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## Kenya's economic growth rebounds

**Kenya's economic growth is projected to rebound to 5.3 per cent in 2025/2026**  
-Mbadi

**BY AMINA BAKARI AND BRENDA OLUOCH, KNA**

Kenya's economic growth is projected to rebound to 5.3 per cent in 2025 and 2026, supported by the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), improved agricultural productivity, and greater macroeconomic stability.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi said Kenya's economy has demonstrated resilience amid global shocks, with an average economic growth of 5.2 per cent in 2023 and 2024, outperforming global (3.3 per cent) and Sub-Saharan Africa (3.8 per cent) averages.

Despite domestic setbacks including drought and protests against the Finance Bill in 2024, the CS stated that the economy grew by 4.7 percent, driven by strong performance in agriculture and services sectors.



**Graphic presentation highlighting Kenya's improved agricultural productivity and greater macroeconomic stability that is set for continued growth despite global shocks.**

He was speaking at the launch of the 2025 African Development Bank (AfDB) African Economic Outlook (AEO) Country Focus Report (CFR) for Kenya.

In a speech read on his behalf by Senior Deputy Director at the National Treasury, Dr. Kenrick Ayot, the CS cited significant macroeconomic improvements

highlighting inflation which declined from 9.6 per cent in October 2022 to 3.8 per cent in May 2025, while the

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**6,484**

Healthcare interns the Ministry of Health has deployed in an effort to strengthen Kenya's primary health workforce

**1.5B**

Cost of milk coolers the Government is distributing in order to boost production and improve milk prices.

**24M**

Kenyans so far enrolled into Taifa Care, the transformative healthcare scheme through which the state will provide Universal Health Coverage.

**100m**

Cost of a digitized farm input subsidy programme Equity Bank in partnership with Kisumu County Government has rolled out to transform agriculture in the region.

**2.6B**

Cost of the Shimoni Fish Port Project in Kwale Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has completed constructing

**500,000**

Cost of cotton seed milling machine The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) has installed at Muluanda Cotton Ginnery in Samia Sub-County

## GDC's additional 105MW to lower power tariffs

**BY JANE NGUGI AND DENNIS RASTO, KNA**

Kenyans will soon benefit from lower power bills when two independent power producers (IPPs) start generating geothermal power next year.

The IPPs will be generating power from geothermal steam wells on the floor of Menengai Crater in Nakuru County.

The first geothermal power plant at Menengai, built by local firm Sosian Energy started electricity production in 2023 after completion through Sh6.5 billion funding from the China-based, Zhejiang Kai-shan Compressor.

The Geothermal Development Company (GDC) signed a 14-year Sh1.8 billion operation and maintenance of systems agreement with Sosian Energy.

The Menengai fields were developed by GDC, which is mandated by undertaking the capital-intensive work of exploration for geothermal steam and then developing viable fields by drilling production wells and building steam gathering systems.

GDC competitively selected three firms, Sosian

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# Kenya’s economic growth set to increase to 5.3 per cent

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Kenyan shilling strengthened from Sh159.7/USD in January 2024 to Sh129.3/USD by May 2025.

Additionally, he announced that the Central Bank eased the lending rate from 13.0 per cent in August 2024 to 9.75 per cent in June 2025, leading to a drop in interest rates, as the 91-day Treasury Bill rate fell from 15.9 per cent to 8.3 per cent, and commercial lending rates from 17.2 per cent to 15.7 per cent.

However, Mbadi cautioned that significant challenges remain noting, “We face rising demands for public spending, narrowing debt space, and the need to raise domestic revenues without stifling economic growth.”

He at the same time emphasized the need to mobilize domestic capital and reform fiscal and expenditure policies.

The CS acknowledged AfDB’s critical role in infrastructure, education, energy, and governance support but flagged persistent issues in donor-funded projects including financial gaps, weak implementation, and sustainability challenges.

Speaking during the event, AfDB Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex Prof. Kevin Chika Urama reiterated the continental focus of the AEO.

He observed that Africa’s GDP rose from 3.0 per cent in 2023 to 3.3 per cent in 2024 and is projected to reach 4.0 per cent by 2026, with East Africa leading the growth trajectory.

In addition, he commended Kenya’s performance in this context but cautioned against the continent’s mounting fiscal pressures.

“Africa pays up to 500 per cent more in interest than developed countries. This is a gross mispricing of African risk,” he said.

Further, Prof. Urama emphasized the need to harness five key forms of capital: fiscal (tax efficiency, debt reduction), natural (sustainable resource use), business (MSME support), human (education, healthcare, diaspora engagement), and financial (capital markets, green finance, remittances).

He also urged stronger institutions, governance, and regional integration.

AfDB’s Principal Country Economist for the Eastern Africa Regional Office, Caroline Bernice Akishule, presented insights specific to Kenya.

She said the economy slowed to 4.6 per cent in 2024, down from 5.6 per cent in 2023, mainly due to weak industrial output and climate-related shocks.

“Inflation eased to 4.5 per cent, the shilling continued to strengthen, and foreign reserves reached USD 10.1 billion. Yet, public debt remains elevated at 65.7 per cent of GDP, placing Kenya at a high risk of debt distress,” she reiterated.

Akishule insisted that sustainable and inclusive growth must be underpinned by institutional strengthening, judicial independence, digitized public finance, and transparent governance.

She said the launch of the 2025 AEO Country Focus Report marks both a reflection on Kenya’s progress and a strategic call to action.

# Kenyans inching closer to cheaper power tariffs, GDC

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Energy alongside Quantum Power East Africa and the American firm OrPower Twenty-Two Company in 2013, through competitive bidding to build, operate and own the first three power plants in Menengai, each generating 35 megawatts to pump into the national grid a cumulative 105 megawatts.

According to the Deputy Manager for Corporate Communications and Marketing at GDC Mr. Eric Wamanji, construction of Quantum Power East Africa’s power generation facility was 60 per cent complete, while works at OrPower 22 Power Company were 50 per cent complete.

Mr. Wamanji affirmed that once the two firms join Sosian on the nation grid within the first quarter of next year, electricity generated from the multi-billion-shilling Menengai Geothermal Project will cost at least Sh8 per kilo watt compared to fossil fuel or hydro generated power which costs Sh22 per Kilo-watt hour (kWh).

He said entry of the three IPPs into electricity generation is expected to yield a significant drop in power tariffs and in turn attract more investors locally and regionally, as they will have a huge saving on energy and creating employment opportunities. Prices of various value-added commodities, he observed, will drop drastically.

Speaking during GDC’s public engagement with the public and stakeholders at the Nakuru Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Trade Fair, Mr Wamanji explained that the state corporation has drilled steam wells with an output of 165 megawatts which is more than enough for the first 105MW of electricity expected to be generated by the three IPPs.

GDC has constructed the steam gathering system while Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (Ketraco) has set-up a 132 kilovolt (kV) substation that will transmit electricity from the three power plants.

The GDC was to take care of upfront risks and then invite private sector players to construct, own and operate the plants for 25 years under the Menengai Model.

According to Mr Wamanji, the completion of the 105MW Menengai project will elevate Kenya’s global ranking to fifth overall, establishing beyond all contestation that economic growth and clean energy development can go hand in hand.



A section of wells from geothermal steam on the floor of Menengai Crater Floor in Nakuru.



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3.	Apron Controller (Re-Advertisement)	OPS/APR/JULY/2025	S3	40	Initial one (1) year on-the job training and absorption into permanent workforce to be informed by the outcome of the training
4.	Internship/ Apprenticeship Program	KAA/APPRENTICESHIP/ JULY 2025		50	One (1) year
Total				92	

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(Administration and Finance)  
Kenya Airports Authority  
P.O. BOX 43844 – 00100  
NAIROBI

Applications and letters from the referees should be received not later than, **16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

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# 24m Kenyans now covered under Taifa Care program

BY AMINA BAKARI AND  
KAMAU DANIEL, KNA

The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through Taifa Care, a transformative health-care scheme that has now enrolled 24 million Kenyans.

Health Cabinet Secretary (CS) Aden Duale, speaking at his first official meeting with the Social Health Authority Board, reiterated the government's commitment to delivering quality, accessible healthcare to every Kenyan, revealing that 5.4 million Kenyans already accessed vital health services through the government-funded Primary Healthcare Fund allowing access to dispensaries, health centers, and Level 2 to 4 health facilities without any cost to patients.

"This fund is budgeted, appropriated by Parliament, and paid to the Ministry of Health to ensure that ordinary Kenyans receive the healthcare they need without paying from their pockets," Duale assured.

He announced that so far Sh551.3 billion has

been disbursed to 7,446 accredited facilities across the country, enabling life-saving services including safe deliveries, chronic disease management, and emergency medical care and emphasized that the success of Taifa Care is built on three key pillars: financial sustainability through consistent premium payments, zero tolerance for fraud, and universal access to quality care.

The CS urged employers and employees to ensure timely remittance of monthly contributions by the 9th of each month, describing it as both a legal obligation and a patriotic duty.

"Our integrated digital system provides real-time monitoring of transactions, enhancing transparency and accountability. We have also intensified the war on fraud by integrating the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council data into the system," the CS disclosed.

He revealed that due to non-compliance, 728 health facilities have been shut down, 301 downgraded, and 31 facilities in counties including Kisumu, Kiambu, Bungoma,

Busia, Kajiado, Kilifi, Mandera, and Wajir suspended and placed under investigation for fraudulent activities.

"We have uncovered cases of double claims, falsifying outpatient cases as inpatient, misuse of pre-authorization codes, and collusion between patients and facility owners. These cases will be handed over to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) for appropriate action, including full reimbursement and prosecution," Duale said.

The CS added that the deployment of artificial intelligence and advanced analytics has helped the Social Health Authority (SHA) scrutinize claims and protect resources meant for genuine patients.

Addressing challenges facing informal sector workers, Duale highlighted the success of the Lipa Pole Pole initiative introduced by President William Ruto, which allows flexible daily, weekly, or monthly contributions via USSD code \*147#, seamlessly integrated with M-Pesa free of interest or penalties.

"Every day, between



Cabinet Secretary for Health, Aden Duale, speaking during a press briefing on key developments related to the implementation of the Social Health Authority (SHA)

800 to 1,500 informal sector workers are enrolling. So far, 1.8 million have joined Taifa Care in just eight months, surpassing NHIF's coverage by over 800,000," Duale noted.

He praised strategic partnerships with top-tier hospitals such as Aga Khan University Hospital and Nairobi Hospital, now offering specialized services like dialysis, cardiac surgery, and kidney transplants at SHA-approved rates at no extra

cost to patients.

"For the first time, these premier hospitals are accessible to ordinary Kenyans, including mama mboga and boda boda operators. This is a true equalizer in healthcare," he asserted.

To reinforce the healthcare force, Duale announced the deployment of 6,484 healthcare interns to various facilities starting July 1st, 2025, adding that posting letters are currently collected at

Afya House.

Responding to concerns over the transition from NHIF to SHA, he assured staff of job security, stating that no worker would be laid off. However, he noted that digitization has slashed administrative costs from 30 percent under NHIF to 5 percent under SHA, enabling a leaner, more efficient system.

Duale also challenged public, private, and faith-based healthcare providers to stop illegal co-charging at primary health facilities and to adopt the SHA tariff to ensure all Kenyans receive the services they are entitled to.

"Primary healthcare is fully funded. Kenyans should walk into facilities and walk out without paying. Any co-payments must be reported immediately via the 24/7 SHA hotline 147 or through the Afya Yangu app," he demanded.



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CBK therefore, requests customers of commercial banks, mortgage finance companies, microfinance banks and the general public to complete the survey. The survey link can be accessed at the [Total Cost of Credit Website Customer Experience Survey](#) (<https://forms.office.com/r/d8FNWvt5e5>) and should be completed by July 15, 2025.

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3.	Manager, Field Services - Grade NCA 3	13	Permanent
4.	Manager, National Construction Fund - Grade NCA 3	1	Permanent

Detailed job descriptions can be accessed from the Authority's website, [www.nca.go.ke](http://www.nca.go.ke).

### HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit their applications through the Authority's recruitment portal: <https://recruitment.nca.go.ke> AND send electronically a duly signed application letter and detailed curriculum vitae **ONLY** to [recruitment@nca.go.ke](mailto:recruitment@nca.go.ke).

Applications to be addressed to:

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# Informal settlements get a facelift in Meru and Tharaka Nithi



A section of a road undergoing upgrading at Mjini informal settlement in Meru County

BY DICKSON MWITI, KNA

For years, residents of informal settlements in Meru town felt frustrated, overlooked, and deprived of essential services by the government. Thousands in Majengo, Mjini, and Salama complained of discrimination as nearby affluent areas enjoyed proper roads, clean water, street lighting, and sanitation. Sometimes, the residents staged demonstrations, taking to the streets of Meru and storming government offices to demand equal treatment. But things are beginning to change, bringing new hope to these long-marginalized communities. A transformative Sh243 million infrastructure upgrade under the second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2) is now giving Majengo, Mjini, and Salama a much-needed facelift. The project is funded by the World Bank, the Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, International Development Association (IDA) and the Government of Kenya. Ms. Mary Makena, the Meru County KISIP Coordinator, explained that the project involves the upgrading of roads, construction of drainage systems, installation of high-mast security floodlights, sanitation improvements, and access to clean water. “In Meru, we are working in Majengo,



Meru County KISIP Coordinator Mary Makena






Mjini, and Salama. The Sh243-million project covers key infrastructure like roads, drainage, street lighting, and improved access to clean water and sanitation,” said Ms. Makena. She noted that residents helped identify the priority projects. Among them was a new road from Mjini that significantly improved access to the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital and connected the settlement to the Kaaga bypass. A similar transformation is happening in Tharaka Nithi County, particularly in Kathwana and Marimanti, where earth roads are being upgraded to bitumen standards and essential public amenities are being installed. Engineer Julius Giti, the County Executive for Roads, Infrastructure, Land, Physical Planning, Housing, and Urban Development in Tharaka Nithi, highlighted the positive impact the project is already having. “We have identified two informal settlements, one at Kathwana and another at Marimanti. In both areas, we



Tharaka Nithi Lands, Roads, Physical Planning and Urban Development Executive Engineers Julius Giti addressing Journalists during a tour of KISIP2 Projects.

are upgrading earth roads, providing water supply, and constructing ablution facilities. Three high-mast floodlights have been installed at Kathwana and one at Marimanti,” Mr. Giti said. He also emphasized that Kathwana is yet to undergo full physical planning, and KISIP will play a key role in helping the county avoid the unplanned growth that leads to slums. “KISIP is a game-changer for us. This project will help us plan Kathwana properly to prevent future slum development,” he added. A notable feature of the project is the establishment of a crèche at Kathwana Market, aimed at supporting women in business. Mary Mbae, a resident of Kathwana, hailed the initiative, saying it has greatly improved the lives of women traders. “The crèche at the market is a game-changer for businesswomen. We can now work without worrying about our young

children,” Ms Mbae said. She also praised the ongoing water distribution efforts, noting that residents previously walked over two kilometers to fetch water from the Maara River. Thousands of residents across the five informal settlements are now experiencing improved living conditions. Traders can operate late into the evening under the safety of new floodlights, and improved roads and sanitation have enhanced the overall quality of life. “Life was pathetic in the slum, and we thought the government had abandoned us. Now life has improved and some of our children even got employment through the project,” said Jane Saida, a resident of Majengo. She said the face of once-forgotten communities is being reshaped—bringing dignity, opportunity, and hope to thousands. KISIP 2, domiciled at the State Department for Housing and Urban Development has objectives such as improving access to basic services and land tenure security of residents in participating urban informal settlements and strengthening institutional capacity for slum upgrading in Kenya.



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S/No	TENDER REFERENCE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT	DATE OF SUBMISSION
1	WSTF/KRCS/PRF26569	Construction of Qaabso Water Pan –	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Kafi junction km - Gas station at 9:00am.	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 11 am
2	WSTF/KRCS/PRF26562/26566	Construction of Charidende Water Supply System –	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Charidende CDF Dispensary 2:00pm	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 11am

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S/No	TENDER REFERENCE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY SITE VISIT	DATE OF SUBMISSION
1	WSTF/KRCS/PRF26570/26572/26573	Construction of Hindi Water Supply	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Hindi Magogoni Water Users Association Offices, Hindi at 9:00am	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025, at 11am

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# PS encourages manufacturing to spur economic growth

BY ANNE SABUNI AND  
WENDY ACHIENG, KNA

The Principal Secretary (PS) for Industry, Dr. Juma Mukhwana, has urged Kenyans to embrace manufacturing as a way of growing the economy and bringing down the cost of living.

Dr. Mukhwana, who had officiated the opening of the Next Frontier Africa 2025 Summit, emphasized that Africa's, and Kenya's, path to industrialization is contingent upon harnessing the continent's vast market opportunities which scale up production for export.

Citing the recently signed trade agreements with the European Union, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the African Continental Free Trade Area, and others, the Principal Secretary noted that Kenya has secured access to nearly half of the world's market enabling the country to trade quota- and duty-free across these regions.

Unfortunately, Kenya has utilized only one per cent of the opportunities available under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) which was set to conclude in September, the Principal Secretary said.

He urged the country to leverage a greater share of benefits in the upcoming agreement currently under negotiation.

Dr. Mukhwana observed that while the world has increasingly turned its attention to Africa for investment opportunities, the continent, in turn, needs to take deliberate steps to attract and sustain that interest.

He emphasized that it is essential to leverage such forums to consolidate resources and drive investment for national prosperity. He further noted that Africa cannot achieve industrialization by continuing to export raw materials while importing finished products.

The PS further observed that Kenya had been importing 80 per cent of its



Principal Secretary (PS) for Industry, Dr. Juma Mukhwana (R) Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) Board Chair Sakwa Bunyasi and KDC CEO, Norah Ratemoh, having a chat at Next Frontier Africa 2025 summit KICC

essential commodities, with only 20 per cent produced locally highlighting a significant dependence on external markets.

Additionally, he pointed out that while Africa accounted for 17 per cent of the global population, it contributed merely two per cent to global manufacturing, underscoring the continent's untapped industrial potential.

Dr. Mukhwana emphasized that there is an ur-

gent need to revolutionize industry and manufacturing across Africa, particularly in Kenya.

He further stressed that the continent needed to prioritize investment in its own manufacturing capacity to uplift livelihoods, even before seeking increased foreign investment.

Mukhwana noted that by importing goods, Kenya has effectively been exporting its own jobs pointing out that such

labor opportunities had gone to workers in other countries, rather than benefiting local citizens.

He emphasized that prioritizing manufacturing over imports would have significantly strengthened Africa's industrial capacity.

Encouraging participants to shift their mindset on investment, Dr. Mukhwana urged them to capitalize on the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) initiative, emphasizing the importance of adding value to their products prior to exploring market opportunities.

He noted that the State Department for Industry had been actively supporting small-scale and emerging manufacturers by offering access to production spaces and essential manufacturing equipment, in a bid to foster local enterprise and stimulate industrial growth.

The Sectoral Forum on Strategic Investment and Inclusive Growth, organized by the Kenya De-

velopment Corporation (KDC), brought together over 1,000 delegates and exhibitors from the private sector, government, and development finance institutions.

The event served as a platform for match-making, signing strategic partnerships, and showcasing transformative investment opportunities across key sectors—including manufacturing, healthcare, tourism, post-harvest management, digital innovation, and climate resilience.

KDC CEO, Norah Ratemoh, noted that the summit had catalyzed sector-specific dialogue among key investors and policymakers, advancing inclusive economic growth in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Speaking at the forum, KDC Chairperson Sakwa Bunyasi emphasized the need to direct patient capital toward strategic sectors to drive long-term economic growth.

## Government champions partnership model as an effective development strategy

BY EMMANUEL MASHA,  
KNA

Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has affirmed the government's commitment to the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework to accelerate development in the country.

Speaking during a site tour of Galana-Kulalu Food Security Project in Kilifi and Tana River Counties, the Chief of Staff lauded the progress, noting that critical infrastructure has been rolled out to support agricultural productivity through the PPP system.

"When this administration came to power, we realized that the fiscal space was so tight. The tax base was narrow. It was impossible to collect taxes and invest the same for huge, serious projects like this one," he said.

Koskei said since the government started leveraging PPP, the country has achieved tremendous progress, especially in road construction and huge agricultural projects such as the Galana-Kulalu Food Security Project, which he noted was progressing very well.

"There is good progress; the infrastructure shows not only the viability of the project, but also assures us of returns," he said.

The Chief of Staff was accompanied by the Principal Secretary, State Department for Irrigation Ephraim Kimotho and the Chief Executive Officer of the National Irrigation Authority, Eng. Charles Muasya.

Koskei said three private partners are already on site, with one having planted about 700 acres of seed maize which is projected to expand to 3,200 acres by October this year and 5,000 acres by February 2026.

The project aims to close the seed maize deficit that is currently addressed via imports from countries such as South Africa and the United States of America.

Among the milestones, Koskei highlighted, is the construction of a 450,000 cubic-meter water reservoir and a new intake system designed to resolve persistent silting and ensure uninterrupted water supply to the expansive irrigation scheme, adding that



Head of the Public Service Felix Koskei.



Galana-Kulalu Food Security Project.

all previously installed center pivots are now fully operational.

"The kind of infrastructure that we have, can comfortably support 12,000 acres. We also have plans to come up with a dam within the Tsavo East National

Park. The designs have been done and shortly construction will start and that will help us open 200,000 acres of land for agricultural use here," he said.

He said the government had done a feasibility study which had

shown that it is possible to bring water through a pipeline from the Grand High Dam to Galana "that will enable us to get adequate water, which combined with what we already have, will enable us to hit the one-million-acre production target."

The Head of Public Service said the government has also integrated researchers into the project to ensure that its strategies are guided by data, adding that the research outputs will be shared with local universities and other research institutions worldwide.

Aside from maize, the project will prioritize animal feed production and other high-demand crops.

Koskei called on investors to explore the region's fertile soil and expansive land, encouraging a diversified agricultural base.

He also announced that two private investors were already working within the Bura Irrigation Scheme in Tana River County, where one is doing 40,000 acres of rice, while the other is cultivating 35,000 acres for sugarcane farming.

## NOREB Governors laud government interventions in the Kerio Valley region

BY KIPTANUI CHERONO KNA

Governors from the North Rift Economic Block (NOREB) have lauded the national government's interventions to calm the volatile Kerio Valley.

Nandi Governor Stephen Sang, who is the NOREB chairman, thanked the government for taking the interventions to stabilize the region that have had conflicts within the last two months culminating in the killing of the Catholic priest, Fr. Alois Bett.

"The short-term interventions put in place by the government in the last two months have seen relative peace and calm in the region," the governor said.

Speaking during a press briefing after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) in Eldoret, the governors, however, observed that for long-term peace and stability of the region, there is a need to deal with the underlying challenges.

"For peace and stability to reign in the Kerio Valley, there is a need to have a development marshall plan, and as an economic block, we are keen on working with partners and the national government to try and see long term interventions, in terms of how we can transform the economy of the Kerio Valley," Governor Sang said.



## Embu gets physiotherapy rehabilitation centre

BY SAMUEL WAITITU, KNA

The Embu County Government has received a boost in the provision of physiotherapy services following the successful rehabilitation and equipping of a specialized unit at Runyenjes Level Four Hospital.

This facility, the only one of its kind in the county, has been upgraded through the collaborative efforts of Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK), with generous support from the German Cooperation.

In addition, the County has received two new double-cabin pickups to support the transportation of patients who required the services but were previously unable to access them due to mobility challenges.

The development comes as a relief given that Embu is ranked among the counties with the highest disability prevalence at 4.4 per cent, above the national average of 2.2 per cent as per National Population Data of 2019 census.

According to APDK of-



Embu Deputy Governor Kinyua Mugo (left) flags off two double cab pickups donated to the County by German Cooperation for the new rehabilitation center at Runyenjes Level Four Hospital.

ficial Benson Agesa, that had been the driving force behind their initiative to establish a rehabilitation centre in the county with the aim of restoring and improving patients' mobility and enabling them to regain the ability to perform everyday tasks.

Speaking during the commissioning of the unit, Agesa acknowledged that the facility would also provide occupational therapy, along with specialized medical interventions for both adults and young children born with various physical deformities.

He further noted that

the unit had also been equipped with an orthopedic workshop, dedicated to the manufacturing and fitting of assistive devices including prosthetics, external fixators, and immobilization casts for patients with limb injuries.

Embu Deputy Governor Kinyua Mugo, who served as the chief guest at the event, stated that the unit had come as a welcome relief for individuals living with various physical deformities particularly in light of the sobering statistics that underscored the urgent need for such services.

## IGAD to establish One-Stop Border Point in Mandera to boost regional trade

BY ADAN MOHAMED, KNA

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has announced plans to construct a One-Stop Border Point (OSBP) along with proposed bridges in Mandera County.

This is part of its continued efforts to strengthen regional trade, security, and cooperation among member states.

The construction of the OSBP and bridges will take place at the Kenya-Ethiopia border, specifically connecting Mandera, Kenya, and Suftu, Ethiopia.

The modern facility is expected to streamline customs, immigration, business, and security operations, easing the movement of goods and people between the two countries.

Speaking during a site visit to the proposed location, IGAD's Head of Mission to Ethiopia Mr.



Kenya-Tanzania One-Stop Border Point in Namanga. IGAD plans to construct a OSBP in Mandera.

Abebaw Bihonegn said the project aims to facilitate trade, reduce border delays, curb illegal cross-border activities, and create more economic opportunities for local traders and border communities.

The construction is scheduled to be completed within three months and will include fibre connectivity to enhance operations.

Mr. Abebaw urged border communities to fully support the project

and remain committed to ensuring its timely completion.

"I encourage our people to do their very best to see this project completed successfully for the benefit of our region," he said.

Mandera County Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif welcomed the project, describing it as a transformative step that will unlock new markets, boost cross-border trade, and strengthen peaceful relations among border communities.

### Call for Partners/Vendors for Konza National Data Center and Smart City Solutions

#### Background

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) is a state agency under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy. It is mandated to implement the Konza Technopolis project one of Kenya's Vision 2030 flagship initiatives and to drive the country's digital transformation in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Towards its vision of being a global Technopolis and innovation hub, KoTDA is operationalizing a Tier III Certified National Data Center and Smart City infrastructure offering wide array of digital services to both government and private enterprises.

The Authority is inviting partnership proposals from interested qualified local and international software vendors/solutions providers to provide bundled software solutions to complement Konza Data Center and Smart city offering. The uptake of such solutions/services will be based on demand and business models agreed with the Authority.

#### Submission contact information

Interested solution partners/vendors are invited to view the partnership details on the KoTDA Website at <https://konza.go.ke/konza-cloud/> and submit their expression of interest (EOI) online via the Konza Technopolis one stop shop at <https://oss.konza.go.ke/>. This call for expression of interest is valid for **Three (3) years** from **8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**.

For any Inquires kindly email [cloudeoi@konza.go.ke](mailto:cloudeoi@konza.go.ke) or call **Konza Cloud – 0700 515151** for any clarification. In addition, all addenda will also be posted on the website as they become available.

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**Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA)**

### JOB VACANCIES

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) is seeking a competent, capable, ambitious, self-motivated and dynamic individuals that demonstrate the appropriate expertise and experience to contribute to the development of the Konza Technopolis into a leading global Technopolis and innovation hub.

The Mission of Konza Technopolis Development Authority is *"To develop a thriving sustainable smart city and a vibrant innovation ecosystem contributing to Kenya's knowledge economy"*. Konza Technopolis as an area of Innovation is especially suited to Education Institutions, Research & Development Centres and Commercial interests in the sectors of Life sciences, Engineering and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES). Konza Technopolis is also a Special Economic Zone with Incentives targeted at participating enterprises.

KoTDA therefore invites qualified Interested individuals to apply for the under listed positions.

No.	POSITION	GRADE	JOB REF. NO	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Manager, Legal Services	3	KoTDA/HR115/2025	1
2.	Senior Legal Officer	5	KoTDA/HR116/2025	1
3.	Legal Officer	6	KoTDA/HR117/2025	1
4.	Internal Auditor	6	KoTDA/HR118/2025	1
5.	Drivers(Bus)	9	KoTDA/HR119/2025	2
<b>Total Number of Posts</b>				<b>6</b>

#### How to Apply

Candidates interested in the above positions can access the role profiles, qualifications and experience requirements detailed on our website at <https://konza.go.ke/career-opportunities/>

Interested and qualified persons are required to apply to Human Capital Business Solutions via email to [info@hcbkenya.com](mailto:info@hcbkenya.com) by stating the position applied on the email subject and attaching their curriculum vitae, application letter, academic and professional certificates. All applications should be received before/on **29th July 2025**.

KoTDA is an equal opportunity employer.

The Authority is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution - Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. Therefore, women, youth, the marginalized and people living with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.

#### Remuneration

The Authority offers competitive remuneration package as per the approved KoTDA salary scales.

# Kenya, China reaffirm cooperation in training and scholarship programmes

BY JACQUELINE ADYANG (PCO)

Kenya and China have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation in public service training, leadership development and scholarship opportunities, as part of a broader strategic partnership aimed at enhancing institutional capacity and governance systems.

This development follows the visit of a delegation from the China National Academy of Governance to Kenya, an engagement that builds on commitments made during President William Ruto's recent State visit to China.

The two nations are in the final stages of concluding a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Kenya School of Government (KSG) and the China National Academy of Governance.

The MoU seeks to institutionalize collaboration in governance training, academic exchange, and mutual capacity building.

The Chinese delegation, led by Professor Ging Weibin of the Central Committee of the Com-

munist Party of China (CPC), held consultative meetings at the Kenya School of Government with key stakeholders to align on priority areas of cooperation, including scholarship administration, faculty exchange, policy research and executive training programmes.

Speaking during the engagement, Deputy Head of the Public Service, Mr. Amos Gathecha, reaffirmed the Government's dedication to partnerships that promote the ongoing transformation of the public sector.

"This cooperation underscores the Government's resolve to build a professional, ethical, and efficient public service that is responsive to the needs of citizens. We welcome this partnership with the China National Academy of Governance as a key pillar in our public sector reform and capacity-building agenda," Mr. Gathecha said.

The proposed MoU will facilitate the Annual Award of up to 600 scholarships for Kenyan public servants and students, alongside the development of joint training

modules, collaborative research initiatives and benchmarking programmes.

Mr. Gathecha also confirmed that the engagement builds on preliminary discussions held earlier when he led a Kenyan delegation to China to initiate a dialogue on strengthening bilateral cooperation in governance and institutional development.

The Director General of the Kenya School of Government, Professor Nura Mohamed, emphasized the strategic importance of the partnership, noting that it would significantly advance KSG's mandate.

"This collaboration will deepen our institutional capacity to deliver high-quality training and leadership development and will expose our public service professionals to global best practices in governance," Professor Mohamed said.

The Kenya School of Government remains at the forefront of enhancing the quality and professionalism of Kenya's public service through structured learning, leadership development, and international partnerships, he added.

## Government unveils Masalani water project

BY ERICK KYALO, KNA

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) has unveiled a 20.3million water project in Masalani Town. The project, implemented by the NDMA from the National Drought Emergency Fund NDEF is set to benefit at least 2,300 households in Masalani.

The initiative aims at ending the acute scarcity of the precious commodity in the area. This includes constructing a 4.4-kilometre pipeline, installing a 120,000-litre elevated steel water tank, and establishing a water kiosk.

It will benefit residents in Sarman, Qalanqal, and Bulla Saudi villages, as well as 600 learners in nearby schools and madrasahs. As such, the initiative will ease the burden on women and children, improve household health and support better school attendance, while at the same time strengthening local institutions.

The initiative is a key intervention that will significantly improve access to clean water and strengthen drought resilience for the residents, said the Principal Secretary, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional development, Harsama Kello.

"The government is committed to strengthening resilience in arid and semi-arid areas, which have endured harsh effects of recurring droughts, affecting not just the people and livestock, but also education, health and livelihood activities," he said during the commissioning of the project.

"Water has been a challenge in the Arid and Semi-Arid areas, but with this new project here in Masalani today, more than 12,000 people will be benefiting from access to clean water," he said.

The water will not only help in the villages for domestic use but also reach students in schools. It will give the community

an opportunity to start kitchen gardens, grow food and trees and provide a water point for the livestock.

The NDMA CEO Col. (Rtd.), Hared Adan said, the project is a part of the larger strategy to reduce vulnerability, build resilience and move from response to readiness.

The beneficiaries have been called upon to take full responsibility and protect the project from damage and burglary.

Garissa Deputy Governor, Abdi Dagane said, the county government has made allocations in the next financial year's budget to extend the project to the other parts of the Ijara sub county.

This project comes as a relief to the residents of Masalani who have experienced perennial water shortages, especially due to lack of water intake pumping machines and treatment plants despite its proximity to River Tana, which is approximately 4.5 kilometers.

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### THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

#### EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

Country:	KENYA
Project Title:	Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project
Procuring Entity:	ICT Authority
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

The Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Information, Communications, and The Digital Economy, and the ICT Authority, is implementing the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP), funded by the World Bank. The Government plans to install a high-capacity fiber optic cable along the Isiolo-Mandera corridor to enhance digital connectivity and interconnect to Ethiopia and Somalia. As part of the preparatory process for upcoming procurements, the ICT Authority is undertaking an Early Market Engagement (EME) to consult and interact with market players in the ICT infrastructure and connectivity sector.

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

#### Objectives of the Market Engagement

The purpose of this Early Market Engagement is to:

- Inform the market of potential upcoming procurement opportunities;
- Understand the capacity, capabilities, and innovations available in the market;
- Gather feedback on the proposed technical requirements and delivery approach;
- Support the development of an effective procurement strategy that ensures value for money and competitive participation.

#### Scope of Upcoming Procurement

The Authority intends to procure Equipment, works and services related to:

- Installation of Backbone fibre optic infrastructure (Isiolo to Mandera)
- Cross border connectivity to Ethiopia and Somalia
- Installation of Metros and Last-mile fibre optic cable infrastructure
- Deployment of public WiFi hotspots at public institutions (e.g. hospitals, markets, schools);
- Supply and installation of networking equipment (e.g. Routers, switches, UPS systems);
- Civil works and Solar Power installations.

#### Who Should Participate

This engagement is open to:

- Licensed ICT infrastructure contractors and suppliers;
- Fibre optics and networking solution providers;
- Local and international companies with relevant experience;
- Sector consultants and professional associations;
- Telecommunications Power Solution Providers.

#### Engagement Format

The engagement will be hybrid –both online and in person in Nairobi (**date and venue, link to be communicated**). Submission of feedback and/or capability statements via email.

#### How to Participate

Interested firms and individuals are invited to express interest by **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**, by sending an email to **hoagdp@icta.go.ke** copy to: **procurement@ict.go.ke** with the subject line: **"Expression of Interest – Early Market Engagement: Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project"**. Interested parties are invited to register their interest via the link **https://icta.go.ke/events**. Participants will receive a Workshop Brief and further instructions upon registration.

#### Please attach:

- A brief company profile;
- Areas of interest or specialization;
- Relevant experience
- Any initial comments on the expected scope or implementation considerations.

#### Important Notes

- This is not a solicitation or tender process, and participation does not confer any advantage in future procurement.
- All information shared by the ICT Authority during the engagement will be non-binding and subject to revision.

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# Kenya Pipeline, KEBS seal agreement to fast-track petroleum quality testing

BY MICHAEL OMONDI KNA

The Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has entered into a strategic service level agreement (SLA) with the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) to facilitate the testing of petroleum cargoes entering Kenya.

The partnership, signed at KPC headquarters in Nairobi, marks a pivotal step in strengthening petroleum quality assurance and accelerating trade facilitation at Kenya's key entry points, by testing petroleum products at KPC's state-of-the-art laboratories, said KPC Managing Director (MD), Joe Sang.

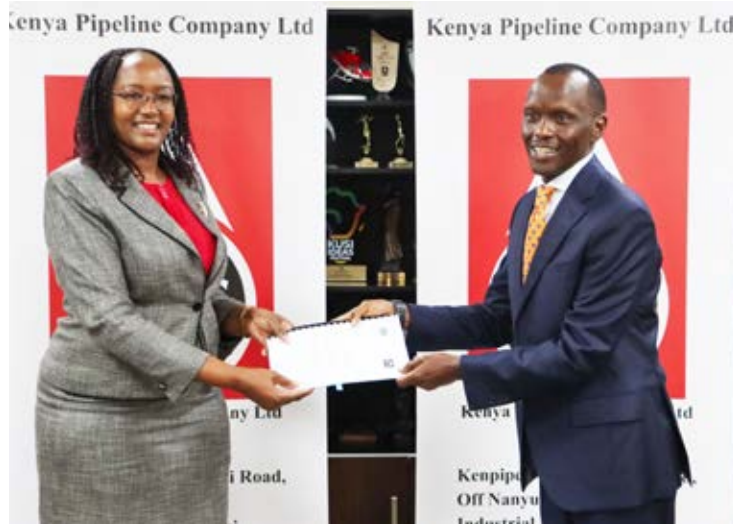
The three-year agreement, valued at an estimated Sh45 million, is designed to transform the national fuel testing regime, by leveraging KPC's network of seven technically equipped ISO 17025-accredited laboratories, six of which are dedicated

to petroleum testing and one to environmental analysis.

Speaking at the signing ceremony the MD highlighted the transformative impact of the agreement, insisting that the collaboration between KPC and KEBS serves as a bold step towards deepening trust and efficiency in the country's petroleum sector.

Mr Sang noted that having KPC's seven accredited laboratories directly support KEBS testing will cut down fuel clearance time, promote transparency and strengthen Kenya's reputation as a regional energy leader.

"Operationalizing this agreement following our ISO 17025:2017 accreditation ensures that every petroleum cargo entering Kenya is tested in full compliance with global standards," he said, "stressing that this will reinforce confidence among consumers, oil marketers and international stakeholders, a win for Kenya's competitiveness as an energy, logistics and aviation hub."



**Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) Managing Director (MD), Joe Sang (Right) and the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) MD, Esther Ngari, with the signed Service Level Agreement (SLA) at the KPC Headquarters in Nairobi. The agreement will see all petroleum cargoes entering Kenya tested at KPC's State-of-the-Art, ISO 17025-accredited laboratories**

Sang further said the laboratories, strategically located within major depots and at the Kipevu Oil Terminal in Mombasa, are equipped to deliver

rapid, accurate, and internationally benchmarked results, using globally recognized ASTM and Energy Institute (EI) standards.

Concurrently, KEBS MD, Esther Ngari, expressed confidence in KPC's testing capabilities, describing the collaboration with KPC as a land-

mark development in Bureau's ongoing commitment to uphold and advance quality standards within the petroleum sector.

"We are confident that this partnership will drive efficiency, reduce logistical complexities and significantly contribute to the overall safety and reliability of the fuel supply chain," she reiterated.

The SLA builds on KPC's 2021 Strategic Plan to commercialize its laboratories and extend testing services to third-party entities, including oil marketing companies (OMCs). Previously, KEBS used to ferry samples to distant facilities, a process that incurred higher costs and longer delays.

With KPC's labs now fully equipped and accredited, the testing cycle for petroleum products such as diesel, petrol, aviation fuels and lubricants will be completed in as little as seven hours, down from the previous 24 hours.

Sang said the agreement reaffirms the government's broader agenda to foster synergy among state agencies, improve regulatory efficiency as well as promote trade competitiveness.

## Government concludes college placement for 2024 KCSE candidates



**Cabinet Secretary for Education, Julius Migos Ogamba (center), addresses the media during a press briefing on the university and college placement results, at the Ministry of Education headquarters, Jogoo House B, Nairobi. PHOTO: DANIEL KAMAU**

BY VICTOR KIPLAGAT AND GEORGE GERISH, KNA

The Government has successfully concluded the placement of the 2024 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates into institutions of higher learning across the country.

Speaking during a media briefing, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Julius Migos Ogamba, announced that this year's placement exercise, conducted by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), was carried out in two phases.

"The first phase targeted students seeking opportunities at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC), national polytechnics, and public TVET institutions, facilitating their admission for the March and May intakes," he explained, adding that successful applicants have already commenced their studies.

Ogamba further reported that the second phase focused on students applying to universities and teacher training colleges for the September intake.

The CS noted that the placement process was executed smoothly, without technical challenges, attributing this success to recent technological enhancements and the support of the Department of Immigration and Citizen Services in ensuring a stable payment system. He revealed that out of the 965,501 candidates who sat the 2024 KCSE exams, 950,711 were Kenyan citizens. Of these, 244,563 students attained a mean grade of C+ and above, qualifying for admission to degree programmes, while 706,148 qualified for placement in TVET institutions and other tertiary programmes.

"There were 986,137 total placement opportunities, sufficient to accommodate all 2024 KCSE candidates as well as those from previous years," he said.

## Military to help complete stalled Nakuru Referral Hospital trauma centre

BY ANNE MWALE, KNA

On the morning of January 31, 2009, an oil tanker that had overturned at Sachangwan along the Nakuru-Eldoret highway burst into flames along the Nakuru-Eldoret highway at Sachangwan, claiming more than 130 lives.

Two years later, former President Mwai Kibaki unveiled a plan to improve the treatment of critically injured road accident victims along the notorious highway.

He commissioned a Sh90-million trauma centre that aimed at easing the pain of crash victims.

With the initial funding of Sh60 million allocated to the project, the unfinished trauma centre complex situated opposite the hospital mortuary stalled a year into its construction, and for the past 14 years the incomplete facility has been fenced off with iron sheets.

However, an intervention by President Dr. William Ruto has now offered a ray of hope for the stalled project after engineers, quantity surveyors and architects from the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) began site assessments of the PGH Trauma Centre prior to



**Nakuru Deputy Governor David Kones (Right) welcomes Major DG Roba of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) who led military engineers, quantity surveyors and architects on site assessments of the stalled Olenguruone Stadium project prior to formally taking completion of the facility.**

formally taking completion of the stalled project.

The KDF team led by Major G D Roba that was accompanied on the site assessment visit by County Secretary and Head of Public Service Dr. Samuel Mwaura and Nakuru City Manager Gitau Thabanja is expected to compile and forward a detailed report to the President to inform the next phase of completing the three projects.

Dr. Mwaura indicated that to facilitate the collaboration, the devolved unit is currently preparing essential documents including structural plans and bills of quantities to guide KDF's involvement.

The Trauma Center

project was set up under the defunct Ministry of Special Programmes to serve accident victims along a dangerous stretch of road on the northern corridor.

The centre was to be equipped with high-dependency and intensive care units, among other amenities, and was to be completed within 12 months according to hospital documentation. Dr. Mwaura said the proposed trauma center is a viable project that will assist patients with trauma, among other emergencies once completed.

"There are cases of burns, accidents and fire injuries reported at the hospital that would be better handled at the trauma centre. It would be prudent to complete

its construction because it would be of great use," the County Secretary said.

Dr. Mwaura said there were many instances where accident victims could have been saved if they received prompt care from trained medicals.

"There are many people who die after being involved in road accidents, while the condition of some worsens for lack of experts to attend to them. This is why it is advisable to complete construction of the center to handle accident victims," he said.

The building, which is a one-story structure, has a complete roof and walls, but lacks doors, windows, and other essential fittings.



# KNH secures grant to boost green energy supply

BY MICHAEL OMONDI,  
KNA

**K**enyatta National Hospital (KNH) will install a solar-power system, expanding and greening the hospital's energy supply.

In partnership with the German Development Agency (GIZ), the European Investment Bank's development arm (EIB Global) will offer KNH a grant of Sh7.3 million (€50,000).

The grant comes from a multi-donor initiative run by the World Bank and EIB for cities – the Cities Climate Finance Gap Fund and will cover technical studies and a financial assessment regarding the installation of the photovoltaic (PV) system.

The project aims to meet the growing demand for electricity at the hospital while increasing its energy

independence and reducing its carbon footprint.

As the largest public health institution in East Africa, the hospital accommodates 2,400 beds and serves close to 2 million patients annually.

However, high electricity costs in Kenya continue to strain its budget, while frequent power outages force the facility to depend on diesel generators that supply only about 65 per cent of its energy needs, putting critically ill patients at risk.

“Our goal is a climate smart future, and we are committed to supporting Kenyatta National Hospital in its transition to green electricity,” Edward Claessen, the head of EIB Regional Hub for East Africa said.

He added that the forthcoming technical studies will lay the ground for successful implementation of

the PV system. Under the agreement, GIZ experts will carry out technical and financial evaluations for implementation and maintenance of the solar-power system.

KNH intends to direct savings on energy bills resulting from the planned PV system to areas such as purchasing medical supplies, hiring more staff and upgrading facilities.

KNH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Evanson Kamuri expressed gratitude to EIB Global, GIZ and the City Climate Finance Gap Fund for support through the programme.

“This collaboration marks a significant step forward in our commitment to sustainable healthcare delivery,” Dr. Kamuri noted.

He observed that by integrating energy efficiency and climate-smart solutions, KNH not only



**Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) in Nairobi is the largest hospital and public health centre in Kenya and the East African region. It has a capacity of 2,400 beds and serves about 2 million patients annually.**

enhances operational resilience but also sets a benchmark for environmentally responsible healthcare infrastructure in the region.

The EIB Global and GIZ support will lead to concrete recommendations to

the hospital on attaining reliable and efficient power supply through the planned PV system.

The studies will assess the hospital's current energy consumption patterns, evaluate the feasibility of

integrating the planned PV system into the hospital power grid, provide financial modelling for installation and maintenance and address regulatory questions.

## AFA unveils cotton seed milling equipment to enhance local processing

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND  
RODGERS OMONDI

**T**he Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) has installed a cotton seed milling machine at Muluanda Cotton Ginnery in Samia Sub-County, Busia, to promote value addition and boost local cotton farming.

With a milling capacity of 80 kilograms per hour, the Sh500,000 machine will enhance the value of cotton by processing seeds into cotton oil and seed cake.

Speaking during the launch, AFA Director General Dr. Bruno Linyiru stated that the equipment would raise the price of seed cotton due to the production of multiple by-products.

“The increase in value addition will enhance the farm-gate price of seed cotton by an estimated 8 to 11 percent. This is because there will be three by-products: lint, oil, and seed cake. These products will be sold to textile mills, animal feed manufacturers, and the paint industry, respectively,” Dr. Linyiru said.

He also revealed that the machine, manufactured locally, is capable of milling other seed crops.

“We are working with local institutions that have developed this machine, meaning spare parts will



**The newly launched milling machine at Muluanda ginnery. The machine with a milling capacity of 80 kg per hour will help add value chain in cotton and improve farmers' profit.**

be available locally. This machine can also be used to mill sunflower and other oil crops,” he said.

Dr. Linyiru added that the authority is not only focused on reducing reliance on imported lint and seed cake but also aims to increase the area under cotton cultivation from 40,000 acres in 2024 to 160,000 acres by 2027, and to improve productivity from 153 kilograms per acre to 900 kilograms per acre over the same period.

He outlined government support for cotton value chains, noting the distribution of 1,000 metric tonnes of seeds (OPV and BT varieties) in 2025 for both the long and short rains. Busia County's allocation included 125 metric tonnes of OPV seeds and 750 kilograms of BT seeds, alongside

pesticide provisions. He assured local residents that the government would replace outdated equipment to revive the industry, while providing high-yield seeds and proper pesticides to support farmers and unions.

Funyula MP Wilberforce Mudenyio urged the residents to do more cotton farming to provide the required quantity of cotton at the ginnery.

“Cotton production in Busia County remains low despite the availability of machinery, and many farmers are elderly. To fully revive and sustain this sector, we must attract more young people to cotton farming. There are jobs, profits, and business opportunities in this industry, that is why I urge our youth to take up cotton farming and secure their future,” he said.



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### VALIDATION OF USED MOTOR VEHICLE IMPORTATION DOCUMENTS FOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO DESTINATION INSPECTION.

Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) fulfils its role of safeguarding Kenyans' rights to quality products by enforcing Kenya standards, which are periodically updated to stay current with technological progress and include developments that could impact product safety.

Among the standards enforced by KEBS is **KS 1515:2000 - Code of practice for inspection of road vehicles**, which requires that all used motor vehicles being imported into Kenya are not more than 8 (eight) years old from the Year of First Registration (YoR). To ensure that all vehicles imported into Kenya without a Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR) meet this requirement at destination, it is important for the importers, traders or sellers to validate import documents such as Logbooks, export certificates and/ or deregistration certificates with a reliable and authorized database.

This will help prevent cases of importation of motor vehicles with forged or fraudulently acquired documents.

Consequently, KEBS has engaged Quality Inspection Services Inc. Japan (QISJ) to carry out validation of import documents for used motor vehicles subject to destination inspection for purposes of age limit verification.

This engagement will be implemented as listed below:

- Validation fees per vehicle – Kes. 12,000 (To be paid by importer to local QISJ offices)**
- Service timeline – within 4 working days**

Importers of used motor vehicles not accompanied by a Certificate of Roadworthiness (CoR) are required to submit copies of the logbook or de-registration certificate, or export certificate from the country of last registration, to any of the QISJ local offices listed below, for validation.

#### Nairobi office

3rd Floor, Flamingo Towers, Mara Road  
Upper Hill, Nairobi  
Contact person: Brian Kuria  
Email: qis@qisjp.com  
Tel.: +254 727 009004

#### Mombasa Office

Hatimy Talyani Rd, Opp Bliss Medical Centre  
Kizingo, Mombasa  
Contact Person: Mustafa Feisal  
Email: qisjke@qisjp.com  
Tel.: +254 727 009005

Only used motor vehicles with validated import documents will be subjected to destination inspection by KEBS, **effective 14th July 2025.**

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR

KEBS implements an Anti-bribery Management Policy accessible through KEBS Website [www.kebs.org](http://www.kebs.org)





# Kenya advocates for ethical AI integration in payments

BY NAIF RASHID AND  
VICTOR KIPLAGAT KNA

The government is committed to ensuring that ethical and inclusive adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI), is embraced by Kenyans to enhance payment systems and public service delivery.

Director of Information-In-Charge of ICT at the Directorate of Information, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Esther Wanjau, said the move is aimed at simplifying citizen access to services and bridging the digital divide.

Wanjau, who was speaking during the Seamless East Africa 2025 forum at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, told participants at the forum that the government launched the National AI Strategy it had developed in March this year.

She noted that the strategy, which is anchored on broad stakeholder engagement, will address existing gaps in access to technology, particularly for underserved populations.

“This strategy will give a roadmap on what the government will be undertaking in the area of Artificial Intelligence,” said Wanjau.

“The government is deliberate in making AI-ready services, through platforms such as e-Citizen, we have already incorpo-



**Ms. Esther Wanjau, Director of Information (ICT) at the Directorate of Information (L) , engages with James Mureu, the Chairman of the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (R), on the implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in business transactions in Kenya.**

rated USSD and SMS systems to serve Kenyans who do not own smartphones. This ensures inclusivity even as we advance into a more digital future,” Wanjau said.

She emphasised that the government’s mandate is primarily policy formulation, with implementation largely driven by the private sector.

“The government is laying the foundation for private innovation to thrive, guided by regulatory and legal frameworks that are responsive to the needs of the people,” stated Wanjau, adding that the upcoming budget cycle will allocate funding for AI advancement.

She assured of the government’s commitment to explore the production of low-cost smartphones to support digital inclusion, particularly in rural areas where infrastructure remains a barrier.

Chairman of the Micro and Small

Enterprises Authority (MSEA), James Mureu, underscored the potential of AI in transforming customer experience and boosting operational efficiency, which he noted should always remain accessible to all.

“Technology must be simplified. For our artisans, traders and Mama mbogas, complexity is a barrier. AI should be so seamless that a carpenter can pay tax with a prompt and a PIN,” said

Mureu.

“We are seeing innovation already in places like the expressway and mobile payments. That is the model we should replicate,” he added.

Mureu advocated for a shift in language around business categorisation while proposing the term emerging enterprises be used to replace the commonly used MSMEs, which he said undervalues the significant contribution of small businesses to the economy.

“These enterprises support 90 per cent of Kenya’s workforce and

contribute 40 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product. They deserve dignity in name and in policy,” he said.

Mureu further challenged developers to create solutions tailored for the estimated 16 million small enterprises across the country, and called on regulators to build public trust by ensuring fair financial policies.

“We need regulatory systems that favour productive economic activity over profit-hoarding. Trust, fairness, and simplicity must guide AI integration,” he said.



## Ministry of Roads and Transport

### State Department for Transport

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REGULATIONS, 2025

#### EXTENSION OF COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS SUBMISSION DATE

Following the issuance of the **GAZETTE NOTICE VOL.CXXVII – No.129** and the Public Notice **‘NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REGULATIONS, 2025’** published on **Wednesday, 18th June 2025** and **Tuesday, 24th June 2025** respectively, members of the public are requested to submit their comments and proposals as per the prescribed format provided below.

#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS SUBMISSION FORM

	REGULATIONS/RULES	CLAUSE OF THE REGULATIONS/RULES	PROPOSALS	JUSTIFICATION
1.				
2.				

#### THE DRAFT REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS ( RIS) COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS SUBMISSION FORM

	NAME OF RIS	CLAUSE OF THE RIS	PROPOSALS	JUSTIFICATION
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The comments and proposals Submission Forms are available for download on [www.transport.go.ke](http://www.transport.go.ke) and [www.ntsago.ke](http://www.ntsago.ke).

Members of the public who had previously sent their comments and proposals are requested to re-submit the same information in the prescribed formats. This is to ensure structured contribution to enhance the proposed statutory instruments listed below and their respective draft Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS);

- (a) Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2025;
- (b) Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2025;
- (c) Traffic (Drink Driving) Regulations, 2025; and
- (d) National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Service Vehicles) Regulations, 2025

Further, through this Public Notice, members of the public are advised that the deadline for submission of comments and proposals has been extended by a period of **14days**. The deadline for submission of comments and proposals is **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**.

The draft Regulatory Impact Statements and proposed Regulations are available on the Ministry of Roads and Transport website: [www.transport.go.ke](http://www.transport.go.ke) and on the NTSA website: [www.ntsago.ke](http://www.ntsago.ke). Hard copies may also be requested at the Ministry Headquarters, Transcom House, Ngong Road, Nairobi during working hours.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit their comments and proposals through written submissions or memoranda in line with prescribed formats and addressed to the Ministry via email or physical submission at any Ministry of Roads and Transport or NTSA offices.

Please send your written comments to:

**The Principal Secretary**  
**State Department for Transport, Ministry of Roads and Transport**  
**Transcom House, Ngong Road**  
**P. O. Box 52692-00200, Nairobi**  
**E-mail: [info@transport.go.ke](mailto:info@transport.go.ke), Telephone: +254-20-2729200**  
**Website: [www.transport.go.ke](http://www.transport.go.ke)**

or  
Email: [info@transport.go.ke](mailto:info@transport.go.ke)  
Copy to: [comments@ntsago.ke](mailto:comments@ntsago.ke)

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**Ministry of Roads and Transport**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) is a premier research organization, with the mandate to promote, streamline, coordinate and regulate research in Crops, Livestock, Genetic Resources and Biotechnology in Kenya. In addition, to expedite equitable access to research information, resources and technology as well as to promote application of the research findings and technology in the field of agriculture.

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1	Director General	1	KALRO/DG/I
2	Deputy Director General, Crops	1	KALRO/DDGC/II

The Public is notified of the following: -

- i. Detailed Job Descriptions, requirements and how to apply are available on the KALRO Website; [www.kalro.org/Careers](http://www.kalro.org/Careers)
- ii. All applications **MUST** be received on or before **22nd July 2025 by 5.00 p.m.**
- iii. KALRO is an equal opportunity Employer; Persons with disability, marginalised and minorities are also encouraged to apply.
- iv. KALRO **DOES NOT** charge **ANY FEES** for job applications.
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- vi. Shortlisted candidates **MUST** present their original Academic and Professional Certificates during the interview.
- vii. **ONLY** successful candidates will be required to avail the following documents: -
  - a. Clearance from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
  - b. Clearance from Criminal Investigations Department;
  - c. Clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC);
  - d. Clearance from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB);
  - e. Clearance from Kenya Revenue Authority (Tax Compliance Certificate).
- viii. **CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL LEAD TO AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**

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# KPA completes construction of Sh2.6b Shimoni fish port

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI, KNA

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has completed the construction of the Sh2.6 billion Shimoni Fish Port project in Kwale.

The port is a significant milestone in efforts to harness the Blue Economy that comprises fisheries, maritime biotechnology, aquaculture, tourism and marine transport and logistics. KPA, in partnership with Southern Engineering Company Ltd (SECO), developed a project that is expected to boost fish production, processing, and value addition.

The project, which comes with marine and civil infrastructure, will be a big boost for the fishing industry in the country. It is part of the national government's broader vision to build a strong economic foundation and invest in critical infrastructure including ports.

The government seeks to improve sustainable growth and empower local industries by creating jobs and stimulating economic growth in the South Coast, said KPA Ag. Manager Corporate Communications, Jones Buchere.

Accompanying senior KPA managers on an inspection tour of the new facility, Buchere said completing the Shimoni Fishing Port will revolutionize Kwale's role in the blue economy by delivering modern on-shore facilities, including fish storage and processing units.

It will enable the local fishing industry to thrive, allowing larger vessels to dock and enhance the capacity for export. "The new dedicated fishing port will significantly boost the economy, create jobs and improve livelihoods for the coastal communities," he said.

Buchere said the modern port is dedicated solely to fish production; processing and value addition which will transform the local economy, increasing opportunities for the exportation of the finished products to the region, as well as meeting local consumption.

KPA is transforming Shimoni into a regional fishing hub by aligning it with the broader government's goal of modernizing port facilities and encouraging sustainable industrial practices.

Key infrastructure under the project includes a jetty measuring 75 meters by 30 meters and a 135-meter causeway, capable of berthing two fishing vessels simultaneously.

Additional critical facilities at the port include a dedicated fish processing plant, cold storage units, reefer stations, a power substation, an ice-making plant, a bio-digester, and a wastewater management system.

The port is poised to transform the region's fishing industry by improving efficiency, reducing post-harvest losses, and creating new eco-

nomic opportunities.

It will directly benefit local communities by creating jobs for locals and generating enormous revenue thus offering

hope for long-term economic stability.

Kwale Governor, Fatuma Achari, further highlighted the project's significance for the

coastal region's economic development and commercial activities.

She expressed hope that the fishing port would contribute

to supporting the local and national economy. She said it will utilize the potential of the Mombasa commercial seaport, to facilitate the export of fish.

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## VACANCY

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Job Ref: ICTA/001/2025

The Information and Communication Technology Authority (ICTA) is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Information and Communication and Technology established under legal notice NO. 183 in August 2013.

The Authority is tasked with rationalizing and streamlining the management of all Government of Kenya ICT functions. Its broad mandate entails Setting and enforcing ICT standards in Government, promoting E-Government services, digital literacy and capacity, ICT innovation and enterprise, ensuring secure ICT infrastructure, supervising ICT projects and managing the Kenya National Spatial Data in line with the Kenya National Digital Master Plan 2022-2032.

To strengthen our management team, we wish to recruit a highly motivated professional to fill the position of:

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - ICTA 1

##### Job purpose

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible to the Board of Directors for the management and administration of all activities of the Authority. In addition, the CEO will provide strategic leadership and direction to the Authority in the management of day-to-day activities in order to achieve ICT Authority's mandate in line with its Strategic Plan and Government Policy.

##### Job Specifications

The Chief Executive Officer will report to the Board of Directors. The duties and responsibilities of the Officer will entail:

- Providing strategic leadership in accordance with the mandate of the Authority as stipulated in section 5 of the Legal Notice No 183.
- Formulating, implementing and reviewing the Strategic Plan, business plan, annual plan and annual budget of the Authority.
- Coordinating the operations and administrative functions of the Authority.
- Implementing the policies and programs of the Authority and reporting thereon to the Board through timely and accurately prepared Board papers.
- Overseeing the implementation of Boards decisions and policies.
- Ensuring effective governance, risk and crisis management in the Authority.
- Ensuring proper management of funds and property of the Authority.
- Developing operations plans and programs for achieving the Authority's objectives.
- Ensuring implementation and fulfilment of the policies and agreed objectives, performance targets and service standards of the Authority.
- Providing advice as required on all matters within the Authority.
- Being the spokesperson for the Authority.
- Spearheading the development and implementation of efficient systems that support the effective use of the Authority's Resources.
- Ensuring effective management of change.
- Establishing and maintaining sound working relationship with government agencies, customers, development partners to position Kenya globally.

##### Person Specifications

For appointment to this grade an officer must have:-

- Served in a relevant position for at least fifteen (15) years working in the Public Service or in the Private Sector; Nine (9) of which in Senior Management position;

##### How to Apply

Applications should be submitted online to be received on or before close of business on **Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

##### Apply here:

<https://recruitment.icta.go.ke/>

**ICT Authority is an equal opportunity Employer and Women, Youth and People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**

- Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines:- Information Communication Technology, Finance, Law or related field from a recognized institution
- Master's degree in any of the following disciplines: -Information Communication Technology, Finance, Business, Law or related field from a recognized institution.
- Leadership course lasting not less than four (4) weeks from a recognized institution.
- Membership to a relevant professional body;
- Certificate in computer application skills;
- Meets the provision of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

##### Competencies and Skills

- Communicating with impacts;
- Leading and managing people;
- Applying expertise;
- Planning and organizing;
- Leading and managing performance;
- Financial and resource management;
- Customer and Stakeholder orientation;
- Formulating policy, strategies and concepts;
- Leading change programmes and projects
- Decision making
- Strategic visioning and entrepreneurial thinking
- Political astuteness and diplomacy
- Collaboration and partnerships;
- Coaching and mentoring;
- Persuading and influencing;
- Relating and networking; and
- Technological Savviness

Shortlisted candidates will be required to satisfy the requirement of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 by submitting or having initiated the following valid compliance certificates;

- Certificate of Good Conduct from Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI);
- Certificate of compliance from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB);
- Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA);
- Current Self Declaration form from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), and
- Certificate from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

##### Duration of appointment

This appointment is for a period of 3 years renewable once subject to satisfactory performance.



# New Limuru fire station to boost emergency response

BY JAMES GUCHU  
KNA

Limuru town in Kiambu County will have enhanced safety and emergency response as the newly constructed Limuru Municipality Fire Station becomes operational.

Located strategically within the municipality, the fire station project signifies the county's commitment to strengthening disaster preparedness and public safety.

The facility, constructed at a cost of Sh27 million under a public-private community partnership model (PCPM), features a modern design with engine bays, staff dormitories, offices, and equipment storage units.

Eighty per cent (Sh21.6 million) of the budget was directed toward infrastructure, while the remaining 20 percent (Sh5.4 million) catered for firefighting tools, rescue equipment, and protective gear.

Chief Officer of the Service Delivery Unit,



The ground view of the new Limuru Fire Station.

Julie Waweru stated that the station would benefit from the deployment of one of the four newly acquired fire engines which had been purchased by the Kiambu County Government.

Each engine has a 10,000-litre capacity and is equipped with advanced features such as floodlights and hydraulic ladders.

She stated that the project reflects the county's commitment to safety, dignity, and timely service delivery across every corner of Kiambu.

Previously, Limuru relied on a single 4,500-litre fire engine, which served both Limuru and Lari

Sub-Counties with only 10 personnel.

Mary Njeri, a trader at Limuru market welcomed the development, acknowledging the vulnerability they have endured in the past due to delayed fire response.

She remarked that the new station had brought relief, noting that previous delays had resulted in significant losses of property and livelihoods.

The project, nearing final installation and staffing, is expected to drastically reduce emergency response times and ensure rapid action in the event of fires, road accidents, or other emergency disasters.

# 6,484 healthcare interns deployed to boost Kenya's primary health workforce

BY JUDY SHERI  
(PCO)

The Ministry of Health has deployed 6,484 healthcare interns in an effort to strengthen Kenya's primary health workforce, a central pillar in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Speaking at Afya House in Nairobi, Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale hailed the posting of the interns across the country as a major milestone in the government's quest to restore order and accountability in human resource deployment within the health sector.

"This is not just the fulfillment of a pledge;



Health CS Aden Duale speaking during the flag-off ceremony for the 2025/2026 cohort of healthcare interns, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening the health workforce under Universal Health Coverage.

it is a bold demonstration that this government keeps its word," he said.

The internship deployment, which includes medical officers, dentists, pharmacists, clinical officers, and nurses, is one of the most expansive and timely exercises in recent years.

The interns will undergo a 12-month structured clinical training in internship centers accredited by regulatory bodies.

Duale emphasized that the training is designed to meet global standards, focusing on hands-on experience and quality supervision.



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No.	POSITION	GRADE	REF NO.	No. of POSTS
A. SENIOR LECTURERS				
i.	Civil Engineering	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
ii.	Mechatronics Engineering	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
iii.	Mechanical Engineering	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
iv.	Hospitality and Tourism Management	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
v.	Health Systems Management	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
vi.	Entrepreneurship	13	MUST/ACA/EXT/01/7/25	1
B. LECTURERS				
i.	Medical Laboratory Science	12	MUST/ACA/EXT/02/7/2025	2
ii.	Hospitality and Tourism Management	12	MUST/ACA/EXT/02/7/2025	1
iii.	Electrical and Electronics	12	MUST/ACA/EXT/02/7/2025	1
C. TUTORIAL FELLOWS				
i.	Health Records and Information Management	11	MUST/ACA/EXT/03/7/2025	2
ii.	Health Systems Management	11	MUST/ACA/EXT/03/7/2025	1
iii.	Medical Surgical	11	MUST/ACA/EXT/03/7/2025	1
iv.	Midwifery	11	MUST/ACA/EXT/03/7/2025	1
v.	Public Health	11	MUST/ACA/EXT/03/7/2025	1
D. CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR				
i.	Nursing	10	MUST/ACA/EXT/04/7/2025	1
ii.	Midwifery	10	MUST/ACA/EXT/04/7/2025	1
2 ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS				
i.	Deputy Finance Officer	14	MUST/ADM/EXT/01/7/2025	1
ii.	Deputy Registrar, Examinations	14	MUST/ADM/EXT/02/7/2025	1
iii.	Deputy Registrar, Admissions	14	MUST/ADM/EXT/03/7/2025	1
iv.	Senior Librarian	13	MUST/ADM/EXT/04/7/2025	1
v.	Chief Communications Officer	12	MUST/ADM/EXT/05/7/2025	1
vi.	Software Developer (ICT Officer 1)	11	MUST/ADM/EXT/06/7/2025	1
vii.	IT Security Officer, (ICT Officer 1)	11	MUST/ADM/EXT/07/7/2025	1
viii.	Database Administrator (ICT Officer II)	10	MUST/ADM/EXT/08/7/2025	1
ix.	Webmaster (ICT Officer II)	10	MUST/ADM/EXT/09/7/2025	1
x.	Content Developer/ Instructional Designer	10	MUST/ADM/EXT/10/7/2025	1
xi.	ICT Officers (ICT Technician)	8	MUST/ADM/EXT/11/7/2025	3
xii.	Clinical Officer 1	9	MUST/ADM/EXT/12/7/2025	1
xiii.	Farm Manager	9	MUST/ADM/EXT/13/7/2025	1
xiv.	Administrative Assistant I	8	MUST/ADM/EXT/14/7/2025	3

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## State to compensate victims of human-wildlife conflicts

BY EMMANUEL MASHA  
AND KWEKWE LUGUA, KNA

The Government has disbursed Sh60.38 million to compensate 24 families whose relatives were killed in wildlife-related incidents between 2014 and 2020 in Kilifi County.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS), Rebecca Miano emphasised the government's commitment to restoring dignity and trust among bereaved families.

She was speaking at Marafa Vocational Training Centre in Magarini Sub-County while issuing the cheques.

She was joined by the Chairman of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Board of Trustees, Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Walter Raria Koipaton, KWS Director General, Prof. Erastus Kanga, and the Wildlife Conservation Secretary in the State Department for Wildlife Mr. John Chumo.

The CS noted that human-wildlife conflict remains a pressing issue in Kilifi, with over 1,300

incidents reported since 202. She expressed remorse for the fatalities, injuries and widespread destruction of crops.

"While wildlife is a treasured gift to our nation, we must take proactive measures to prevent these adverse interactions. We are working to ensure animals remain within designated habitats, allowing residents to farm and conduct business without fear," Miano said.

She said the ministry had launched a digital platform that enables affected individuals to file claims electronically with a view to accelerating the payment process and curb fraudulent reporting.

The CS announced that plans are underway to prioritise construction of an electric fence along the Tsavo East-Kilifi boundary within the next one year, even as the ministry and KWS deploy modern surveillance tools to facilitate rapid tracing and prompt response.

"Before the fence is finalised, we shall deploy

modern surveillance tools such as drones, mobile technology and cameras to facilitate rapid response. We are also engaging community leaders to develop grass-roots-based solutions," the CS said.

A dispatch from the Ministry and KWS communication teams indicated that the government had already disbursed Sh2.8 billion in compensation nationwide to families affected between 2014 and 2020, with an additional Sh1.36 billion under processing.

Local leaders praised the government for the initiative but emphasised the need for an electric fence to be erected between the Tsavo East National Park and Kilifi County to prevent elephants from straying from the park to invade homes and farms, a menace that is reportedly rampant in Ganze, Kaloleni and Malindi Sub-Counties.

Koipaton stated that the board would guide KWS to become a more community-oriented,



Leaders display a dummy cheque of Sh60,384 million. Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary, Rebecca Miano, handed over actual cheques to 24 families of victims of human-wildlife conflicts between 2014 and 2020.

solution-driven institution anchored in transparency, partnership, and innovation.

Prof. Kanga acknowledged the hardship caused by recurring wildlife incursions in Ganze, Magarini and Vitengeni, and pledged KWS's unwavering commitment to protect communities while conserving Kenya's natural heritage.

He also confirmed the

deployment of a fully equipped Problem Animal Management Unit (PAMU) in Kilifi, to improve rapid response and reduce fear among residents.

"These interventions, which are anchored in the KWS Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, reflect a shared vision: a future where communities and

wildlife not only coexist but flourish together in safety, harmony and mutual benefit," Prof. Kanga added.

Kilifi County Commissioner, Josaphat Biwott, called for the demarcation and gazettement of wildlife migratory corridors from the Tsavo National Park to other conservation areas which he said had a correlation with the park.

## Sh19 billion KJET project for youth, women in Kericho

BY KIBE MBURU, KNA

Youth and women have been urged to take full advantage of the ongoing rollout of the Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation (KJET) Project.

This is a flagship Sh19 billion initiative supported by the World Bank and planned to span a five-year period ending in 2029.

Implemented under the State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, KJET project is structured around four main components including business and investment enabling reforms, MSME cluster competitiveness, green financing and climate resilience, and project monitoring and evaluation.

Speaking during the National Government Development County Implementation Coordination and Management Committee (NGD-CIMC) meeting in Kericho, Kericho County Senior Enterprise Development Officer Michelle Aburilli said the project seeks to create and improve employment op-

portunities, attract private investment, and increase access to sustainable financing while boosting the productivity of small and medium enterprises through targeted support to organized clusters across the country.

She said Kericho County has been earmarked as a strategic beneficiary under Component 2, which focuses on enhancing competitiveness and productivity among MSME clusters operating within key value chains.

"The project is currently targeting enterprises involved in edible oils, textiles, dairy, and construction materials, which are considered high-impact value chains under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)," Aburilli said.

In Kericho, she said, the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) is leading the mobilization of cooperatives, associations, and cluster-based entities to register and apply for free Business Development Services (BDS) training through the official portal at <https://kjet.msea.go.ke>.

The Senior Enterprise

Development Officer described the project as a transformative opportunity for local entrepreneurs and self-help groups that have long struggled to scale due to limited access to capital, training, and coordinated market support urging both formal and informal MSMEs to organize into viable clusters and align with the project's value chain priorities to qualify for structured support under the initiative.

Aburilli emphasized that youth and women-led enterprises in particular stand to gain from the free capacity-building sessions, advisory services, and where applicable, co-investment financing for machinery and tools to enhance production.

She explained that MSEA is already conducting sensitization forums and offering hands-on support, including assistance with the online application process and preparation of supporting documentation, adding that applicants without digital access were also being supported to ensure inclusivity.



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# Kenya, Germany strengthen bilateral ties on labour mobility partnership agreement

BY CATHERINE KAMAU  
(PCO)

Kenya and the Federal Republic of Germany technical teams are jointly working on a comprehensive labour mobility partnership agreement to enhance youth empowerment through global linkages and practical job exposure.

Speaking in Frankfurt, Germany, Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime said as the world evolves, Kenya is actively positioning its human capital to contribute meaningfully to international economies while addressing local unemployment challenges.

Mwadime, who was leading a Kenyan delegation, said the visit signifies two countries' framework for cooperation and information exchange on labour mobility, apprenticeships, student training, labour market needs, employment and the welfare of employees.

Currently, he noted that, the total number of people retiring exceeds the graduates joining the German labour market, due to demographic changes and there exists thousands of job opportunities for qualified persons.

"For the first time, the

signed agreement provides a mechanism for orderly, legal, and structured engagement of qualified Kenyan workers in the labour market in Germany. It is a great opportunity for the two countries to work together for mutual benefit from the arrangement," he said.

He encouraged qualified Kenyans to equip themselves with the German language for ease of integration and social interaction so as to access job opportunities.

"Key highlights of the agreement for Kenya include mobility of skilled and unskilled labour to Germany in sectors experiencing labour shortages; enhancing vocational training opportunities for Kenyan citizens, skills development and ensuring that Kenyan workers meet international standards; protection of workers' rights and fair treatment for all Kenyan nationals working in Germany; inter-cultural exchange and integration, and boost to the economy," Mwadime said.

Mwadime visited several cities in Germany in a strategic move to unlock employment and industrial attachment opportunities for Kenyan youth.

The delegation visited Rothenberger in Frankfurt, a renowned man-



Labour and Skills Development Principal Secretary Shadrack Mwadime (right) flanked by Dr Jürgen Ratzinger, Managing Director for International Business at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Germany.

ufacturer of pipe tools founded in 1949.

The company employs more than 3,000 workers, with 350 stationed in the technical departments operating in three shifts daily.

Rothenberger contributes approximately 1 billion euros annually to the German economy, making it a prime model for skills-based employment and innovation in the manufacturing sector.

Discussions covered potential job placements across the manufacturing value chain, including specialized roles in

milling, drilling, hydraulic engineering, design, and maintenance. These are areas where Kenyan youth can excel if equipped with the right technical training and mindset, he said.

Dr Jürgen Ratzinger, the Managing Director for International Business at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK), hosted the delegation and facilitated key interactions with stakeholders from 24 companies across various industries.

Dialogue centered on the expectations of German employers, strate-

gies for Kenya to tailor its labor force to meet those demands, and how best to support the adaptability and integration of Kenyan workers upon arrival in Germany.

PS Mwadime emphasized the importance of such international collaborations in bridging the skills gap and positioning Kenya's youth for meaningful employment beyond national borders.

"We must prepare our young people not just with technical skills but with the mindset and global outlook needed to thrive in competitive markets," he stated.

## Kenya to set nuclear plant in Siaya

BY BRIAN ONDENG'U  
(KNA)

The Government is planning to set up the first nuclear power plant in Siaya County to increase energy production to 60,000 megawatts by 2030.

The government identified Siaya, in the Lake Victoria region, for the project because of its proximity to the lake.

The Nuclear Power and Energy Program (NuPEA) outlined the need for Kenya to strengthen its current energy production of 3,400 megawatts to 60,000 megawatts annually for industrialization.

With Kenya relying on hydro, wind power, solar and geothermal for power production, which is not enough to meet the sustainable energy demands of the country. Nuclear energy has been identified as an essential power source that will not only drive the country's industrialization agenda but also deliver Vision 2030.

Speaking during a nuclear energy stakeholder engagement at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, the Cabinet Secretary of Energy, Opiyo Wandayi said the government is fully committed to the realization of robust sustainable energy.

"Kenya remains committed to implementing the nuclear power program while adhering to the highest possible international standards," he said.

Kenya has made significant steps towards safe, secure and sustainable implementation of its first nuclear power plant project through the guidance of the International Atomic Agency (IAA).

"Today Kenya is actually progressing through Phase II of the implementation based on the IAA milestone approach," the CS said.

The setting up of a nuclear power plant is a shared national endeavor, which demands foresight, collaboration and collective commitment, he said, adding that the public has been urged to embrace the opportunity to build resilient energy, secure and prosperous Kenya.

Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga further urged the government to partner with other advanced nuclear countries for safety, capacity building, global expertise and oversight in the implementation of the nuclear energy program in the country.

## KDF, Murang'a partner to build ultra-modern 100-bed hospital wing

BY BERNARD MUNYAO  
(KNA)

The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) in partnership with Murang'a County Government has embarked on construction of a 100-bed hospital wing at Kenneth Matiba Hospital in Makenji area of Kandara Sub County.

The project, which includes construction of a state-of-the-art trauma centre and a doctors' plaza, is expected to be completed within six months.

The Defence Principal Secretary, Patrick Mariru and Murang'a County Governor, Irungu Kang'ata, commissioned the construction of the ultra-modern health facility that will revolutionize health-care service delivery in parts of Murang'a south.

Speaking during a groundbreaking event

on Friday, Governor Kang'ata highlighted the strategic importance of the expansion, saying the trauma centre would operate 24 hours a day and play a crucial role in managing road accident emergencies across the region.

"This trauma centre will not only operate around the clock but will also be critical in handling accident cases from within and beyond Murang'a. It's a timely investment for our people," said Kang'ata.

The governor noted the hospital is located along the busy Thika - Kenol highway thus suitably located to handle victims of road carnage.

Currently, Kenneth Matiba Hospital which was launched late last year has a bed capacity of only 20, but the expansion will raise that to 120, representing a fivefold increase in the



Governor Irungu Kang'ata, (left) and Defence PS Patrick Mariru (centre) at Kenneth Matiba Hospital in Makenji area, Murang'a.

hospital's ability to serve patients.

Kang'ata underscored the efforts his administration is doing to improve health service delivery by constructing new dispensaries and health centres and also renovating and upgrading existing hospitals.

Kang'ata lauded the collaboration between the national and county governments, revealing that the county had al-

ready provided land for construction of the new hospital building.

"Initially Kenneth Matiba was hosted in a rental premise but my administration built a health facility here at Makenji where the hospital was shifted to. We look forward to expanding the hospital to a level-5 status," He added.

On his part, Principal Secretary Mariru reiter-

ated the commitment of the national government in supporting devolved units to achieve significant development.

Mariru noted the construction of the new buildings at the hospital will be done by KDF and that the entire project is fully funded by the national government.

"This is part of a broader plan to enhance health infrastructure across counties. We are rolling out similar projects in Meru, Ol Kalou in Nyandarua, Kiambu, and Siaya," remarked Mariru.

Meanwhile Kang'ata announced that the county is set to benefit from additional government investment, including the proposed construction of a 10,000-seater Mumbi Stadium in Murang'a town to support local sports and talent development.



# Aggregation model helps farmers earn record prices for coffee, milk

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

The aggregation model deployed by cooperatives across the country has helped boost farmers' incomes.

The model has enhanced the processing and value addition of agricultural products, enabling small-scale farmers to attain the required quantities and secure better market prices.

Cooperative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Marube said that small-scale farmers in the dairy, coffee, tea, pyrethrum, and sugar sectors have improved their incomes over the years as they benefit from the cooperative aggregation model.

Marube noted that this year, coffee registered some of the highest prices, with Njuriga and Othaya Coffee Societies in Nyeri paying farmers Sh172 and Sh158 per kilo of cherry, respectively.

"Such payments improve household incomes and uplift the livelihoods of farmers. In dairy farming, Meru Dairy Society is another example of empowerment, recording 195 million litres of milk last year and paying an average of Sh900 million every month to farmers after collecting an average of 17 million litres per month.

"It achieved a turnover of Sh18.3 billion in 2024. These are examples of the direct impact on rural economies and communities," Marube said.

Speaking during a precursor event for Ushirika Day, which will take place on July 12, Marube disclosed that Meru Dairy has provided farmers with a consistent and sustainable income of Sh52 per kilo for the past three years.

"The dairy pays Sh50 every month, and Sh2 as a bonus at the end of the year, payable every February. And therefore, the farmers can plant their finances based on their daily production," Marube explained.

Additionally, the cooperative movement has also played a key role in the affordable housing space by providing mortgages and construction funds for their members where they have financed more houses than banks combined.

"Cooperatives also provide money for members to furnish their houses as well as supporting members who could not afford to get normal loans from the bank to access decent and affordable housing," he said.

According to Marube, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) get around 80 per cent of their starting capital from cooperatives and chamas which offer a cheap and accessible source of financing.

"The movement has supported women and youth who have established small and micro businesses that are creating self-employment for themselves and their peers," Marube explained.

He disclosed that cooperatives have employed over 750,000 people directly and indirectly in various value chains and they believe that in the next 10 years, the worker cooperatives may be one of the largest employers of the young people in Kenya.

To drive the stability of cooperatives, Marube urged members of parliament and the Senate to fast track the Cooperatives Bill, especially now that they are in the International Year of Cooperatives to gift the cooperative movement in recognition of the great work they do in supporting economic growth.

"We are also urging the county governments to give priority to the cooperatives because it touches the lives of every Kenyan in their counties. Our request is that counties provide sufficient budgets to employ qualified cooperative officers who will provide extension services, capacity building, audit and training on good governance and ethics which will champion value chains within the agricultural cooperatives which fall under the mandate of the county governments," Marube said.

On the 10th, 11th, and 12th July 2025, the cooperative movement will have exhibitions at the KICC.

"We call on Kenyans to visit and learn more about the cooperative movement and on how to attain financially resilient business models," Marube said.



Cooperative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Marube speaking on Wednesday during a precursor event for the Ushirika day. PHOTO BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A

The movement has supported women and youth who have established small businesses

## COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL LICENSING STATUS AS AT JUNE 30, 2025

### LICENSED LEGAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN KENYA

Under the provisions of Sections 2, 8 (1) (b), 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 48 of the Legal Education Act Chapter 16B Laws of Kenya, the following are the ONLY licensed Legal Education Providers and Legal Education Programmes in Kenya as indicated under each respective cluster.

#### (A) MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMME

No	NAME OF INSTITUTION FACULTY/SCHOOL	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Strathmore Law School	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 17th April 2030
2	Mount Kenya University School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 23rd March, 2026
3	Catholic University of Eastern Africa Faculty of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 21st September 2028
4	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology School of Law	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	License valid until 20th June, 2028

#### (B) BACHELOR OF LAWS PROGRAMME

No	NAME OF INSTITUTION FACULTY/SCHOOL	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	UMMA University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) & Sharia	License valid until 24th September, 2025
2	Africa Nazarene University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10th December 2025
3	Chuka University Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10th December 2025
4	Moi University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10th December 2025
5	University of Nairobi Faculty of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 10th December 2025
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7	Kabarak University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 16th June 2026
8	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29th November, 2027
9	Strathmore Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29th November, 2027
10	Maseno University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29th November, 2027
11	South Eastern University of Kenya School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 29th November, 2027
12	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 20th June, 2028
13	Riara Law School	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 21st September 2028
14	Kenyatta University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 21st September 2028
15	Daystar University School of Law - Athi River Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9th April 2029
16	University of Embu School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9th April 2029
17	Kisii University School of Law	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9th April 2029
18	Mount Kenya University School of Law - Parklands Campus	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)	License valid until 9th April 2029

#### (C) DIPLOMA IN LAW PROGRAMME

No	NAME OF INSTITUTION	LICENSED PROGRAMME	STATUS
1	Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Faculty of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 29th November, 2027
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3	Kisii University School of Law	Diploma in Law	License valid until 9th April 2029
4	Kenya School of Law	Diploma in Law (Para Legal Studies)	License valid until 9th April 2029

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# KEMSA kicks off two-week stock verification drive across all warehouses



BY IMMACULATE  
CHEBET, MYGOV

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) has kicked off its annual nationwide stocktaking exercise aimed at enhancing accuracy, accountability, and operational excellence across the country's health supply chain. KEMSA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Waqo Ejersa, together with senior management and staff, officially launched the exercise, marking the beginning of a coordinated effort across all KEMSA warehouses. The two-week exercise is a key pillar in the authority's strategy to ensure an accurate inventory of health products and technologies (HPTs) and to align physical stocks with digital records in the Warehouse Management System (WMS). "This is not a backroom task, but a frontline tool in our mission to save

lives. By knowing exactly what we have, where it is, and what condition it's in, we can plan smarter, respond faster, and deliver better," the CEO emphasized. The exercise will involve the physical verification of stocks against system records in the Logistics Management Information System (LMIS), capturing vital data including batch numbers and shelf life. The findings will be incorporated into the authority's financial statements in line with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), good accounting practices, regulatory guidelines, and in full compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Dr. Waqo said the stocktaking is not merely a routine check but a critical foundation for accountability, operational efficiency, and reliable service delivery. He noted that ac-

**KEMSA CEO Dr. Waqo Ejersa, together with senior management and staff, officially launch the annual stocktaking exercise. This nationwide initiative, covering all KEMSA warehouses, is designed to enhance inventory management and reinforce accountability. Findings from the exercise will be reflected in the authority's financial reports.**

curate records enable better forecasting and smarter procurement ultimately, saving lives by ensuring essential medicines and supplies are always available when and where needed. To ensure transparency, independent stock takers have been deployed across departments, while the Operations Directorate has been tasked with ensuring systematic arrangement of inventory and warehouse hygiene for precise counting and reconciliation, he said. "With Kenya's push toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC), this initiative positions KEMSA to forecast demand more accurately, reduce expiries, minimize waste, and ensure continuous access to life-saving commodities across all 47 counties," the CEO said.



## RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

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

COUNTRY:	The Republic of Kenya
NAME OF PROJECT:	Kenya Off-grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP)
Credit No:	6135: Project ID No P160009
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES – SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF SOLAR PV PUMPING SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN GARISSA, MANDERA, WAJIR, KILIFI, KWALE, ISIOLO, SAMBURU, WEST POKOT, TURKANA, TANA RIVER, MARSABIT, TAITA TAVETA, NAROK & LAMU COUNTIES IN KENYA
Reference No. -	KE-REA-464945-CS-QCBS

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Kenya Off-grid Solar Access Project for Underserved Counties (KOSAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include Supervision and Management of Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar PV Pumping System for Community Facilities in different counties. The assignment may require 99 Professional Person-months and will be implemented between the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 ensuring full consistency with the Terms of Reference (ToR) referred to in this Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI).

The detailed scope of service shall be as per the ToR which can be accessed on Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) website ([www.rerec.co.ke](http://www.rerec.co.ke)).

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), now invites eligible Consulting Firms (Consultants) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants shall provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Relevance and suitability of the applicant firm's core business to this assignment.
2. Interested consultancy firms must have at least ten (10) years of experience since registration.
3. The firms must have undertaken similar assignments in a developing country within the last five (5) years.
4. Successful delivery of minimum of two (2) similar assignments in nature, complexity and size assignments; One (1) of the two projects must be in Solar PV water pumping systems.
5. Experience in Consultancy (Supervision and Management of Works) contracts in the Renewable Energy sector, in at least Two (2) contracts, each with a minimum value of USD One million, five hundred thousand (1.5 Million USD).
6. The firm's overall organizational competence, capability and qualifications as demonstrated through its overall technical experts' size and mix, financial, technical and managerial strengths in the industry.

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" dated July 2016 and revised in September 2023 (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) . ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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.

If the consultant is a Joint Venture (JV), the Expression of Interest shall include a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members (Maximum two (2) members only). Alternatively, a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement in the event of a successful proposal shall be signed by all members and submitted with the Expression of Interest, together with a copy of the proposed Agreement.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Among the submitted applications, REREC will shortlist on the basis of the above listed criteria a maximum of Eight (8) consultants to whom the Request for Proposals (RFP) to carry out the Services shall be sent.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 0830 to 1200 and 1400 to 1600 hours (East Africa time).

**The Manager, Supply Chain Management**  
**Rural Electrification & Renewable Energy Corporation**  
**Street Address: Kawi House, South C, Bellevue**  
**Floor/ Room number: Ground Floor**  
**P O Box 34585 - 00100**  
**Nairobi, Kenya**  
**Tel. (+254) 709 193 000 / 3600**  
**Email: [procurement@rea.co.ke](mailto:procurement@rea.co.ke) / [tenders@rerec.co.ke](mailto:tenders@rerec.co.ke).**

Expressions of Interest (**hard copies**) shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below and be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest for Supervision and Management of Works Contracts for Boreholes Solar Water Pumping (Subcomponent 3B)**" no later than **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 10:00 am East African Time.**

#### Attention:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Rural Electrification & Renewable Energy Corporation**  
**Street Address: Kawi House, South C, Bellevue**  
**Floor/ Room number: 4th Floor**  
**City: Nairobi**  
**ZIP/Postal Code: 00100**  
**Country: Kenya**





# Kirinyaga county expands waste management with 26 new skips

BY DAVID WANDETO, KNA

The Kirinyaga County Government has intensified efforts to manage solid waste in urban and trading centers by adding 26 new skips to the 44 already in place. This move is part of a broader plan to build a resilient waste management system with long-term impact. The rollout is part of a county-wide initiative to modernize waste collection and disposal,

particularly in towns that previously lacked formal waste infrastructure. The open-design skips, which allow for easier loading and removal of waste, have been strategically placed in high-traffic areas such as Kimbimbi, Wang'uru, Kerugoya, Kutus, and other trading centers. Governor Anne Waiguru emphasized the importance of proper waste management, citing increasing pressure on local

systems driven by population growth, expanding markets, and rising volumes of commercial and domestic waste. "Previously, the lack of proper disposal facilities in many centers led to widespread open dumping, creating health hazards and contributing to blocked drainage and flooding, which could lead to the spread of waterborne diseases," she noted. Waiguru said the intervention is a critical step towards the



A Kirinyaga County Government truck offloading a new skip in market.

success of the material recovery facility (MRF) currently under development in Kutus. The MRF will enable waste sorting, recycling, and the recovery of useful materials, a game changer in reducing environmental pollution. The upcoming material re-

covery facility is also expected to support the rise of small recycling enterprises, encourage waste segregation at the source, and offer income generating opportunities through composting, plastic reprocessing and upcycling projects.



## SECOND DISCLOSURE ON THE NAIROBI-NAKURU-MAU SUMMIT (A8) AND RIRONI – MAAI MAHIU – NAIVASHA (A8 SOUTH) PPP ROAD PROJECT

### A: BACKGROUND:

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), in May, 2025, published a detailed Disclosure Notice on the local dailies, MyGov. Newspaper and on its official website, which can be obtained on <https://kenha.co.ke/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/KeNHA-road-project-2pages.pdf>

The Disclosure was to the effect that KeNHA had received two (2) Privately Initiated Proposals under the PPP framework, relating to the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit Road Project (the Project). The Disclosure was made in line with the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021, the Circular dated 24th April, 2025 on Public Disclosure Requirements on PIPs [ [https://pppkkenya.go.ke/ova\\_doc/circular-on-public-disclosure-of-privately-initiated-proposals-pips/](https://pppkkenya.go.ke/ova_doc/circular-on-public-disclosure-of-privately-initiated-proposals-pips/) ] and in line with Government of Kenya's desire for transparency in all its initiatives. Further, the disclosure was made to notify members of the public of the Privately-Initiated Proposals (PIPs) submitted by:

- Proponent 1:** China Road and Bridge Corporation Kenya (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Consortium and;
- Proponent 2:** Shandong Hi Speed & Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd with regard to the Construction, Management, Tolling, Operation and Maintenance of the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit (A8) Road and the Rironi – Maai Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South) Road.

### B: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

In this regard, the Contracting Authority (KeNHA) and the PPP Directorate - National Treasury have undertaken the necessary processes and procedures in line with the provisions of the law in processing the submissions and hereby notify the public of the following:

- The PPP Committee, in its 54th Ordinary Meeting of Wednesday, 2nd July, 2025, approved the Privately Initiated Proposals for the two (2) Proponents above to proceed to Project Development Phase in accordance with Section 43(1) of the PPP Act, 2021;
- During the disclosure and 21-day stand-still period, KeNHA received one (1) additional Privately Initiated Proposal from Multiplex Partners Co. Limited prior to the stand-still period lapsing, which proposal is currently being subjected to evaluation under the same criteria as the preceding two (2) proposals to determine whether the same is in compliance with the PPP Act, 2021 and has met the necessary threshold as prescribed by law.

The additional Privately Initiated Proposal will therefore be subjected to the PPP procurement process which entails: mandatory due diligence on the Proponent and evaluation of the proposal. Having undertaken the above processes, KeNHA, The PPP Directorate – National Treasury and the PPP Committee will render their various decisions in accordance with the PPP Act, 2021.

KeNHA remains committed to strictly adhering to the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021 and further remains alive to the various procurement methods as provided for under the Act and shall undertake all further steps in accordance with the Act and in accordance with Section 44(4) should all the proposals proceed to Project Development Phase.

KeNHA assures the public that it will endeavor to abide by the provisions of Section 69 of the PPP Act, 2021 which requires a Contracting Authority (CA) to publish information relating to the projects upon award. This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of the statutory processes.

The Government of Kenya remains committed to delivering critical infrastructure to the Kenyan populace. It is to be noted by the general public that this disclosure does not constitute any award by the Contracting Authority nor the Public Private Partnerships Directorate in relation to any of the Proposals.

Any clarifications or feedback may be channeled through the following contact details:

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS	
Contact Person:	Eng. Kungu Ndungu, MBS
Designation:	Director General, Kenya National Highways Authority [KeNHA]
KeNHA Tel No:	020-4954000
E-mail:	dg@kenha.co.ke; Copy to: ppp@kenha.co.ke



## Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority

### ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES

The Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA) is a State corporation established under Section 34 of the Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Act, 2013. The Authority is charged with the responsibility of registration and regulation of the PBO sector in Kenya as outlined under Section 42(1) of the Act.

The Authority invites applications from qualified persons to fill the following vacant positions:

No	Position	Job Ref No.	No. of Posts	Terms of Appointment
1.	Principal Finance Officer	PBORA/4/PFO/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
2.	Senior Compliance Officer	PBORA/5/SCO/2025	8	Permanent & Pensionable
3.	Registration Officer	PBORA/6/RO/2025	4	Permanent & Pensionable
4.	Investigations & Enforcement Officer	PBORA/6/IEO/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
5.	Supply Chain Management Officer	PBORA/6/P.SCO/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
6.	Communication Officer	PBORA/6/CO/2025	2	Permanent & Pensionable
7.	ICT Officer	PBORA/6/ICTO/2025	2	Permanent & Pensionable
8.	Partnership & Resource Mobilization Officer	PBORA/6/PRMO/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
9.	Auditor	PBORA/6/ADT/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
10.	Office Administrator	PBORA/6/OA/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
11.	Senior Customer Care Assistant	PBORA/7/SCCA/2025	1	Permanent & Pensionable
12.	Driver	PBORA/9/DRV/2025	2	Permanent & Pensionable

More details on job specifications and requirements are available on our website: <https://www.pbora.go.ke/>

#### How to Apply:

Interested applicants who meet the job requirements specified above should submit hard copy applications, including a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of national identity card, academic certificates, and other testimonials, their active telephone and email addresses as well as those of three (3) referees.

Applications should be addressed to:

**The Director/CEO**  
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# Newly launched odpc's strategic plan paves way for reviewing data protection laws

BY GALGALLO FAYO AND  
EVALYNE GITHINJI

The newly launched Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Strategic Plan 2025-2029 will pave the way for reviewing the Data Protection Act, 2019 to address the policy, legal and regulatory framework gaps associated with the current Data Protection Laws.

Speaking during the official launch of the ODPC's five-year Strategic Plan, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (MICDE) Hon. William Kabogo Gitau reiterated that the Strategic Plan will avail a chance to domesticate the African Union Convention on Cyber security and Data Protection (Malabo) and the Convention 108 of the European Union (EU) as well as pursue adequacy decisions with regard to data governance with different jurisdictions.

"This will boost investor confidence in Kenya's

digital ecosystem, open doors for Kenyan businesses, especially in sectors like Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), fintech, and health tech, to access markets without additional data protection hurdles and position Kenya as a trusted destination for digital trade and services," the CS said.

The CS who also presided over the official opening of the ODPC Nyeri Regional Office observed that the implementation of the ODPC Strategic Plan will significantly boost the country's position as an ICT hub and investment destination, enhancing the data protection landscape and safeguarding the rights of the citizens.

CS Kabogo stated that MICDE is committed to ensuring that the requisite data protection laws, regulations and international conventions are developed and domesticated accordingly. Adding that this will reinforce public trust in the digital economy.

Further noting that



**Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS Hon. William Kabogo joins young innovators at the Mt. Kenya Hub (M-Hub) in Nyeri County. The CS toured the hub and interacted with the innovators shortly after launching the ODPC Strategic Plan and opening ODPC Nyeri Office. He is accompanied by ODPC Data Commissioner Ms. Immaculate Kassait, ICTA Board Director Mr. Savio Wambugu among others. Photo by Austin Otieno.**

MICDE supports the realisation of ODPC's mandate to regulate the processing of personal data and protect the privacy of individuals among other roles.

CS Kabogo pointed out that the Ministry remains steadfast in promoting Data Governance in the Country and urged all the

stakeholders including Government Agencies, Development Partners, Private Sector, Academia, and the Citizens to support this journey as a shared responsibility.

"Let us work together to make Kenya a leader in data governance, a trusted digital economy,

and a model for responsible innovation in Africa," added the CS while also appreciating ODPC Team for the tremendous growth achieved since inception.

In her remarks, ODPC Data Commissioner Ms. Immaculate Kassait indicated that they have made

significant strides in establishing a robust regulatory framework and promoting a culture of data privacy and protection in Kenya.

She highlighted that the newly launched Strategic Plan serves as a foundational blueprint, outlining ODPC's strategic direction, goals and strategies that, "will enable us to anticipate and mitigate emerging threats, empower data subjects, data controllers and data processors while fostering a culture of responsible data stewardship across all sectors of the economy."

The Strategic Plan proposes establishment of sandboxes for emerging technologies such as AI, Internet of Things, Blockchain and Machine Learning to promote adoption of innovative strategies to promote data privacy.

The Plan outlines ODPC's mandate, vision, mission, strategic objectives, core values and the quality statement that will guide the Office's operations in the next five years.

## Relief for Kirinyaga residents as 1,664 receive land title deeds

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH, KNA

Residents of Kirinyaga County will receive land ownership documents under the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2).

This milestone marks a critical step toward resolving long-standing land tenure challenges for approximately 1,664 residents living in 11 colonial villages.

KISIP 2 is a collaborative initiative jointly funded by the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA), Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the European Union (EU), and the Government of Kenya.

The program aims to improve access to basic services, enhance land tenure security in urban informal settlements, and strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading across Kenya.

It operates under the vision of "promoting dignified living" by addressing systemic issues such as insecure land tenure, poor infrastructure, and limited socio-economic opportunities.

The Kirinyaga County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning, and Urban Development, Samuel Kanjobe, said the county is benefiting from KISIP 2 under Lot 6, which includes 11 of the 148 villages targeted for regularization.



**Staff from the County land department surveying the colonial villages in Kirinyaga.**

"In this program, in Kirinyaga, out of 148 villages in this first component, we have 11 villages. We still have others proposed for the second tier, involving seven villages. We have a huge backlog of villages that still require regularization through the creation of ownership documents," Kanjobe said.

He added that Kirinyaga County is unique in that it has the highest number of informal settlements that originated as colonial villages.

During the colonial era, people were clustered in villages during repatriation, and while other counties transitioned to individual

land allocations, these villages remained intact.

This has left the country dealing with land ownership challenges while others focus on infrastructure.

"Whereas some of the counties are benefitting in the second component of this programme KISIP 2, which is infrastructure development, ours are still there looking towards land regularization. We still request the national government to make a special consideration for our county," the CEC noted.

He expressed optimism that the ongoing implementation of KISIP



**Samuel Kanjobe the CEC for Lands, Physical Planning, and Urban Development in Kirinyaga County.**



**Muriithi Kagai from Kamuiru village in Kirinyaga central, one of the beneficiaries.**

2 would significantly reduce the number of residents without vital land documents in the county.

The county government is also in the process of resettling 35 families in vacant government land, with each family receiving an eighth of an acre paving way for titling and formal issuance of documents.

"We hope that this programme will be fast-tracked. There is still a huge backlog of the outstanding colonial villages that will also require preparation, regularization and issuance of the documents of ownership," Kanjobe said.

Residents of Mukinduri and Kamuiru villages, two of the

targeted colonial settlements, welcomed the initiative as a long-awaited relief with Rosemary Waithira from Mukinduri, noting that formal titling would help clearly identify and protect public utilities such as roads, which have previously been encroached upon and nearly disappeared.

Another resident, John Mwangi, echoed her sentiments, saying the lack of documentation has historically fueled boundary disputes and tensions within the community.

Muriithi Kagai from Kamuiru village said, "Having a title deed means you can access bank loans to expand your business."



# Dorper sheep gain popularity in Nakuru due to fast growth and high returns



Some of the beneficiaries of Nakuru County Government's livestock breeds improvement programme that is promoting rearing of Dorper Sheep breeds. Dorper sheep rearing is gaining traction in Nakuru due to the breed's hardiness, rapid growth, and good meat quality.

BY ANNE MWALE, KNA

**D**orper sheep rearing is gaining traction in Nakuru due to the breed's hardiness, rapid growth, and good meat quality.

Originally from South Africa, Dorpers have adapted well to Kenya's climate, especially in semi-arid regions.

Their ability to thrive on minimal feed, coupled with their

fast maturity and high lambing frequency, makes them a profitable choice for commercial sheep farming.

The County Government of Nakuru, through its livestock breeds improvement programme, is distributing Dorper rams to enhance sheep breeds and productivity in the region.

When handing over 65 Dorper rams to ten farmer groups from Elementaita Ward in Gilgil Sub-

County, Livestock, Fisheries, and Veterinary Services Chief Officer Dr. Michael Cheruiyot noted that the breed also has very good feed conversion efficiency and is not a selective grazer. Hence, it can flourish

**“Their ability to thrive on minimal feed makes them a profitable choice**

even on relatively poor-quality feeds.

“Some farmers in what are called veld management systems put Dorpers at the tail end of the feeding hierarchy to consume feeds not utilized or rejected by other livestock. This saves on feed wastage,” he pointed out.

Previously, he noted, most farmers in the county had relied on recycled breeding rams,

which had led to the production of undersized sheep, resulting in lower income from their flocks.

“Dorper sheep reach market weight quickly, offering faster returns on investment. They are fast growers and can attain 40 kilograms in just four months, making them very economical to produce. Research has put their daily weight gain at around 90 grams. With good nutrition, this can be increased, and market weight attained even faster,” Dr. Cheruiyot explained.

He was optimistic that the livestock breeds improvement programme will help improve sheep production and eliminate the current breeds that have been affected by inbreeding.

The Chief Officer said the change to Dorper sheep is good for farmers since they are relatively low-maintenance animals and have good resistance to diseases and parasites.

Dorpers also have strong foraging abilities, allowing them to graze on a variety of vegetation, which makes them well-suited for extensive grazing systems.

The veterinarian added that by rearing Dorpers, local farmers can tap into the high demand and potentially higher market prices for their products. Additionally, they can be effectively crossbred with other breeds to improve specific traits such as wool quality or disease resistance.

Dr. Cheruiyot said the breed's flexibility allows farmers to adapt their flocks to specific production goals and market requirements, making them extremely popular.

Additionally, he noted that Dorper sheep are known for their adaptability to various climates and environments, as they can tolerate both hot and cold weather conditions, making them suitable for Nakuru's diverse climate.

## Financial decisions makers meet in Nairobi during the seamless east africa 2025 event

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI, (KNA)

**T**he Government is rolling out new cybersecurity policies and regulations to combat cybercrimes and emerging digital threats.

Speaking at the Seamless East Africa 2025, the Secretary ICT and E-Government-In-Charge of Systems in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Ms. Mary Kerema, said the government is developing an open-source platform to support young people to pursue their innovations.

She said the government is also drafting policies that address emerging technologies including blockchain, for which a

regulatory Bill is currently under consideration in Parliament.

“If we use blockchain, we will be able to identify owners of unclaimed assets. The government has collaborated with the World Bank to automate government services to improve service delivery,” Mary Kerema said.

Speaking on the panel ‘The Transformative Power of New Open Payment Integrations for Consumers and Companies in Africa,’ Ms. Kerema said that East African Community countries are holding discussions to jointly develop seamless payment systems for online goods, visa processing, and other cross-border services.

Africa and East Africa are having conversations

to build solutions for the region and its citizens. The aim is to liberate the region from importing solutions, by creating its own solutions that are Africa driven and domesticating them.

“We need to build our own system, have a common currency, and cybersecurity policies that can cut across Africa. If we work together as Africa, we are stronger,” she said.

She said open-source intelligence will help the continent to grow and build its own indigenous model and objects.

The Secretary said the government has developed a program to educate and guide members of the public on internet usage.

It has trained trainers to train the youth and em-



Secretary ICT E-Government-In-Charge of Systems in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Ms. Mary Kerema (Right), speaking during the Seamless East Africa 2025 event held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in the Company of Ms. Monicah Ndungu, Chief Operating Officer, Nation Media Group.

power them to use technologies to monitor and package their data to earn income that can enable them to put food on the table.

“The government wants citizens to be part of the solution from incubation to development so they can understand the technologies

they use and apply them responsibly. This will be done through stakeholders' engagements,” she said.

Kerema urged the youths to visit the digital Ajira, Jitume and the Konza Technopolis hubs, which were established by the government to provide digital jobs and promote their innova-

tions. She assured them of the government's support in scaling up their innovations.

“Konza hub is equipped and helps the youth to incubate their solutions, simulate their innovations to meet global standards and package them for export,” she said.





President William Ruto and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London last week.

**BILATERAL RELATIONS**

# A new chapter in Kenya-UK ties

The recently signed pact signals renewed commitment to strengthen economic relations and position both nations as key partners in driving sustainable development

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### Game-changing Government electronic procurement system

The Government on April 7, 2025, unveiled the Electronic Government Procurement system. More importantly, e-GP system will minimise bureaucracy and reduce Government's broader Public


**TELLING THE STORY**

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is actively participating in the ongoing rollout of the electronic Government Procurement system.

KYEB in April published the story, "Game-changing Government procurement system" in "InfoBytes" bulletin, highlighting the e-GP system as an innovation in the public finance management reforms. The National Treasury is expected to roll out further training on the system for each institution.

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**COUNTY SPOTLIGHT**



**MARSABIT COUNTY**

**457,785**

The population in 2019 as per National Census.



### Koskei directs Parastatals CEOs to implement State reforms

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## BILATERAL TIES

# Kenya-UK strengthen ties with renewal of Strategic Partnership Agreement

The recently signed pact signals renewed commitment to strengthen economic ties and position both nations as key partners in driving sustainable development



President William Ruto (right) and Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign Affairs CS Musalia Mudavadi (second left) among other officials when they toured King's Cross Railway City in London. The experience is key for the implementation of the Nairobi Railways City.

## INFOBOX

## Benefits of Kenya - UK Relations

- \* The British Council has over the years provided grants towards the production/hosting of exhibitions for various groups in Kenya and the UK.
- \* The Railway City is expected to transform Nairobi and create immense opportunities for economic growth.
- \* Through the UK-Kenya Security Compact signed last week, both countries will prioritise efforts to reduce irregular migration and support regional stability.
- \* The renewed Compact is designed to address both traditional and emerging security threats.
- \* Priorities include tackling risks from digital spaces and new technologies, reducing irregular migration and countering illicit finance.

Kenya and the United Kingdom have ushered in a new era of bilateral ties following the renewal of their Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA).

President William Ruto during a visit to the UK last week signed the 2025-2030 pact with Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London, unlocking over Sh427 billion in investments.

The agreement, which covers collaboration in sectors such as green energy, digital technology, trade, climate and security, reflects a shared vision between the two nations for inclusive growth.

The two countries seek to double bilateral trade by 2030. Trade between Kenya and the UK stood at Sh218 billion (£1.8 billion) in 2024.

Kenya mainly exports to the UK tea, coffee, cut flowers and horticultural products like fruits and vegetables.

On the other hand, it imports machinery, vehicles, pharmaceutical products and electrical equipment.

"This agreement is a clear signal of

deepening relations between our two nations. This will create wealth and jobs and deliver tangible economic impact," President Ruto said, adding that the partnership will accelerate funding for green growth and support start-ups in the digital space.

The President has consistently advocated for digital innovation and enhanced climate action for green growth, noting that the two are pillars of Kenya's sustainable development.

Under the renewed agreement, both countries' priorities are prominent with the UK pledging Sh35.5 billion in green financing to support climate-resilient infrastructure and environmental sustainability projects in Kenya.

Kenya targets to achieve 100 per cent use of renewable energy by 2030, with the country emerging as one of the continental leaders in the sector.

The partnership further unlocks about Sh18 billion to support more than 500 startups

and 5,000 tech-driven small businesses, therefore, creating up to 30,000 jobs in Kenya. Another key initiative to benefit from the agreement is the Nairobi Railway City Project, a collaboration between Kenya and the UK.

Sitting on 425 acres, the Sh30 billion urban renewal project will help to reshape Nairobi into a modern and interconnected metropolis.

"This will be transformative; it will improve mobility, stimulate growth and foster prosperity in Nairobi Metropolitan," President Ruto said, adding that the financing framework for the project is being finalised.

President Ruto and British PM Starmer lauded the strong cooperation between the countries in regional peace, security and defence. The cooperation is implemented under the Kenya-UK Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA), which serves as a key framework for joint military training and counterterrorism efforts.

The UK trains over 1,100 Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) personnel annually, with support from the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) and the British Peace Support Team.

The defence cooperation further supports Kenya's leadership in the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti, with the UK backing the country's lead role.

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP said the new Strategic Partnership provides a comprehensive framework to progress shared objectives, strengthen bilateral relationship and deliver growth for both our countries.

"Kenya is a gateway to the East African market with over 300 million people with combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of over Sh52 trillion (\$400 billion). UK-Kenya trade is valued at Sh218 billion. UK companies are among the largest employers in Kenya. This new partnership will deliver Sh177 billion (£1 billion) for the UK economy in export finance, engineering jobs and defence manufacturing jobs," he said.

UK's firm Lloyd's of London is expected to enter the Nairobi insurance market as a gateway to the East Africa market.

"Under science and technology, the partnership will harness the potential of science, research, innovation and technology, including on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies, to drive inclusive growth, job creation and sustainable development," he said.

Kenya and UK in January 2020 agreed to elevate the relationship to a Strategic Partnership focusing on five strategic pillars: Mutual prosperity, security and stability, sustainable development, climate change and people to people ties. The two countries later signed the Strategic Partnership (2020-2025).

Among achievements under the 2020-2025 agreement is the setting up of the Africa Green Industrialisation Initiative (AGII) worth £17 billion to drive green industrial economic growth in Kenya, the launch of the first G7+ country secretariat to establish Nairobi Railway City and the launch of Dhamana Guarantee company to enhance access to climate financing for key Medium Term Plan IV sectors such as transport, water, renewable energy and waste management to stimulate private institutional infrastructure investment aligned to Kenya's vision 2030.

The countries signed DCA (2021) to deepen military collaboration by enhancing training, capabilities as well as providing peace-support efforts.

A significant impact of the 2021 DCA was the upgrading of the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) and the subsequent opening of the Nyati Barracks. The two countries also enhanced collaboration to stem violent extremism, cybercrime and organised crime.

The process to renew the agreement 2025-2030 started after President Ruto and Prime Starmer met in October 2024 on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly and agreed to advance the strategic partnership for another five years. ■

## TELLING THE STORY

## Kenya Yearbook takes part in rollout of e-GP

The Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is actively participating in the ongoing rollout of the electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system, with the institution aligning with the national push for transparency, efficiency and accountability in public procurement.

The National Treasury has in the last week been registering and defining administrators of the systems for each State agencies and departments.

Institutions were expected to appoint the administrators of the system within the organisations, who will in turn define roles of people

who will use e-GP.

As part of its mandate to document and promote Government milestones, KYEB has complied with the Government directive to use the system and is also playing a key role in public



Agencies will prepare their budgets through IFMIS up to final approval stage.

awareness about it.

KYEB in April published the story, "Transforming Public Procurement" in its AgendaKenya newspaper, highlighting the e-GP system as a game-changer in the public finance management reforms.

The National Treasury is expected to roll out further training on the system for each institution to enhance compliance.

All budgets of MDAs will now be loaded onto the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) and then linked to the e-GP. Agencies will prepare their budgets through IFMIS up to final approval



stage.

The approved budget will then be uploaded onto the e-GP system to facilitate the preparation of the procurement plans.

Tendering, award and contract management shall be done in the e-GP, noted Treasury. Further, purchase

The e-GP system where all MDAs will carry out procurement.

order shall also be generated through the e-GP as well as invoicing. ■



## Mogotio Huduma Centre launched, starts to offer Government services

**O**n July 4, 2025, the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku officially commissioned the 59<sup>th</sup> Huduma Centre in Mogotio.

The facility, delivered through a strategic partnership between Huduma Kenya and the Mogotio National Government-Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), is part of the Government's commitment to the Bottom-Up Economic

Transformation Agenda (BETA), a blueprint to ensure equitable access to services for all Kenyans.

Mr Ruku said the Government is keen to bring dignity and efficiency to public service delivery.

"This centre is a testament to our promise to leave no one behind. Through BETA, we are bringing Government services to the grassroots, where they are most needed," he said.

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo praised the collaboration as a model for future partnerships.

"This is what transformation looks like—when national ambition meets local commitment. Together with Mogotio NG-CDF, we are not just launching a building, we're enabling opportunity and access," he said. Mr Reuben Kiborek, area MP noted that the centre responds directly to citizens needs and reflects thoughtful, strategic investment. "We are proud to deliver a project that reflects the voice of our constituents. This is people-driven development in action." ■

HUDUMA  
CORNER

Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku (standing third right) and Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo (centre, seated) during the opening of Mogotio Huduma Centre.



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei addresses public sector CEOs during a meeting in Mombasa.



### REFORMS

## Koskei directs CEOs of Parastatals to implement State reforms

The Head of Public Service asks the State Corporation heads to fully align with ongoing changes, in particular the introduction of electronic Government procurement system

**T**he Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has directed all Chief Executive Officers of State Agencies to fully implement the electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system, fight graft and adopt a Zero Fault Audit (ZFA) regime as the Government steps up reforms in the public sector.

The rollout of the electronic procurement system is currently ongoing, with all State institutions directed to use the system.

"This is not optional, 100 per cent compliance is expected, no exceptions, no delays. Let us not entertain excuses or attempts to resist or circumvent this directive. The system must function, and it must be adopted in full across every public institution," Mr Koskei said at a meeting in Mombasa.

E-GP is expected to digitise procurement processes to enhance transparency, reduce human interference and curb fraud.

Mr Koskei observed that the reforms are

part of a structured, results-driven campaign to restore integrity and accountability in Public Service, adding that they are aimed at ensuring Government achieves its goals especially under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Mr Koskei said e-GP system is a game-changer in how Government procurement is conducted and will curb corruption across National and County Governments.

"This system will usher in a new era of transparency and value for money in public procurement," Mr Koskei said.

During the meeting, Mr Koskei asked the Parastatal CEOs to align their institutions' strategies with BETA.

He asked them to ensure that every programme, line expenditure and performance obligation is linked positively to BETA priority areas and that they should align institutional outputs to the nation's strategic imperatives.

"We no longer audit effort; we measure effect. Henceforth, performance reviews shall be exacting assessments of how your work is bettering the lives of our citizens," said Mr Koskei.

He added, "The message cannot be clearer: there is no space for complacency. Every arm, agency and authority of Government must align and act with a singular intent: to make the productive presence of Government felt in every village, every ward and every county."

He asked the CEOs to act within the law in the execution of their mandates and to



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei.

be champions of compliance.

"The era of backdoor instructions and phone calls from so-called 'ofisi kubwa' is over. No one should call you to tell you

### INFOBOX E-GP strengths

- \* Reduced procurement costs for goods, works and services.
- \* Shorter procurement cycle times, enabling faster service delivery.
- \* Improved confidentiality, integrity and authenticity of transactions.
- \* Better data for planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting.
- \* Improved auditing
- \* Minimises cases of fraud

how to do your job outside the law, and if they do, you are under no obligation to comply. Our stance is firm: follow the law, follow due process, and let accountability be your compass," he said.

He encouraged them to manage the institutions with humility, patriotism, integrity and urgency to deliver better results.

"Let us model from the apex the integrity and accountability we demand. Let us restore the honour of Public Service, not through platitudes but through demonstrable, visible change," Koskei said. ■

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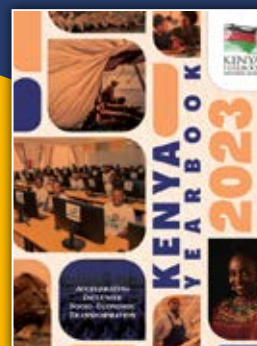


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Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo (centre), Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke (left) and Media Council of Kenya CEO David Omwoyo when they appeared before the National Assembly Committee on Delegated Legislation, chaired by Hon. Samuel Chepkonga, which was sitting to consider the Code of Conduct for Media Practice 2025.



ICT and Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui when he met members of the Association of County Students Associations Presidents of Kenya (ACSAP-K) from all 47 counties at the Konza Technopolis.



A nurse vaccinates a child to protect him from measles-rubella and typhoid during the ongoing (July 5-14, 2025) vaccination across all the 47 counties by the Ministry of Health.



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe (second left) with other officials at the Nakuru ASK Show where he inaugurated a new board of the Pyrethrum Processing Company of Kenya.



## Government to start gold mining in Busia

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND  
 RODGERS OMONDI, KNA

The Government is ready to kick off gold mining at Alupe in Busia County.

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Mining Harry Kimtai said the state has identified and awarded the company that will undertake the gold mining.

The mining will benefit both the community and the government through the sale of the extracted gold.

According to the structure set on the royalties to be paid, 70 per cent will be going to the national government. The Busia County Government will get 20 per cent while the community will benefit with 10 per cent.

Speaking in Samia Sub County, the PS said that one per cent of the total gross sales will be allocated to community development and empowerment projects within the county.

He said the government



The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Mining Harry Mutai (L) and Busia County Governor Paul Otuoma during a function in Samia Sub County in Busia.

will also allocate members of the public a designated place for mining.

Kimtai emphasized that the government will soon address the long-standing complaint about a neighboring country mining Kenyan gold.

"I am going to send a team from the State Department of Mining to come and do

an assessment of any interference of mining of our minerals by our neighbors. There have been many complaints from leaders and the public that our minerals are being taken away through underground mining, we want to ensure that our minerals are safe," he said.

He urged the residents to support the government's

initiatives stating that the government has good will for its citizens.

"The government has initiated many projects that aim at helping the people. This will not be possible if we don't support it," he said.

Busia Governor Paul Otuma underscored the importance of working with the government citing that it's the only way to develop the county.

"Working closely with the government guarantees us more development. We have seen what the national government is doing to us from the markets, roads and even agriculture. This cannot happen if you don't work closely with the government," he said.

The PS said the government has also advertised the construction of a ring road from Matayos to Sio Port.

"They have elevated our Bumbe technical to national polytechnic. They are doing a very huge project of EPZ at Nasewa, and all these are helping to change the life of our people" he said.

## BRIEFS

### Eco-friendly stoves reduce pollution and firewood use in Vihiga

BY MARION SALANO, KNA

A women-led initiative in Vihiga County is transforming lives by promoting energy-saving stoves, locally known as Jiko Kisasa.

The initiative champions the use of improved cookstoves that drastically reduce firewood consumption, indoor air pollution, and deforestation. These stoves offer safer, cleaner kitchens for families, as they emit significantly less smoke compared to traditional three-stone fires.

The Jiko Kisasa Group has benefited residents by helping them save time, reduce health risks, and empowering local women through income-generating activities.

The project manager, Peter Mwaura, said the initiative began in the Keveye area as a way to empower women while addressing health and environmental concerns.

"We started making these jikos after realiz-

ing how dangerous the traditional three-stone fires were to families," he said.

"Every stove we sell helps a household save firewood and avoid smoke-related health issues," he added.

The stoves are crafted from locally available materials and designed to burn fuel more efficiently while producing less smoke.

The project has sold hundreds of energy-saving stoves across Vihiga and neighboring counties, with ambitions for national reach.

However, the group faces challenges in raising awareness and making the stoves more affordable.

"Not many people know about our jikos, and some still prefer the cheaper, traditional ones," Mwaura said.

The Jiko Kisasa initiative hopes to bring cleaner, safer cooking solutions to more homes and calls for continued support and outreach.

## Boon for farmers as state distributes Sh1.5-billion milk coolers countrywide

BY MUOKI CHARLES, KNA

The Government has embarked on distributing milk coolers worth Sh1.5 billion in an effort to boost production and improve milk prices.

The Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, Jonathan Mueke, said that the 1,000-, 2,000-, 5,000-, and 10,000-litre milk coolers, delivered through the government's Livestock Value Chain Support Project (LVCSP), would be distributed across 41 milk-producing counties.

The coolers are expected to reduce post-harvest losses and maintain high milk quality.

Speaking after delivering a 5,000-litre milk cooler to the Ndarugu Dairy Cooperative Society in Gatundu South Sub-County, Mueke said the intervention is a vital step in building resilience and competitiveness in the country's dairy sector. It offers hope to thousands of small-scale farmers seeking to secure

better livelihoods through improved production, quality, and market access. "This is a direct investment in our farmers' prosperity and food security. By providing modern milk cooling technology, we are reducing wastage, raising quality standards, and opening up better market opportunities," Mueke said. He also noted that the government is procuring over 20,000 stainless steel milk cans to facilitate the safe and efficient transportation of milk from farms to processors.

He added that the stainless steel cans, procured from Poland, would replace the plastic cans currently used by many dairy farmers to deliver milk to cooperative societies, which compromise milk quality.

"Many farmers take their milk to the processor using plastic bottles which compromise milk quality," he said.

Through improved milk quality, the PS said the Ministry of Agriculture has



Livestock Development Principal Secretary, Jonathan Mueke, at Ndarugu Dairy Cooperative Society in Gatundu South Sub-county during the delivery of a 5,000 litres milk cooler

introduced a quality-based payment programme where farmers who deliver high quality milk are paid an additional Sh10 per litre.

The PS said the focus on maintaining high milk quality would make it easy for processors to add value to produce butter, cheese or yoghurt for export.

"The milk processors and stainless milk cans will help in ensuring the quality of milk is not compromised.

"Additionally, we are in talks with milk processors where those whose milk

has high content of butter fat and protein will get an other additional Sh10. We have done a pilot in two processors, and the report is that some farmers are getting Sh70 per litre after delivering quality milk," Mueke said. Other efforts of improving milk quality include mass vaccination of dairy cows, with the PS saying the exercise is ongoing in Laikipia and Meru Counties. He added that the exercise would be launched in other counties in the coming months.

### Vihiga County sets to plant 24 million trees by 2032

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Vihiga County Government is planting 24 million trees by 2032 in line with the national government's 15 billion Trees Initiative.

Governor Dr. Wilber Otichilo said this during the Maragoli Hills Ecosystem Restoration Conference 2025 at Ideleri Primary School in Vihiga Sub-County.

The conference focused on environmental conservation, climate change adaptation, and climate-smart agriculture. It brought together community members, environmental stakeholders and development partners to strategize on reviving the degraded Maragoli Hills ecosystem.

Dr. Otichilo acknowledged the Catholic Justice and Peace Department (CJPD), Diocese of Kakamega for spearheading efforts in the restoration of the Maragoli Hills Forest and called for multi-stakeholder collaboration, urging local residents and partners to join hands in preserving the environment.

"In the next five years,

we hope to restore our forests to their former glory. Residents can also take up beekeeping as an alternative livelihood," the Governor said.

He added that the county already rehabilitated indigenous lands in Hamisi sub-county and reiterated the goal of planting 24 million trees by 2032.

As part of the rehabilitation efforts, the county is implementing an apiculture project within Maragoli Hills Forest, with plans to establish a honey processing plant to boost local incomes through sustainable beekeeping.

Dr. Otichilo also envisions Maragoli Hills becoming a tourism hub. He encouraged residents to plant fruit trees as an income-generating activity. He addressed the issue of settlements within the forest, assuring that all possible solutions are being explored.

An Economist and Environmental Researcher, Dr. Rutto Reuben, advocated for permaculture, a sustainable agricultural approach that mimics natural ecosystems to promote biodiversity.