the two counties received a maximum of Sh50,000 annually to cover their four-year education.

education.

Speaking at the award ceremony held at the company's hotel grounds, the trust's Vice Chairperson, Ambassador Joshua Terer, emphasized that quality education requires a strong foundation and capital investment for young people to acquire skills and make informed choices.

"Education plays a pivotal role in our society's future. At Finlays Community Trust, we recognize and value the community's need for human capital, and providing scholarships is one of the most reliable ways to foster long-term growth and sustainability in this area.

Since education is a resource that no one can take away from children in our community, we are committed to ensuring they have access to it," said Ambassador Terer.

He assured the parents of the

20 students that the company will continue to support learners who do well in their KCSE national examination.

In the same breath, the Trusts Secretary Sammy Kirui revealed that the scholarship is given on merit and this year they awarded 20 bright and needy students out of the 100 applicants with them having scored between 407 marks and 379 marks in their 2023 KCPE and selected to join secondary schools around the country.

He said the help offered by the Trust is an appreciation to their employees and neighboring communities.

Kericho County Director of Education Julius Ngoneshi told the students who got the scholarship to work hard at their studies and desist from bad behaviors as they were fortunate to have been selected to pursue their secondary school education through a bursary.

During the function the Trusts patron Simon Hutchinson said they would continue to work with local communities to enhance the betterment of educational needs of children in the counties of Kericho and Bomet.

By Sarah Njagi(KNA)





