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Private sector injects Sh12.5b into Galana -Kulalu food project



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BY IMMACULATE CHEBET
(MYGOV)

The Galana-Kulalu Food Project has secured Sh12.5 billion in private sector investment for irrigation infrastructure aimed at boosting maize production and strengthening food security.

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“This will enhance the seamless movement of goods and inputs within

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The Week
In numbers

2027

The year Kenya is set to begin local manufacturing of vaccines

8,724

Number of students who graduated during Mount Kenya University (MKU's) 27th graduation ceremony at the Thika Main Campus

18m

Cost of machines and equipment distributed by Kisumu County Governor, Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o to Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in the county.

12.5b

Amount of money the Galana-Kalulu food project has secured in private sector investment for irrigation infrastructure

23

Number of vessels expected to dock at the Port of Lamu in August as it experiences a surge in vessel traffic

10,000

Number of police constables to be hired through digital system to curb corruption



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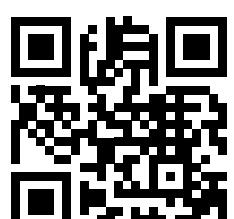


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Private sector pours Sh12.5b into Galana-Kulalu project

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the project area and beyond," he added. Dr. Kiptoo noted that the project's initial phase will bring 20,000 acres under irrigation, with each acre projected to yield an average of 70 bags of maize annually.

"It is expected to deliver approximately 1.4 million bags of maize each year, valued at around Sh5.6 billion," the PS said during a visit to the Galana-Kulalu Food Security Project.

He added that the project has already embarked on Phase 1B, covering 1,700 acres, bringing the total area under seed maize cultivation to 3,200 acres by 2025.

"Expansion plans target 4,500 acres next year, with a long-term goal of achieving the 20,000-acre target," he noted. The PS further pointed out that the broader Galana-Kulalu block has 1.5 million acres of land suitable for irrigation.

"If fully harnessed, it could dramatically raise farm incomes, strengthen foreign exchange earnings, and generate thousands of jobs for young people," he said.

During the visit, Dr. Kiptoo inspected key components of the project, including a 600,000 m³ water reservoir expected to reliably irrigate 10,000 acres within the scheme.



PS Dr. Chris Kiptoo, accompanied by Mr. Kefa Seda, Director General of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Directorate, was yesterday hosted by PS for Irrigation CPA Ephantus Kimotho, during a visit to the Galana Kulalu Food Security Project, a flagship undertaking and strategic pillar under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

He hailed Galana-Kulalu as a flagship success story in Kenya's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework. "Kenya cannot rely solely on public financing for large-scale infrastructure development, making PPPs both a viable and sustainable financing pathway," he explained.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Al Dahra, the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), and the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) to undertake feasibility studies for

the development of 180,000 acres into diversified agricultural enterprises, including fodder and meat value chains. "This initiative will be anchored by a proposed 306 million m³ dam, designed to provide gravity-fed irrigation to 200,000 acres through an estimated 60 kilometres of canals," Dr. Kiptoo said. The PS was accompanied by among others, the Director-General of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Directorate Kefa Seda; and PS for Irrigation, Ephantus Kimotho.

Lamu Port handles rising cargo traffic, attracts global shipping lines



Port of Lamu General Manager Abdulaziz Mzee presenting a commemorative plaque to Captain Bushyn Victor of MV Lobovia at the Port of Lamu.

PHOTOS BY HANIEL MENGISTU/KNA

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

called at the port.

Since its operationalisation in 2021, the Port of Lamu has been cementing its position as a transhipment hub, experiencing a surge in vessel traffic with 23 ships expected to dock in August

The port has been handling transhipment cargo destined for Mozambique, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Seychelles, Comoros, and Madagascar, including containerized cargo, bulk goods, and motor vehicles. Cumulatively, since the beginning of 2025, 13 vessels have

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Kenya National Highways Authority
Quality Highways, Better Connections

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE AND TRANSFER OF THE NAIROBI – NAKURU – MAU SUMMIT (A8) & NAIROBI – MAAI MAHIU – NAIVASHA (A8 SOUTH) PPP PROJECT

The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK), through its implementing agency, the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), is planning to undertake capacity enhancement of the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit (A8) and Nairobi-Mai Mahiu-Naivasha (A8 South) roads under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement. This initiative aims to address persistent traffic congestion, reduce travel time, and enhance road safety along these critical corridors.

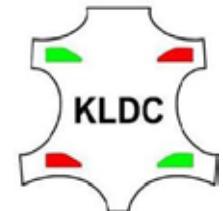
In line with our commitment to transparency and inclusive development, we are conducting stakeholder engagement meetings to update stakeholders on the Government's PPP plans for road capacity enhancement, build institutional and community support, and identify early concerns that may affect project implementation.

We shall be conducting stakeholder engagement meetings from 2nd September, 2025 to 8th September, 2025.

COUNTY	CENTRES	DATES	VENUE	TIME
KIAMBU	Limuru	2nd September, 2025	Bibirioni Chief's Office	9:00am-12:00pm
	Uplands	2nd September, 2025	Mathore Chief's Office	2:00pm-4:00pm
NYANDARUA	Flyover	3rd September, 2025	Flyover Interchange	9:00am-12:00pm
NAKURU	Naivasha	3rd September, 2025	Kayole Social Hall	2:00pm-4:00pm
	Mau Summit	4th September, 2025	Kamara Chief's Office	9:00am-12:00pm
	Salga	4th September, 2025	Salga Chief's Office	2:00pm-4:00pm
	Nakuru	5th September, 2025	Kenya Industrial Training Institute	9:00am-12:00pm
	Gilgil	5th September, 2025	CDF Office/Hall	2:00pm-4:00pm
	Mai Mahiu	8th September, 2025	County Council Hall	9:00am-12:00pm

Eng. Luka Kimeli
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Pursuant to this objective, the Council is seeking to recruit qualified officers for the following positions:

S / No	Post	No. of Posts	Job Grade	Department	Job Ref No
1	Director Technical Services	1	KLDC 2	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/009/2025
2	Manager Capacity Building	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/010/2025
3	Manager Common Manufacturing Facilities	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/011/2025
4	Manager Quality Assurance & Compliance	1	KLDC 3	Directorate of Technical Services	KLDC/012/2025

Suitably qualified candidates are advised to apply through <https://leathercouncil.go.ke/careers/> so as to reach the undersigned not later than Close of Business, 9th September, 2025.

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to prove their compliance with the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya by obtaining and presenting the following clearance certificates:

1. Certificate of Good Conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)
2. Clearance/Compliance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
3. Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
4. Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
5. Clearance from recognized Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

Kenya Leather Development Council is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and gender equality. Women, Youth, Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) and those from marginalized communities and minority groups are encouraged to apply. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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elite forces, with a police station located within the port precincts.

The recent increase in vessel calls has been boosted by the procurement of modern equipment. To strengthen marine operations, the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) last year acquired a Sh264 million locally built mooring boat. The vessel measures 14.5 metres in length, features a twin-screw design, and is powered by two Caterpillar engines (CAT C9.3 ACERT series) with a power rating of 310 kW at 2,100 rpm and a service speed of



10 knots. KPA's vessel schedule for August shows that the port will handle 23 ships; MV Nagoya Express, MV Al Juma, MV Lobivia, and Gulf Express have already docked. The Liberian-flagged MV Nagoya Express, with an overall length of 335.08 metres and a width of 42.8 metres, is the longest vessel ever to berth at an East African port. It carried 140 transhipped containers bound for the United States of America, which were offloaded at the port by MV Tolten.

The arrival of MV Nagoya Express demonstrates the port's ability to handle ultra-large container vessels.

10,000 police constables to be hired in new digital process



NPSC Commissioner Prof. Collette Suda addressing the media in Kisumu during a public participation exercise on police recruitment reforms. PHOTO: CHRIS MAHANDARA

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The National Police Service Commission (NPSC) will recruit 10,000 police constables through a new online system in a move aimed at dismantling the long history of corruption,

nepotism, and irregularities that have plagued police hiring.

NPSC Commissioner Prof. Collette Suda confirmed that the digital shift will drastically reduce human contact in the process — a step she insists will choke off avenues for bribery, favoritism, and

manipulation that have previously tainted recruitment.

“It is true there has been public outcry over irregularities during police recruitment,” Prof. Suda said during a public participation forum in Kisumu. “Leveraging technology will significantly re-

duce malpractices and give young Kenyans a fair chance to serve in the National Police Service.”

The reforms come against a backdrop of repeated scandals, with past reports citing bribery demands, the replacement of successful candidates with politically connected individuals, and regional favoritism.

In some cases, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission has investigated allegations of cash-for-job deals amounting to tens of thousands of shillings per recruit.

Prof Suda said the Commission is seeking public approval of regulations that will anchor the new process before the recruitment drive begins.

The Kisumu session drew participants from Busia, Kisumu, Migori, Homa Bay and Siaya counties.

“This participatory process is a constitutional imperative. We appreciate the interest and input from Kenyans, which will enrich the document before we proceed with recruitment,” she said.

Unlike previous one-day exercises that often saw chaotic scenes and allegations of irregularities, Prof Suda said the new system will be spread out, giving applicants more time to prepare and ensuring equal opportunity across all regions.

The online application and shortlisting, she added, will not only boost transparency but also help rebuild public trust in a recruitment process that has for years been seen as a breeding ground for graft.



INVITATION TO SUBMIT COURSE MATERIALS FOR EVALUATION AND APPROVAL

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) wishes to invite Publishers registered or legally represented in Kenya to download the Submission, Evaluation and Approval Procedures for Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) SENIOR SCHOOL curriculum support Materials 2025 Edition from the KICD Website, (www.kicd.ac.ke) from **20th August 2025**.

These procedures will enable interested Publishers to submit proposals of suitable materials for evaluation and approval. Publishers are therefore invited to submit proposals of suitable materials to the KICD in accordance with the requirements and timetables established in the procedures.

For the purpose of logistics, publishers wishing to submit materials are required to inform the Director KICD/ CEO by **7th November 2025 in writing (conventional and digital channels)**.

Publishers' submission of curriculum support materials for:

1. Listed learning areas in Grade 11
2. Literary texts for Grades 10 - 12

for evaluation and approval must be made not later than **12p.m on 25th November 2025**.

Each submission should be accompanied by proof of payment of the non-refundable appropriate Evaluation fees per material proposal. Any submissions coming after the deadline will not be received.

Course materials received will be opened/announced in the presence of submitting publishers who wish to attend at **12.30 p.m. on 25th November 2025**. at the, KICD, Desai Road off Murang'a Road, Nairobi, KENYA.

All enquiries on submission of materials and applications to participate in the materials evaluation should be directed to:

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1	PROCUREMENT	SENIOR SUPPLIES CHAIN MANAGEMENT OFFICER - GRADE AD - XIII	1	FIVE [5] YEARS' CONTRACT	LU/AD/27/8/EA/SSCMO/2025
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1. For more information on how to apply and the specifics of requirements, duties/responsibilities and academic/professional specifications, kindly visit the Laikipia University website at: www.laikipia.ac.ke
2. The successful candidate upon receipt of an offer of appointment will be required to submit valid clearances from **Kenya Revenue Authority; Higher Education Loans Board; Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission; Criminal Investigation Department [Certificate of Good Conduct]; and Registered Credit Reference Bureau.**
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Kenya unveils first ultra-modern national fish hatchery in Kwale



Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hassan Joho (in floral shirt) when he commissioned the National Marine Hatchery at the National Mariculture Resource and Training Centre in Shimoni, Kwale county.

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Government is keen to leverage the country's vast maritime resources for sustainable socio-economic development through the launch of the first national ultra-modern fish hatchery facility in Kwale County.

Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Hassan Joho, said the State is actively working to boost the blue economy sector, recognizing its potential for economic growth and sustainable development.

The blue economy encompasses a range of marine-related sectors that drive economic growth, improve livelihoods, and create jobs while safeguarding marine ecosystems. These sectors include fisheries, maritime transport and logistics, tourism, aquaculture, and marine biotechnology.

Stakeholders also note that emerging activities such as offshore renewable energy and seabed extractive industries fall under the blue economy, in line with the vision of a blue revolution. As part of efforts to tap into this potential, Joho commissioned Kenya's first National Marine Hatchery at the National Mariculture Resource and Training Centre (NAM-ARET) in Shimoni, Kwale County.

The ultramodern fish hatchery facility will play a key role in contributing to Kenya's Blue Economy initiative, which aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting food security, reducing poverty, and enhancing livelihoods at the coast.

The hatchery will play a vital role in addressing the longstanding shortage of quality fish seed among coastal farmers by ensuring a stable supply of prawn seed for aquaculture.

The initiative is a significant de-

velopment as it addresses the issue of seed scarcity, a major obstacle in coastal aquaculture as previously farmers in the coastal region have had to rely on juvenile fish from the Indian Ocean.

Mariculture, a branch of aquaculture, involves farming marine organisms like fish, shellfish, crustaceans and seaweed in seawater environments, either in open ocean areas, enclosed sections of the sea, or in tanks and ponds filled with seawater.

Mariculture plays a key role in increasing seafood production, reducing pressure on sea fisheries, and providing sustainable livelihoods for coastal communities.

Joho says the new hatchery is part of the government's continued efforts to unlock the full potential of the blue economy as a pillar of national growth and community transformation.

"The new model fish hatchery project would address the challenges of unavailability and inaccessibility of fishes which were identified as impediments to fish farming in the coastal counties," he said.

He says the new centre will be providing training to fisherfolks on modern mariculture farming, underscoring that sustainable aquaculture is an alternative to reducing pressure on wild fish stocks besides protecting coastal ecosystems from pollution.

Joho says the government is out to promote economic growth, improve life and social inclusion without compromising the oceans' environmental sustainability.

"The new fish hatchery is aimed at boosting aquaculture production and food and nutrition security," he said, adding that the blue economy has the potential to contribute significantly to the country's economic growth and development.

The maritime minister says the new state-of-the-art hatchery is a game-changer as it is set to bridge the fish seed gap, boost mariculture and uplift livelihoods of communities along the coastal region by providing high-quality fish seed to local farmers.

The new fish hatchery is aimed at boosting aquaculture production and food and nutrition security



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Request for Bids

Framework Agreement(s) for Non-Consulting (Primary Procurement, Two-Envelope Bidding Process)

Procuring Agency:	The Information and Communications Technology Authority
Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Framework Agreement Title:	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF BROADBAND INTERNET CAPACITY TO SELECTED GOVERNMENT SITES IN RURAL AREAS
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-478571-NC-RFB
Credit No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under Call-off Contracts that may be awarded under the Framework Agreements (FAs) for Provision of Broadband Internet Capacity to Selected Government Sites in Rural Areas concluded through this RFB Primary Procurement process. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Procuring Agency is undertaking the Primary Procurement with a view to concluding Framework Agreements. The Procuring Agency is the sole Employer under the Framework Agreement[s]. The Procuring Agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Provision of Broadband Internet Capacity to Selected Government Sites in Rural Areas, as shown in Annex A of the Standard Procurement Document, for a period of Three (3) Years.
3. The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be Single-User. The Single-User entitled to purchase under the Framework Agreements is The Information and Communications Technology Authority.
4. The Framework Agreements to be concluded will be Multi-Service Provider.
5. The selection of a FA Service Provider to be awarded a Call-off Contract will be done through a Secondary Procurement process as defined in Framework Agreement. However, the conclusion of a Framework Agreement shall not impose any obligation on the Procuring Agency, including participating Employers, to purchase Non-Consulting under a Call-off Contract. The conclusion Framework Agreement does not guarantee that a FA Service Provider will be awarded a Call-off Contract.
6. Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016, Revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
7. Bidders may submit Bids for one or more items.
8. The Framework Agreements shall be concluded for a Term of Three (3) from the commencement date stated in the Framework Agreement. The initial term may be extended by a maximum of two additional years.
9. The Primary Procurement shall establish a Closed Framework Agreement(s).
10. Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the bidding documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 80% and for Bid cost: 20%.
11. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from The Information and Communications Technology Authority, Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management **procurement@ict.go.ke** and inspect the Bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours at the address given below.
12. The bidding document in English may be downloaded free of charge from the ICTA's website <https://www.icta.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal website <https://www.tenders.go.ke>. Bidders who download the bidding documents are invited to notify the procuring entity by email with full contact details if they intended to participate, as this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the procuring entity, to all bidders where necessary.
13. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1000 Hours East African Time 1st October 2025**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked **"ORIGINAL BID"**, and the inner envelopes marked **"TECHNICAL PART"** will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on 12th Floor Boardroom, Telposta Towers, along Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi at **1000 Hours East African Time 1st October 2025**. All envelopes marked **"SECOND ENVELOPE: FINANCIAL PART"** shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Procuring Agency until the second public opening.
14. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's/bidders' beneficial ownership, as part of the publication of the conclusion of framework agreement notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form included in the bidding document.
15. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

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Ministry assures timely release of capitation funds to schools

BY SHANI RHAI AND EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos has assured stakeholders that his ministry is committed to the timely disbursement of capitation funds to support free education in public schools across the country.

Speaking during a tour of educational institutions in Magarini Sub-County, Migos said the ministry is working closely with the National Treasury to ensure the release of funds ahead of the third term.

"We aim to release capitation earlier this term to address the challenges experienced in the second term and ensure that students preparing for exams are not disadvantaged," he said.

Last term, many public schools faced financial constraints due to delays in government funding, which disrupted operations and learning in several institutions, some of which were forced to close early.

The CS clarified that the gov-



Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Migos addressing journalists at the Magarini Technical and Vocational College. PHOTO BY EMMANUEL MASHA

ernment is collaborating with stakeholders to guarantee the full disbursement of capitation funds in line with the free and compulsory education policy. Migos also revealed that the government has

identified 42 semi-autonomous government agencies (SAGAs) for merging or restructuring.

This initiative, aims to enhance efficiency and avoid duplication of roles within the education sector.

"Some of the SAGAs are being merged, while others are being returned to their parent ministries. It is a government policy to ensure more effective use of resources and eliminate overlap in functions," he said.

During his visit to the Magarini Technical and Vocational Training Institute, Migos announced that the government will prioritize upgrading the institution to match national standards, which was established in 2017 but only completed in September last year, the institute currently has 245 students but faces numerous challenges.

Among the issues noted by the CS are the lack of workshops, absence of a computer lab, limited hairdressing training equipment, water shortages, lack of a perimeter fence, and a poorly maintained access road that hinders student mobility. In response, the government has pledged to construct 340 boarding rooms to accommodate students traveling from distant areas.

Furthermore, Migos acknowl-

edged that 52 constituencies across the country are yet to receive technical institutes, in contrast with the government's goal of establishing one in every constituency.

The Magarini Technical Institute aims to enroll 1,500 students by January and become a center of excellence for agricultural training.

On the other hand, the CS also visited the Galana Teachers Training College, where he pledged to support the institution's infrastructural development with an initial Sh5 million.

Harrison Kombe, who is fighting to retain the Magarini Parliamentary Seat in an impending by-election, said the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) would construct a 200-bed dormitory within the institution.

The Institute Principal Janet Mwadigha said lack of vital infrastructure at the premier institute had led to students rejecting placement, leading to low enrolment.


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No.	Vacancy	Positions	Reference
2.	Commissioner, Business Strategy, Technology and Enterprise Modernization	1	KRA/PKF002/2025

A detailed job description is posted on the PKF website mentioned below:

Interested candidates are requested to visit the PKF website at <https://www.pkfea.com/careers> for the full job description and specifications and submit online applications by 7th July, 2025, 23:59hrs.

Please Note:

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Successful candidates will be expected to present the following in line with Chapter Six of the Constitution:

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 5. Current report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

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Exciting Career Opportunity for Commissioner Business Strategy, Technology and Enterprise Modernization

Re-advertisement

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify the general public that the job vacancy advertisement published on 17th June 2025 on MyGov, inviting applicants for the Commissioner Business Strategy, Technology and Enterprise Modernization position, has been re-advertised.

Please Note: Those who had earlier applied need not reapply.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTORS III CSG '12' JG 'H', LECTURER III CSG '11' JG 'J' AND LECTURER I CSG '10' JG 'K' INTO THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

The National Youth Service (NYS) is pleased to announce to the public the recruitment of Technical Instructors and Lecturers scheduled to take place in the month of September 2025.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR III CSG '12' JG 'H'

SALARY SCALE	Kshs. 28,620-37,100
MEDICAL COVER	SHA Scheme for Civil Servants
TERMS OF SERVICE	Permanent & Pensionable
HOUSE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
COMMUTER ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
LEAVE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service

S / NO.	Vacancy	Reference	No. of posts
TECHNICAL INSTRUCTORS III CSG '12' JG 'H'			
1.	Diploma in Accounting	V/No. 1/8/2025	1
2.	Diploma in General Agriculture	V/No. 2/8/2025	6
3.	Diploma in Irrigation and Drainage Technology	V/No. 3/8/2025	2
4.	Diploma in Animal Health and Production	V/No. 4/8/2025	6
5.	Diploma in Horticulture	V/No. 5/8/2025	2
6.	Diploma in Farm management	V/No. 6/8/2025	1
7.	Diploma in Agriculture Engineering	V/No. 7/8/2025	3
8.	Diploma in Automotive Engineering (Electrical/Mechanical)	V/No. 8/8/2025	22
9.	Diploma in Hair dressing and beauty Therapy (Cosmetology)	V/No. 9/8/2025	2
10.	Diploma in Building and Construction	V/No. 10/8/2025	8
11.	Diploma in Catering and Accommodation	V/No. 11/8/2025	2
12.	Diploma in Electrical Engineering	V/No. 12/8/2025	8
13.	Diploma in Entrepreneurship	V/No. 13/8/2025	1
14.	Diploma in Fashion Design	V/No. 14/8/2025	3
15.	Diploma in Food and Beverage	V/No. 15/8/2025	4
16.	Diploma in Information Communication Technology	V/No. 16/8/2025	10
17.	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	V/No. 17/8/2025	8
18.	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (plant)	V/No. 18/8/2025	4
19.	Diploma in Secretarial Studies	V/No. 19/8/2025	2
20.	Diploma in Supply Chain Management	V/No. 20/8/2025	2
21.	Diploma in Human Resource Management	V/No. 21/8/2025	1
22.	Diploma in Business management	V/No. 22/8/2025	4
23.	Diploma in Plumbing	V/No. 23/8/2025	9
24.	Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery	V/No. 24/8/2025	2
25.	Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics	V/No. 25/8/2025	1
26.	Diploma in sales and Marketing	V/No. 26/8/2025	1
27.	Diploma in Plant and services Engineering	V/No. 27/8/2025	2
28.	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Fabrication and Metalogy)	V/No. 28/8/2025	11
29.	Diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	V/No. 29/8/2025	2
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For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have: -

i) Diploma in any of the following disciplines: - Accounting; Agriculture; Irrigation and Drainage Technology; Animal Health and Production; Horticulture; Farm Management; Agricultural Engineering; Automotive Engineering; Hair dressing and beauty therapy (cosmetology); Building and Construction; Catering and Accommodation; Electrical Engineering; Entrepreneurship; Fashion design; Food and Beverage; Information Communication Technology; Mechanical Engineering ; Mechanical Engineering (Plant); Secretarial studies Supply chain management and Human Resource management; Business Management; Plumbing; Carpentry and Joinery; Nutrition and Dietetics; Sales and Marketing; Plant and Services Engineering; Mechanical Engineering (Fabri-

cation and Metalogy); Refrigeration and Air-conditioning

- ii) Certificate in Computer applications from a recognized institution;
- iii) NYS Discharge Certificate is an added advantage
- iv) Fulfilled the requirement of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution

LECTURER II, CSG 11, JG 'T'

SALARY SCALE	Kshs. 34,420 – 46,120
MEDICAL COVER	SHA Scheme for Civil Servants
TERMS OF SERVICE	Permanent & Pensionable
HOUSE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
COMMUTER ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
LEAVE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service

S / NO.	Vacancy	Reference	No. of posts
LECTURER II, CSG 11, JG 'T'			
1.	Bachelor of Arts (Languages-French)	V/No. 30/8/2025	1
2.	Bachelor of Arts (Secretarial Studies)	V/No. 31/8/2025	1
3.	Bachelor of Business management	V/No. 32/8/2025	2
4.	Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship	V/No. 33/8/2025	1
5.	Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality management	V/No. 34/8/2025	2
6.	Bachelor of Commerce (Human Resource management)	V/No. 35/8/2025	2
7.	Bachelor of Science (Fashion and textile design)	V/No. 36/8/2025	2
8.	Bachelor of supply chain management	V/No. 37/8/2025	2
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For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have:

- i) Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines: - Arts (Languages- French); Business Management; Arts (Secretarial Studies); Science in Entrepreneurship; Arts in Hospitality Management; Commerce (Human resource Management); Science (Fashion and Textile Design and Supply Chain Management).
- ii) Certificate in Computer applications from a recognized institution;
- iii) Fulfilled the requirement of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution

LECTURER I CSG 10 JG 'K'

SALARY SCALE	Kshs. 41,420 – 57,230
MEDICAL COVER	SHA Scheme for Civil Servants
TERMS OF SERVICE	Permanent & Pensionable
HOUSE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
COMMUTER ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service
LEAVE ALLOWANCE	As existing in the Civil Service

S / NO.	Vacancy	Reference	No. of posts
LECTURER I, CSG 10, JG 'K'			
1.	Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Accounting) or CPA(K)	V/No. 38/8/2025	2
2.	Bachelor of Science (Information Communication Technology)	V/No. 39/8/2025	3
3.	Bachelor of Mathematics and computing	V/No. 40/8/2025	2

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S / NO.	Vacancy	Reference	No. of posts
4.	Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics Information Science	V/No. 41/8/2025	2
5.	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	V/No. 42/8/2025	2
6.	Bachelor of Agricultural Economics	V/No. 43/8/2025	1
7.	Bachelor of Science (Animal Health Science)	V/No. 44/8/2025	1
8.	Bachelor of Science (Construction Plant)	V/No. 45/8/2025	1
9.	Bachelors of Science/Engineering or Education (Aeronautical Engineering)	V/No. 46/8/2025	2
10.	Bachelors of Science (Architecture)	V/No. 47/8/2025	2
11.	Bachelors of Science (Automotive Engineering)	V/No. 48/8/2025	2
12.	Bachelors of Science or Education (Civil & Structural Engineering)	V/No. 49/8/2025	1
13.	Bachelors of Science (Electrical & Electronics)	V/No. 50/8/2025	3
14.	Bachelors of Science (Mechanical Engineering)	V/No. 51/8/2025	3
15.	Bachelors of Science (Quantity Survey)	V/No. 52/8/2025	1
16.	Bachelor of Technology in building construction	V/No. 53/8/2025	3
17.	Bachelor of Catering and hotel management	V/No. 54/8/2025	1
18.	Bachelor of Science in Food Nutrition and Dietetics	V/No. 55/8/2025	1
19.	Bachelor of Commerce Marketing	V/No. 56/8/2025	1
20.	Bachelor of Science/Technology in Industrial Plant Engineering	V/No. 57/8/2025	2
21.	Bachelor of Science in Horticulture	V/No. 58/8/2025	1
22.	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering	V/No. 59/8/2025	1
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For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have:

- (i) Bachelor's degree in any of the following disciplines: - Commerce (Finance and Accounting); CPA (K); Science (Information Communication Technology); Mathematics and Computing; Library and Information Science; Science (Agriculture); Agricultural Economics; Animal Health Science; Science /Education in Construction Plant; Science/Engineering or Education (aeronautical Engineering); Science or Education (Architecture); Science or Education (Automotive Engineering); Science or Education (Civil & Structural Engineering); Science or Education (Electrical & Electronics); Science or Education (Mechanical) and Science or Education (Quantity Survey); Technology in Building Construction; Catering and Hotel Management; Science in Food nutrition and dietetics; Commerce (Marketing); Science/Technology in Industrial Plant Engineering; Science in Horticulture
- (ii) Certificate in Computer applications from a recognized institution;
- (iii) Fulfilled the requirement of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution

Application Procedure

Applicants who are interested and meet the above requirements should complete the Application for Employment Form-PSC.2 (Revised 2016) and submit in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the title of the position applied for. The application should be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of academic certificates, testimonials, and a copy of the national identity card or passport.

The applications should reach the undersigned not later than **1st September, 2025.**

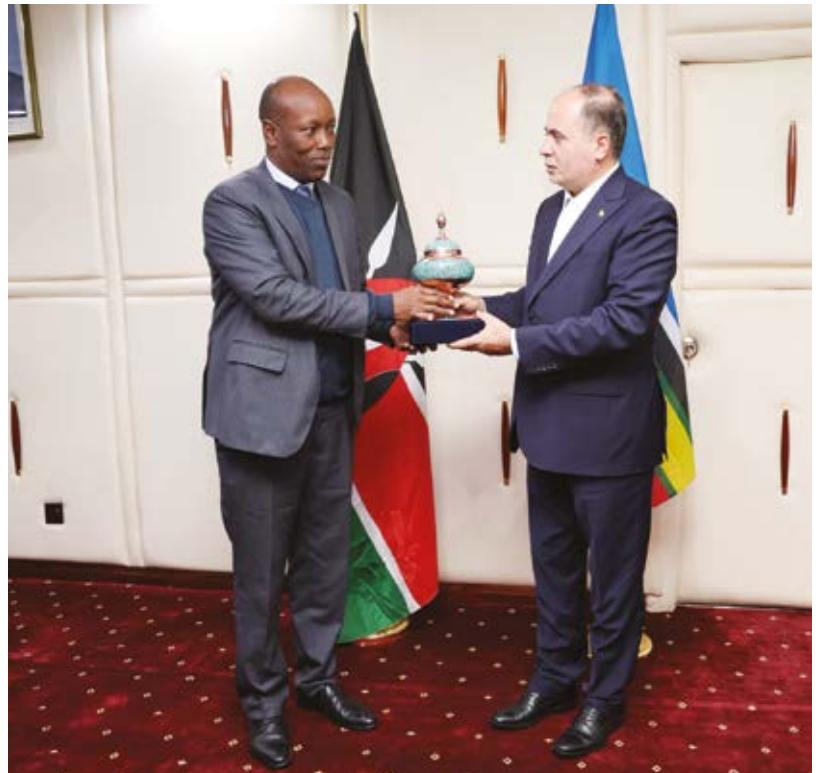
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Sealed hand-delivered applications can be dropped at the **Registry – National Youth Service Headquarters, Ruaraka, Thika Road, Ground Floor.**

The applicants can also email their applications to: **nysdhrm@gmail.com** with the title of the position being applied for as the subject.

**James K. Tembur, MBS
COMMANDANT GENERAL NYS**

Kenya, Iran renew trade ties as tea exports hit USD 33m



Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, Lee Kinyanjui (left) receives a gift from Iran's Minister of Agricultural Jihad, Dr Gholamreza Nouri Ghezalcheh, during a meeting to discuss strengthening bilateral trade relations, particularly in tea exports, at the ministry's headquarters, in Nairobi.

BY NAIF RASHID (KNA)

Kenya and the Islamic Republic of Iran have renewed their commitment to strengthening trade relations, with Kenyan tea exports to Iran reaching USD 33 million in 2024.

Tea remains Kenya's leading export to the Middle Eastern nation, accounting for over 90 percent of bilateral trade.

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry, Lee Kinyanjui, affirmed that Kenya is determined to address the challenges that disrupted tea exports over the past year.

Speaking in Nairobi during a courtesy call by Iran's Minister for Agricultural Jihad, Dr. Gholamreza Nouri Ghezalcheh, the CS noted that the visit marked a turning point in resolving the bottlenecks facing the sector. "We export a huge percentage of our tea to Iran, and this year we have had surplus production. It is therefore critical that we open up our market, and we are glad the Iranian delegation is here to help resolve the challenges that have affected the trade," said Kinyanjui.

He further announced the formation of a Joint Committee between the two countries to address the recent impasse, terming it "a big win for farmers and a boost for the growing tea industry."

According to the CS, Kenya continues to enjoy a healthy trade surplus with Iran, for instance, in 2024, exports to Iran were valued at USD 50.8 million, compared to imports worth USD 18 million.

Additionally, he stated that tea accounted for the bulk of the export earnings, underscoring its importance to Kenya's foreign exchange

revenues and the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers across the country.

In light of the above, the CS commended the Embassy of Iran in Kenya and the visiting delegation for their tireless efforts in seeking solutions to the trade disruptions.

Kinyanjui at the same time reiterated that tea production in Kenya has reached record highs in 2024, making the securing of sustainable and reliable markets more important than ever.

"We will continue to implement stringent measures to ensure the tea trade fully complies with established regulations and meets the highest standards," he assured.

On the other hand, Kinyanjui also expressed Kenya's solidarity with the people affected by the ongoing humanitarian situation in the Middle East, reiterating the country's appreciation of its longstanding relationship with Iran.

In his remarks, Dr Ghezalcheh, who was also the head of the Iranian delegation, reaffirmed Iran's commitment to strengthening trade with Kenya and expressed optimism that the new Joint Committee would find lasting solutions to the tea trade challenges. Accompanying Dr Ghezalcheh was the Iranian Ambassador to Kenya, Ali Ghalmi, while Kenya's delegation included the Principal Secretary for Investment, Abubakar Hassan, and Principal Secretary for Industry, Dr Juma Mukhwana.

Ministry officials said the talks are expected to lay the groundwork for deeper collaboration in the agricultural sector, particularly in enhancing tea trade and ensuring uninterrupted market access.

Q & A Spotlight

Agricultural Development Corporation marks 60 years of resilience

This year, on the 22nd of August, the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) marks 60 years since its establishment. In the interview published here, the Corporation's Managing Director, Dr. Wilson Tonui (pictured), looks at the gains so far registered in ADC's six decades of operation. He spoke to Michael Okidi, Ag. Director, Government Advertising Agency (GAA).



Q: Sixty years on, what's the story of the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC)?

A: Established in 1965 through an Act of Parliament (Cap 346), ADC was established to manage the post-independence transfer of land from European settlers to Kenyan farmers. In 1986, its mandate was redefined under Cap 444 to focus on producing Kenya's essential agricultural inputs; ranging from hybrid seed maize, seed potatoes, beans seed, pasture seed, wheat seed to pedigree livestock and high-quality breeding materials.

Q: What is ADC doing today to guarantee food security in the country?

A: ADC is Kenya's largest grower of seed maize and seed potatoes, producing about half of the country's certified hybrid seed maize and potato seeds. Our farms in Trans-Nzoia supply seed maize to major seed merchants while potato multiplication takes place in Molo, Enchili and Ndabibi. We also serve as a vital link between research institutions and farmers, testing and commercializing new agricultural technologies before they reach the market. Additionally, in partnership with stakeholders such as KALRO, we have developed quality seed varieties KH 600-23A, KH 600-16A and KH 500-52A, maize varieties that guarantee bumper harvest and are climate resilient. We also have seed bean varieties such as Nyota and Malkia and other varieties which we are in development with institutions such as the University of Nairobi. On livestock production, we provide quality studs to the Kenyan farmer through Artificial Insemination Technologies and Embryo Transfer

Q: How is ADC helping the nation adapt to challenges like recurring droughts?

A: We ensure that the Kenyan

farmers have access to rigorously tested, high-quality seed, livestock genetics and technology transfer on the best farming practices. By combining seed maize, seed wheat, potato seed, pedigree studs and quality semen with targeted technology transfer, we equip farmers to withstand climate shocks while boosting productivity. Through offtake programs, we also assist the Kenyan farmer in drought situations. Our seed varieties like KH 500-52A have proven to be early maturing yet providing bumper harvest.

Q: What are some of the gains in terms of partnership with public and private sector that ADC can be proud of?

A: Through joint ventures, value-added processing, technology transfer and infrastructure development, we're combining our land resources with private sector expertise, capital and innovation. From precision farming and modern irrigation to market access and farmer training, these partnerships are turning strategic land assets into high impact, high yield agricultural hubs. In Galana Kulalu National Food Security Project, ADC has partnered with both public and private investors to install and operate three major irrigation projects. In partnership with National Irrigation Authority and Selu Limited, the corporation has put 20,000 acres under centre-pivot irrigation and production of various crops is ongoing. With Nyumba Foundation, the corporation has partnered to put another 52,000 acres under centre-pivot irrigation where production of maize and all crops is ongoing. Lastly, in partnership with Aldahra Group LLP, ADC is in the final stages of on boarding this huge investor who is investing in establishing 200,000 acres farm under centre-pivot irrigation system. This will be the largest aerial irrigation farm on the sub-Saharan Africa. The ultimate goal

of these partnership is to put at least one million acres under crop production through aerial irrigation.

Q: How Has Climate Change Shaped ADC's Operations Over the Decades?

A: Over its six decades of service to the nation, the ADC has not been immune to the growing challenges of a changing climate. Shifts in traditional weather patterns have brought more frequent and intense droughts, floods and heatwaves disrupting planting schedules and threatening crop yields. Erratic rainfall patterns and rising temperatures have tightened water availability for cultivation while shifting growing seasons have forced farmers to adapt their planting and harvesting timelines.

Pests and diseases are now spreading in new ways with outbreaks such as locust invasions putting added pressure on agricultural systems. Extreme weather has accelerated soil erosion and degradation, stripping the land of its vital nutrients, while the loss of biodiversity has weakened natural pollination and ecological resilience.

Q: Farming for the Future: How is ADC Building Climate-Resilient Agriculture?

A: As climate change continues to challenge farmers nationwide, the ADC has placed sustainability at the heart of its strategy. Across its farms, ADC is rolling out climate-smart practices such as conservation tillage, crop rotation, agroforestry and integrated pest management techniques that protect soils, conserve water and boost resilience against unpredictable weather. Through modern technologies such as tissue culture, aeroponics, hydroponics and misting, ADC is keeping an edge on agricultural research guaranteeing resilient varieties for the nation.

Water security is being

strengthened through modern irrigation systems, water storage facilities and precision farming ensuring crops survive even in times of drought. Research and innovation are driving the development of drought-resistant and heat-tolerant crop varieties, while soil conservation measures like terracing, cover cropping and contour plowing safeguard the land for future generations.

By integrating trees and shrubs into our farmland, ADC's agroforestry programs are restoring biodiversity, capturing carbon and improving microclimates. Renewable energy from solar to biogas is being embraced to power operations and cut emissions.

Q: Feeding the Nation: How is ADC Aligning Its Vision with Kenya's Food Security Agenda?

A: For six decades, the ADC has been a cornerstone of Kenya's agricultural sector. Today, its mission is closely intertwined with the government's ambition to make Kenya a food-secure nation. Through a comprehensive strategic plan, ADC is setting clear targets and timelines to boost productivity, raise national food production and expand access to nutritious food across the country.

Our policies and programs are being aligned with national priorities in agriculture, rural development and poverty reduction ensuring investments, resources and regulations reinforce the government's push for sustainable and inclusive growth.

Across our farms, the Corporation is championing sustainable agricultural practices, from agroecology and conservation agriculture to climate-smart technologies that safeguard resources and build resilience.

By strengthening capacity building initiatives and extension services, ADC is empowering farmers with the knowledge and tools to increase yields and adopt modern techniques. Value chain development, infrastruc-

ture investment and research are at the heart of our strategy, reducing post-harvest losses and driving innovation.

Q: After 60 Years of Service, What Future Does the Agricultural Development Corporation Envision for Kenya's Food Security and Agricultural Development?"

A: Marking six decades as a pillar of Kenya's agricultural transformation, the ADC is charting a bold course for the future blending the lessons of the past with the innovations of tomorrow.

In the near term, ADC is determined to raise crop and livestock productivity through advanced farming techniques, access to high-quality seed and adoption of modern technologies.

The Corporation is equally focused on expanding access to nutritious food by supporting smallholder farmers, promoting local production and strengthening food distribution systems nationwide.

To safeguard livelihoods, ADC is scaling up climate-smart agriculture, diversifying income sources and enhancing social safety nets for vulnerable communities. Sustainable land management remains a core commitment with conservation practices designed to protect soils, restore degraded lands and preserve biodiversity.

ADC's vision is to achieve food self-sufficiency; ensure Kenya produces enough to feed itself while reducing reliance on imports.

Q: Your parting shot?"

A: I want to thank the government through His Excellency the President, our dedicated staff, partners, our ministry and everyone who has trusted us for 60 years. ADC is on course to transformation and securing the food security of the country. I also want to welcome our stakeholders to the ADC @60 celebrations at the Livestock Genetics Centre in Kitale on 22nd August 2025.

Ministry urges the automotive industry to embrace local production of spare parts

BY ANNE KANGERON (KNA)

Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Investments, Trade and Industry, Lee Kinyanjui, has called on all the players and stakeholders in the automotive sector, to embrace local production of spare parts such as springs and seats, to expand the local automobile industry.

CS Kinyanjui was speak-

ing during the ground-breaking ceremony of a Sh3.5 billion new Isuzu East Africa Spare Parts Warehouse in Lukanya Machakos, where he commended Isuzu, on the major investment and urged stakeholders to explore local production of spare parts.

"That is the next frontier, creating more industries within our borders, in-

cluding here in Machakos and across other counties," said the CS.

He noted how infrastructure spurs growth in suburban areas and how the Mombasa-Nairobi Highway, with its connectivity to the expressway and CBD will bring huge developments within the metropolitan areas, with adequate planning.

"Any initiative that brings growth, more jobs and more investments is always welcome for Kenya because this move strengthens our footprint in the automotive industry and is a very welcome development," said Kinyanjui.

The CS affirmed the government's efforts in working with counties to ensure that there is adequate planning where there are areas set aside for light and heavy industries, factories and residential areas.

He disclosed that the government has set up Special Economic Zones in

Naivasha and Dongo Kundu and are in discussion with the ICT Ministry to also turn part of Konza to a Special Economic Zone to be able to accommodate more businesses and basic infrastructure for anyone to start an industry.

Machakos Governor, Wavinya Ndeti, reiterated that with more industries investing in Machakos, there is increased businesses for local suppliers and hospitality sectors and urged investors to prioritize employment of local residents.

"As a government we are committed to ensuring

that new investors prioritize the employment of local residents in line with our developmental goals and legal requirements," added the Governor.

She pointed out that her County is well prepared to host new industries, while creating business opportunities for the local communities, spurring economic development, social well-being and instilling community pride.

"Machakos County positions itself as an ideal destination for investment by offering a conducive environment for business to thrive," said Wavinya.



KENYA TRADE NETWORK AGENCY

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) is a State Corporation under The National Treasury and Economic Planning established by the Government of Kenya (GoK) in January 2011. KenTrade draws its mandate from the National Electronic Single Window System Act 2022. KenTrade's mandate is to implement, operationalize and manage the Kenya National Electronic Single Window System (KNESWS), now known as the Trade Facilitation Platform (TFP).

To fulfil our mandate, we wish to engage suitably qualified candidates on permanent and pensionable terms who also meet the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Kenya Constitution for the following positions:

S/No	Position	Level	Number of Posts
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1.	Director Trade Facilitation	KTNA 2	1
2.	Internal Auditor - Information Systems	KTNA 7	1
	Total		2
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No.	Position	Grade	No. of posts
1.	Assistant Manager Risk Management & Compliance	KTNA 4	1
2.	Assistant Manager Human Resource & Administration	KTNA 4	1
3.	Quality Assurance Officer	KTNA 7	1
4.	System Administrator	KTNA 7	1
5.	Information Security Officer	KTNA 7	1
6.	Customer Service Officer	KTNA 7	1
7.	Contact Centre Assistants	KTNA 9	2
	Total Posts		8

Details of the vacancies are available on our website <https://www.kentrade.go.ke/careers>

All applications must be submitted online through the recruitment portal on or before **5.00 pm. Tuesday September 09, 2025**. Only applications submitted via the online portal will be considered. Manual submissions will not be accepted.

The Kenya Trade Network Agency is committed to upholding the provisions of the Constitution, specifically Chapter 232(1), which emphasizes fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities, and equal employment opportunities for men and women, members of all ethnic groups, and persons with disabilities.

Therefore, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Beware of fraudsters:

The Kenya Trade Network Agency does not charge any fees at any stage of the recruitment process – including application, shortlisting, interviews, or appointment.

Any individuals or parties requesting such payments are imposters and should be reported to the relevant authorities.



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The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is the National Revenue Collection Agency for the Government of Kenya. Our Vision is: "An agile tax and customs revenue agency facilitating voluntary compliance for all."

The Authority is seeking to recruit results-oriented, self-driven, dynamic, and experienced individuals with high integrity to fill the following positions:

No.	Vacancy	Vacancies	Vacancy No.
1.	Officer - Data Integration	1	O/DI/8/25
2.	Officer - Revenue Assurance & Fraud Analytics	1	O/RAF/8/25
3.	Officer - Security Tools Operations	1	O/SOT/8/2025
4.	Officer - Business Application Support	1	O/BAS/8/25
5.	Officer - Data Centre Operations	1	O/DCO/8/25
6.	Officer – Knowledge Management (Strategy & Programmes)	1	O/SP/8/25
7.	Officer - Knowledge Management (Knowledge Infrastructure)	1	O/KI/8/25
8.	Graduate Trainee	200	GT/8/25
9.	Drivers	50	DRV/8/25

Detailed Job descriptions are posted on the KRA website.

Interested candidates are requested to visit KRA website at <https://www.kra.go.ke/careers> for full job descriptions and specifications and submit online applications by **8th September, 2025, 23:59hrs.**

Please Note:

1. It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents and to include incorrect information in the application.
2. Canvassing, falsifying or misrepresentation of qualifications will lead to automatic disqualification.
3. Only shortlisted and successful applicants will be contacted.
4. **KRA is committed to affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. People with disabilities, the marginalized and the minorities are therefore encouraged to apply.**
5. KRA does not charge any application, processing, interviewing, or any other fee at any stage of the recruitment process.

Additional Requirements:

Successful candidates will be expected to present the following certificates/reports in line with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010:-

1. Valid certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
2. Valid clearance certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB).
3. Valid tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
4. Current report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

Application Guidelines

Registration:

1. Go to <https://erecruitment.kra.go.ke/login> and then click on the 'Register' button to start the application process. Use your personal/private email address (non-work email) to register.
2. After registration, you will receive an email enabling you to confirm your email address and complete your registration.

Log on:

1. After registration go to <https://erecruitment.kra.go.ke/login>
2. Key in your username and password then click on 'Log in' to access your account.
3. After successful log in, the system will open the 'Applicant Cockpit'.

Candidate Profile (To create or update applicant detail):

1. On the 'Applicant Cockpit' page, go to the tab 'Candidate Profile'.
2. Click on 'My Profile' to create and update your profile (Attach documents in PDF format).
3. Follow the instructions to complete your profile.
4. The process will end by clicking the tab 'Overview and Release'.
5. Ensure you click the check box on the page to complete the profile.

Application process:

1. To view the open job postings, click on the tab 'Employment Opportunities' on the 'Applicant Cockpit' page.
2. Under the heading 'Job Search' click the 'Start' button to view all available vacancies.
3. Click on the Job posting to display the details of the position.
4. To apply for the position, click 'Apply' button at the top of the page.
5. Follow the instructions to complete and submit your application.
6. Kindly note that all mandatory fields must be completed.
7. To complete the process of application, click the 'Send Application Now' button after reviewing and accepting the 'Data Privacy Statement'.

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World Bank-funded project revamps informal settlements in Tharaka Nithi

BY ALEX NJERU (KNA)

In Tharaka Nithi County, two once-sleepy towns—Marimanti and Kathwana—are awakening to a brighter future, thanks to the transformative impact of the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP2). This ambitious initiative, funded by the World Bank's International Development Association, Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, and the Government of Kenya, is reshaping informal settlements such as Soweto in Marimanti and the central area of Kathwana, bringing hope, opportunity, and a renewed sense of community to residents.

For years, residents of Soweto—Marimanti's largest informal settlement—and the bustling center of Kathwana faced similar struggles: dusty roads during the dry season, muddy and waterlogged paths in the rainy season, and dark, unsafe streets after dusk. KISIP2 has tackled these challenges head-on with newly tarmacked roads, improved drainage systems, and solar-powered streetlights, transforming mobility and safety in both towns.

In Marimanti's Soweto, Lucy Kagendo, a local vendor, beams with pride as she describes the project's impact.

"The roads have changed everything. We no longer struggle to move around, and our businesses are thriving," she says.

Similarly, in Kathwana, shop owner Jane Muthoni echoes the sentiment: "Moving around town is already easier, and flooding is no longer a fear."

The enhanced drainage systems in both towns are putting an end to chronic waterlogging, making daily life more manageable and fostering a sense of progress.

The installation of solar-powered streetlights has been a game-changer, turning both Marimanti and Kathwana into vibrant, round-the-clock hubs. Areas once avoided after dark due to crime are now bustling with activity. In Marimanti, Kagendo notes, "The lighting has reduced

KENYA INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (KISIP2)



1 & 2. Marimanti upgrade. 3. Marimanti high mast street Light. 4. Kathwana upgrade.

crime significantly. Even the economically well-off are opening businesses here."

Landlord Joseph Kiragu adds that his rental units, once vacant, are now fully occupied as new residents flock to the safer, more appealing settlement.

In Kathwana, vendor Peter Mwangi, who operates on the town's outskirts, has seen his business thrive. "Since the lights went up, crime has dropped, and my business stays open later," he says. The improved security has also sparked investor interest, with businesses eyeing both towns as promising destinations for growth.

Beyond infrastructure, KISIP2 is delivering economic benefits that are transforming lives. In Marimanti, the project has created job opportunities for local youth, boosting the economy and

improving livelihoods.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki, speaking at the launch of Marimanti's upgrades, called KISIP2 a "game-changer" for the town. "The people of Soweto are now connected to the town through tarmacked roads and solar-powered lighting. Soon, they will have access to clean drinking water, ending the challenge of waterborne illnesses," he said.

In Kathwana, Deputy Governor Nyaga Muisrael emphasized the project's broader impact at the launch of Phase Two.

"This initiative is not just about roads and lights—it's about uplifting livelihoods," he said, urging contractors to prioritize hiring locals for non-technical roles to further stimulate the economy. The vision for both towns is bold: Governor Njuki aims to elevate

Marimanti and Chogoria to municipal status by 2027, joining Kathwana and Chuka as county hubs, while Muisrael envisions a Kathwana with modern housing, clean water, and no informal settlements.

KISIP2, housed under the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, is a collaborative effort designed to improve access to basic services, enhance land tenure security, and strengthen institutional capacity for slum upgrading across Kenya.

Its impact extends beyond Marimanti and Kathwana, with similar projects underway in multiple counties. For Tharaka Nithi's residents, however, the changes are deeply personal. The once-quiet towns are now buzzing with optimism, poised to become key urban centers in the county.

Youth to access U.S programs through mobile learning bus

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The United States Embassy, in partnership with the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS), has launched the first-ever American Spaces Bus in Kenya to provide users, especially the youth, with opportunities to build skills, access resources, and shape their future. The American Spaces Bus brings U.S. programs directly to towns, campuses, and counties across Kenya.

Speaking during the launch, which took place at a youth event organized by City Lighters Church in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County,

the Acting U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, Carla Benini, emphasized the program's importance in empowering young people.

She noted that the initiative will provide access to U.S.-funded events for students aspiring to study in America, as well as workshops in English, entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, digital tools, and career guidance.

She was accompanied by Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) Acting Director Ms. Betty Kalugho. The innovation also hosts events where Kenyans can connect through talks with U.S. experts, civic discussions, and fo-



The Ag. US Ambassador to Kenya, Carla Benini (C) and delegation from The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS).

PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

rums that open doors and expand networks, trusted US resources including books, internet, data-

bases, and current, fact-based information about the United States. "They will be able to ex-

Molo potato growers urged to adopt disease resistant varieties

BY EMILY KADZO (KNA)

Farmers in Molo Sub-County have been encouraged to embrace a new potato propagation technology using apical rooted cuttings to boost yields and combat crop diseases. Speaking during a farmers' outreach programme at Mawe Mbili in Marioshoni, National Potato Council of Kenya (NPCK) Value Chain Officer, Henry Chemjor, said the technology could help curb bacterial wilt and potato cyst nematodes, both of which have significantly reduced potato productivity in Kenya. Chemjor noted that access to certified potato seeds remains a major challenge, with only five percent of farmers using them, while the majority rely on recycled seedlings, which spread diseases and lower yields. "The use of recycled seedlings from one's own farm or other farmers contributes to disease spread and poor harvests," Chemjor said. "Adopting new varieties and technologies can help address these challenges," he added.

Despite efforts by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) to introduce improved varieties such as Eunice and Wanjiku, most farmers continue to plant the popular Shangi variety. Chemjor urged them to diversify and try the new disease-resistant types.

The apical cutting technology allows farmers to recycle seedlings up to five times through positive selection—choosing the healthiest plants for replanting. Initially, the cuttings are planted in nursery beds for two months before transplanting.

Explore and learn about our Cultural Programs through Film screenings, exhibitions, performances, and conversations that highlight American life and values while at the same time learning about U.S. exchange programs and connect with alumni already making an impact," she noted.

The chargé d'affaires described the American Spaces Bus as a 'tech on wheels', noting it is a key way to reach out to a broader Kenyan population, bearing in mind that the Embassy is in Nairobi and they need to reach out to all Kenyans.

"Everything is free, we have books, a library with both Kenya and US materials, laptops, Starlink supported internet, 3D printers," explained the chargé d'affaires.

Vocational training in Kisumu gets Sh18m boost from County Government

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

Kisumu County Governor, Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o has distributed machines and equipment worth Sh18 million to Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in the county. Prof. Nyong'o said the equipment will be distributed across all sub-counties in Kisumu to support courses such as electrical installation, plumbing, garment making, welding, beauty therapy, and Information

Communication Technology (ICT). "This is more than just a handover of tools, it is a declaration of our determination to empower our youth, strengthen the technical skills sector, and steer Kisumu towards a self-reliant and prosperous future," he added.

The Governor stated that the exercise targets 28 VTCs and more than 6,500 learners within Kisumu.

"The initiative aims to equip young people with industry-related skills to



Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang Nyong'o flags off equipment and tools worth Sh. 18 million to VTCs at City Hall. The distribution targets to enhance hands on training at the institutions.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

spur job creation and entrepreneurship," the governor explained at the flagging off ceremony. He added that the investment was in line with the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) model which prioritizes practical learning to ensure graduates are ready for the job market. "Each piece of equipment is like a seed that can grow into small enterprises, innovations, or skilled employment opportunities," he added. Prof. Nyong'o encouraged

trainees to fully utilise the resources as the technical skills acquired are set to open opportunities locally and internationally.

"Learn with commitment, innovate without fear, and remember that the skills you gain here can transform not only your life but also your community," he said. He pledged to expand access to vocational training to strengthen links between graduates and the labour market opportunities both in Kenya and overseas.

Women leaders urged to champion rights of underprivileged girls



From left: Grainne Le Ferve, Executive Director Terres des hommes Netherlands, Magdalene Muoki, Kenya Country Director Terres des hommes Netherlands and Josephine Akiru, Uganda Country Director Terres des hommes Netherlands at She Leads Africa Summit 2025.

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A
KNA

Women in leadership positions have been urged to use their status to advocate for the rights of underprivileged women and girls.

Speaking during the She Leads Africa Summit 2025, Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Parliamentary Affairs, Ms. Aurelia Rono, said it takes courage to speak out for women in a patriarchal society.

"It is not easy for a woman to share her tribulations and advocate for others because the space in Africa is still highly patriarchal," she said.

Ms. Rono noted that her journey had been marked by challenges, but her success was made possible through focus and the support of women who came before her.

"Going forward, your voices will be the ones mentioned in your re-

spective countries. It depends on how you choose to speak now," she added.

The PS challenged women to walk the talk by aligning their actions with their words.

"Sometimes we speak, but our actions do not reflect what we say. As women, we must encourage ourselves that even as we lead others in advocating for women's rights, we should lead both in words and in deeds," she emphasized.

Linnet Awor, Technical Expert for Lobby and Advocacy at Terre des Hommes Netherlands, underscored the need to ensure that women and girls continue to lead with impact in all spheres of life, now and in the future.

"This can be achieved through collaborative advocacy, and this summit will strengthen feminist and youth-led movements while encouraging regional com-

mitments to ensure that girls and young women are meaningfully engaged in governance and development," she explained.

Awor said that by the end of the summit, participants were expected to secure tangible policy commitments from regional and continental institutions to embed girls' and young women's leadership across key decision-making spaces.

"The summit will also strengthen intergenerational and cross-border feminist networks and produce a clear Pan-African roadmap for a just, inclusive, and gender-equal post-2030 agenda," she added.

Terres des hommes Netherlands, Country Director-Kenya Magdalane Muoki said the summit is aimed at amplifying the voices of girls and young women enabling them to participate in decision-making community, national and international levels.



OPEN CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Business Registration Service (BRS) is a State Corporation established through an Act of Parliament; the Business Registration Act 2015.

The Service is mandated to oversee implementation and effective administration of the laws relating to the incorporation, registration, operation and management of companies, partnerships and firms. The Service also administers the Insolvency Act, Movable Property Security Rights Act and the Hire Purchase Act.

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1.	Senior Assistant Registrar of Companies	BRS 4	2	BRS/08/2025/01
2.	Senior Assistant Official Receiver	BRS 4	1	BRS/08/2025/02
3.	Senior Supply Chain Management Officer	BRS 4	1	BRS/08/2025/03
4.	Senior Planning Officer	BRS 4	1	BRS/08/2025/04
5.	Principal State Counsel	BRS 4	1	BRS/08/2025/05
6.	Internal Auditor (1)	BRS 5	1	BRS/08/2025/06
7.	Corporate Communication Officer II	BRS 6	1	BRS/08/2025/07
8.	Assistant Office Administrator (I)	BRS 6	1	BRS/08/2025/08
9.	Records Management Officer (II)	BRS 6	1	BRS/08/2025/09
10.	Senior Clerical Officer	BRS 7	4	BRS/08/2025/10
Total Positions				14

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- All applicants will be required to produce the original letter of appointment to their current substantive post or position during the interview.

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- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
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Government hands over pick-ups, tuk-tuks to boost clean cooking campaign

BY DIANA ROTICH (PCO)

The Government of Kenya, in partnership with the German Development Agency (GIZ) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), has handed over a fleet of pick-ups and tuk-tuks to last-mile entrepreneurs to expand the distribution of improved cookstoves across the country.

The event, held at the Kawi Complex in Nairobi, marked a significant milestone in the implementation of the Climate-Friendly Cooking Project, a five-year, 25.9 million dollar initiative funded by the GCF, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Government of Kenya.

The Cabinet Secretary for En-

ergy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi said the project had made "bold strides in transforming lives, protecting our environment, and advancing our national development goals."

Wandayi said the Climate-Friendly Cooking Project has been instrumental in aligning Kenya's clean cooking agenda with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those focused on health, gender equality, and environmental protection.

He added that it has also played a major role in reducing reliance on biomass fuels, enhancing energy efficiency, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions. German Ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth commended the initiative, saying,



Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi.

"these vehicles aren't just transportation, they're catalysts for change. They will help bridge the gap between innovation and access, ensuring clean cooking technologies reach the households that need them most."

Since its inception, the project has supported the development of key policy documents, including the Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy, the

Household Air Pollution Strategy, and the National Knowledge Management Strategy for the Cooking Sub-sector. It has also contributed to energy planning through the development of county energy plans in 15 counties, 10 of which are completed.

The initiative has already achieved a reduction of 2.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, against a target of 5.39 million tonnes by 2030, under Kenya's commitments to the Paris Agreement.

On the entrepreneurial front, the number of business-class stove producers has grown from just two in 2019 to 22 by the end of 2024.

More than 520 last-mile entrepreneurs have been trained in stove distribution, while 120 producers have received professionalization kits to improve product quality and market reach. Over 20 entrepreneurs have accessed KES 200 million in credit from financial institutions. Wandayi hailed the recipients of the vehicles as "champions for clean cooking, better health, and environ-

mental sustainability," adding that the pickups and tuk-tuks would be "tools of transformation" for expanding distribution networks.

Principal Secretary for Energy, Mr. Alex Wachira, underscored the importance of grassroots innovation and collaboration in achieving universal clean cooking access. He noted that awareness of improved cookstoves had risen from 31% in 2019 to 78% in 2025, largely due to targeted campaigns.

"This moment reflects the power of collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment to transforming how Kenyans cook, especially in rural and underserved areas," said Mr. Wachira. "It is a testament to what we can achieve when government, development partners, and grassroots champions work together."

The PS highlighted the establishment of four stove testing laboratories, the rollout of consumer and enterprise financing strategies, and the creation of an interim Clean Cooking Implementation Unit to coordinate national efforts.

Women called upon to participate in procurement services

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU

About 2,500 women from ASAL counties in the country are being empowered with knowledge and skills to participate in procurement of goods and services in private and public sectors.

The Gender Responsive Procurement programme led by UN Women, and Government through the National Treasury, State Departments of Trade and, Gender and Affirmative Action targets women to undergo the training on opportunities and networks.

The women will also be training on entrepreneurial skills and facilitated to participate in the procurement opportunities available.

So far, 1,500 women have trained and a further 2,500 women from ASAL counties are targets of on-going training.

Since 2013, as a result of the UN Women supported review of Kenyan public procurement, a minimum 30% of annual government spending is reserved for women, youth and people with disabilities.

UN Women assists women entrepreneurs and women's associations in Kenya to take

advantage of the opportunities made possible by this regulation to increase women's participation in the supply chain in private and public sectors.

Ms. Millicent Okello, is a UN specialist on Women Economic Empowerment said women have been making enormous contributions to economies including businesses, agriculture, entrepreneurship or in unpaid care work at home.

"Investment in women's economic empowerment will help the country to realize gender equality, poverty eradication and inclusive economic growth," she said during a media personnel training on gender-responsive procurement at a Nairobi hotel last week.

Ms Okello noted that the media was crucial in advocating for inclusive procurement practices.

Principal Procurement Officer at the National Treasury, Simon Okoth said by close of last financial year, only 18% of procurement opportunities were taken by women, youth and people with disabilities despite 30% reservation by the Government under the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO).

He explained that all

entities under AGPO were required to register on the online portal to be eligible to participate in an electronically enabled public procurement process.

According to UN women, many international commitments support women's economic empowerment, including the Beijing Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and a series of International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions on gender equality.

UN Women supports women's economic empowerment in line with these commitments and with the growing body of evidence, it shows that gender equality significantly contributes to advancing economies and sustainable development.

During the meeting that included members of the Association of Media Women in Kenya (AM-WIK), media were trained on procurement, its nexus with women's economic empowerment, gender equality, and sustainable development.

The media was encouraged to authoritatively report on impactful stories of change, profiles and other gender procurement initiatives.

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WATER ACT 2016 Section 70,72 ,85, 87 & 139

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON LICENCING OF AMATSI WATER SERVICES COMPANY (AWASCO)

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received a licence application from Amatsi Water Services Company (AWASCO), which operates in Vihiga County. AWASCO has applied for the licence in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Water Act, 2016.

In line with WASREB's principal mandate under Section 70(1) of the Water Act, 2016—"protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1)- "An application for a licence shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we wish to inform that public consultation meetings shall be held at the venue and date indicated below.

These meetings are intended to provide a platform for stakeholders to give feedback on AWASCO's service provision, proposed licensing conditions, and proposals for improving services going forward.

AWASCO will host the consultations in a hybrid format (physical and virtual), as outlined below:

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME
Amatsi Water Services Company (AWASCO)	Vihiga	Kaimosi Friends University, Vihiga County	11th September 2025 at 10.00 a.m

Important information:

- The WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within their service areas before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Participants should be seated by 10.00am. Personal identification of participants will be required.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.

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

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

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

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A rare glimpse into Kenya's mental health hospital

BY WILLIAM INGANGA (KNA)

Behind the white perimeter walls of Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital (MNTRH), visible from the busy Thika Highway where thousands pass by daily, lies a facility shrouded in misconceptions.

One common misconception is that MNTRH is only for "mad" people. Another is the belief that patients here are chained because they are extremely violent. As a result, whenever someone behaves irrationally, people are quick to say, "This is a Mathari case."

Take the case of Donald Mugambi, a driver who had just dropped off some visitors at the hospital for their first visit. He sat pensively in his vehicle, occasionally pacing back and forth near a bench on the lawn in front of the hospital's administration block. After about two hours, Mugambi expressed his bewilderment.

"I'm not seeing what I thought I would," he said, laughing hysterically. "I imagined I would see many violent people walking around unclothed and shouting everywhere," he added.

The hospital's motto: Healing minds, Restoring lives and Touching families, also seems to portray the facility as a haven for the broken souls, yet MNTRH is a hospital, just like the Kenyatta National hospital, Moi Teaching and Referral hospital-Eldoret, Jaramogi Odinga Teaching and Referral hospital- Kisumu, among others.

To lend credence to this, Kenya News Agency sought the views of Ignatius Wambio (not

his real name), who was just leaving Mathari hospital having been attended to.

Interestingly, Wambio was not suffering from any mental disorder. You could easily spot that his right arm was bandaged and in a sling.

Upon inquiry he said, "I fell and landed on my right hand. My elbow also absorbed the impact; my arm was almost paralysed.

Wambio says that he was initially attended at the Kenyatta University Teaching and Referral Hospital, but was later referred Mathari for physiotherapy, since the cost here is more pocket-friendly. He remains open regarding his condition that compelled him to commence sessions at the mental health facility.

However, when a request was made to him for a camera interview, Wambio remained reluctant, though he is scheduled for more visits to this hospital, for fear of what the public might conclude about him, should it be known that he sought medical attention in a hospital, often referred to in derogatory terms.

The stigma associated with mental illness remains appalling and individuals and families shun to seek mental health services due to subsequent isolation and discrimination by the wider society.

On his part, the Hospital CEO Dr. Julius Ogato said, "as much as we deal with physical illnesses, our specialty is in diseases or disorders of the mind, which are associated with cognitive functions, emotional processing and overall behaviour."

Dr. Ogato explains that if the



The CEO Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital Dr. Julius Ogato. The Head of Clinical Services at the Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital Dr. Victoria Wamukhoma. PHOTOS BY ALEX MUEMA/KNA

faculties of someone's mind are severely affected, psychosocial

dysfunction sets in, leading to detachment from their families and community.

The mental health specialist further justifies how apt the hospital motto is, saying 'Our core business is to heal minds, so that we restore the social and economic functioning of a person, and by so doing, we touch families.'

"Someone with severe mental illness may wander from home and be compelled to sleep on the streets. If he's a parent, his children are left social orphans because he's not able to meet

the obligations of a parent," he added. "When we treat this person, and he regains his social and intellectual functioning, and goes back to undertake the duties and obligations of a parent, then we touch this family," says Dr. Ogato.

When mental disorders strike, Mathari Hospital proves to be the asylum to provide the therapy that may lead to recovery, enabling a patient to resume living a productive life. The family and community where the patient hails from are also healed.

The facility dates back to 1901 when it was established as a smallpox isolation centre. Around 1910, it was transformed into a mental hospital. The hospital currently stands tall as the country's premier psychiatric facility, operating at the forefront of mental healthcare. It is a tertiary care referral hospital for mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

And since there's limited-service delivery in mental healthcare at the county level, MNTRH serves as a referral centre for lower-level hospitals and therefore attends to clients from all over the country.

In 2013, it was added the onus of being a comprehensive referral hospital and the general outpatient medical services offered by other hospitals are also available at MNTRH.

The hospital has undergone significant milestones. "It's now a semi-autonomous government agency," says Dr. Ogato, adding: "We are even in transition so that it can be a fully semi-autonomous government agency."

The hospital has a total of 544 mental healthcare staff including 364 clinical officers and 180 support staff comprised of drivers, cooks, accounts and procurement officers, among others.

Dr. Ogato recognizes that the ideal staffing is 1,416, hence a shortfall of over 850 workers. The facility's inpatient capacity is 700, where there are 10 male and five female wards. The male wards are more often than not full while the female ones sometimes have empty beds.

The hospital also supports the country's justice system. Some of the wards are for criminal offenders, where we have more men at about 80 per cent, and females at about 20 per cent, added Dr. Ogato.

At the same time, the hospital receives between 560 and 700 visitors per day, most of them being patients with mental and drug-related disorders.

About 100 others are general outpatients, who come for dental, lab, X-ray, and other outpatient services like diabetes and hypertension management, among others.

Human traffic either into or out of the facility is considerable. This aided by clear marked streams for medical personnel and students, patients, visitors and cab drivers.

I imagined I would see many violent people walking around unclothed and shouting everywhere



The CEO of Odysseus Kenya speaking to journalists. Women fish vendors operating at Koginga Fish market in Homa Bay town.

Firm launches cold storage project to empower Homa Bay women fish traders

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

Women fish traders at Koginga Beach in Homa Bay town have received a significant boost after Odysseus Technology Kenya launched a cold storage initiative aimed at improving fish preservation and reducing post-harvest losses.

Speaking during the launch of the project, dubbed Cooling Inn, Chief Executive Officer Sharon Chan said the organization is committed to supporting local fish producers and empowering women economically through better storage infrastructure.

"We are here to support women entrepreneurs to grow their businesses and empower them financially," Chan said.

In partnership with the Koginga Beach Management Unit (BMU), Odysseus Kenya

donated 10 freezers, each with a capacity of 700 litres, to be used by women's groups engaged in fish trading.

The initiative currently works with 45 women traders from the Koginga fish market within Homa Bay town.

"We are working with more than 40 women trader groups to support their businesses by providing coolers for fish preservation," Chan added.

Odysseus Kenya, a Chinese company operating in Kenya, supports small businesses by providing energy solutions aimed at boosting employment and driving economic growth.

In addition to physical infrastructure, the organization has introduced a digital platform to help traders maintain accurate records of their income and operations.

"The website allows them to register and use a digital booking system to record their daily earnings. This makes their operations paperless and more efficient," she explained.

The Project Coordinator Ruth Awuor highlighted that the Cooling Inn initiative is part of broader programmes the organization is implementing across the Lake Region, focusing particularly on empowering women in the fish value chain.

"We have set up three Cooling Inns within the Koginga

Beach Management Unit to help reduce spoilage by giving women a place to store fish post-harvest," Awuor said.

"Previously, many women had to sell fish immediately to avoid losses due to lack of cold storage. Now, they can keep it fresh longer and sell it at better prices."

Homa Bay Town Sub-County Fisheries Officer Zakari Winam welcomed the initiative, noting that the county has long struggled with inadequate fish storage capacity.

6,000 residents connected to power under the 'Stima Mashinani' project

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

Uasin Gishu County has taken an active role in accelerating rural electricity connectivity, traditionally a function of the national government.

Through a program dubbed Stima Mashinani, the county is implementing an electrification initiative aimed at bridging the connectivity gap in underserved areas.

Launched in 2024, the effort follows a memorandum of understanding with the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), which established a Sh60 million matching fund – half contributed by the county government and the other half by REREC.

According to county officials, more than 6,000 residents in six target areas have so far been connected to the national grid under the program's first phase. The areas covered include Kapchemaget in Turbo, Lelmokwo in Kesses, Siliboi/Saito in Ainabkoi, Mobet in Soy, Kabiyet in Moiben, and Kaptien (Squota) in Kapseret sub-counties. For many residents, the project has already started making a difference in their lives.

Salina Sego, a mother of three school-going children, shared her joy:

"This is a blessing. My children can now study without challenges," she said excitedly. With electricity, Salina plans to start a poultry business and enhance her farming using irrigation powered by water pumps.

Residents of Kapchemaget village describe the change as significant. "We have relied on kerosene lanterns for years. Now my children can study at night, and I don't have to walk long distances to charge my phone," said Grace Chesang, a mother of five and a beneficiary of the project.

"We feel more secure with the presence of electricity, and business people no longer close shop early," she added.

Another resident, Mary Mutai, noted that before the connection, she had depended on a small solar panel mounted on her iron-sheet



1. Uasin Gishu Governor flanked by county officials and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) team joining a resident in switching on a light in a newly connected household in Kapchemaget village, Turbo Sub County, Uasin Gishu County.

2. A bulb lights in one of the rural houses newly connected to the REREC Off-Grid Electricity system through the Stima Mashinani Program in Uasin Gishu County.

3. One of the rural houses newly connected to the REREC Off-Grid Electricity system through the Stima Mashinani Program in Uasin Gishu County.

PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

roof. While helpful, the system was often unreliable, especially during the rainy seasons.

"I have removed the solar panel now. Electricity is more stable and safer for my family," she said.

The county government says the initiative was informed by repeated community requests during public engagements.

Although power distribution remains under the national government, Uasin Gishu opted to co-fund the rollout to meet local needs faster. The extended mandate of REREC has enabled this.

"In almost every village forum we attended, residents brought up the issue of electricity. It was clear this was a priority for them," said Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim.

The Governor lauded the 'Stima

Mashinani' initiative which he said will be integrated with the 'Angaza Mashinani' program by the county, to enhance security and promote a vibrant 24-hour economy in both rural and urban areas.

Eng. Jonah Koskei, REREC's regional manager, expressed confidence in the project's successful implementation and delivering lasting benefits to the people of Uasin Gishu.

Access to electricity, particularly in rural areas, has long been a developmental concern in Kenya. While the national electrification rate has improved in recent years, many rural households remain unconnected due to the high cost of infrastructure rollout and the sparsity of settlements.

Kenya, Uganda strengthen partnership through Mid-Term Review meeting

BY BETHSHEBA ABUYA (KNA)

Kenya and Uganda have reaffirmed their commitment to implementing bilateral relations as directed by the presidents of the two countries, in a bid to achieve shared prosperity, integration, and mutual understanding. This was confirmed during a three-day Kenya-Uganda delegates' meeting for the Mid-Term Review of the Second Session of the Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) held in Nairobi. The meeting, co-chaired by the Principal Secretary of the State Department of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Korir Sing'oei, and his counterpart, Mr. Vincent Bagiire, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda, aimed to take stock of the progress made in implementing presidential directives to address bottlenecks in cooperation between the two countries.

The presidential directives were made during the signing of an eight-point new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU'S) on 30th July 2025 at State House, Nairobi aimed at building strong bilateral ties and bolstering development between the two countries.

President William Ruto and Uganda's President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni inked the MOU's whose key focus areas are; transport, trade, mining, tourism, fisheries, agriculture, greater Busia metro project and quality assurance-collaboration between Kenya Bureau of Standards and Uganda National Bureau of Standards to improve products standards and ease trade.

Other sub set areas include; peace and security, immigration, joint border control, cultural exchange.

Center for mental health and rehabilitation opened

BY JANE NAITORE, KNA

Mentally ill patients and those with drug addiction in South Nyanza region are poised to benefit from a mental health and rehabilitation facility which has been opened in Kisii town.

Oasis Specialist hospital yesterday launched the center dubbed 'Oasis Specialist Mental and Rehabilitation center' at the already existing premises in the county headquarters, to cater for the ever increasing mentally ill patients in the area. Gracing the occasion, the hospital Director Dr. Kepha Othiambo Makanyengo noted that the move was a milestone

coming after initiation of the hospital, 15 years ago.

Dr. Makanyengo who is also one of the hospital's founder members described the center as important saying mental health issues were not recognized globally even by international organizations until after founding of World Health Organization.

He expressed empathy at how patients were up to date being hidden from the society worsening their situations.

Appealing to the residents to seek help at the facility, the Director said physical health was inclusive of mental wellness and welcomed the society to support



Oasis Specialist hospital Director Dr. Kepha Othiambo Makanyengo and his wife Margret Makanyengo during the launch of a Mental and Rehabilitation center at Oasis Specialist Hospital in Kisii town.

saying at least one in every four people had a mental issue.

Psychiatrist, Fridah Gesiora underscored the importance of awareness creation in the society

of depression, urged medics to handle mental illness like any other disease and eliminate myths that it was witchcraft.

She cited various symptoms including sleeplessness, mood swings, emotional imbalance, isolation, and suicidal tendencies among others.

She said the facility had got confinement section for the aggressive and suicidal patients until the medication starts working.

Gesiora explained that response to treatment depended on individual patients although most showed improvement.

Harriet Wambui, a psychologist noted that addiction and mental illness were diseases that impacted not only the patient but also the whole family and community.

FEATURE STORY: MANUFACTURING

Mosoriot textile factory transforms lives and Nandi County economy

BY LINET WAFULA (KNA)

In the once-quiet town of Mosoriot, in the heart of Nandi County, the hum of sewing machines now echoes with hope, ambition, and transformation. The Nandi Textile Unit, a state-of-the-art garment production facility established under the stewardship of Governor Stephen Sang, has quickly become a cornerstone of the region's economic revival.

Commissioned in 2023 as part of the County Government's ambitious industrialization agenda, the factory is more than just a dressmaking centre—it is a symbol of how visionary leadership, community empowerment, and strategic investment can uplift lives and ignite local economies.

Since its inception, the Mosoriot Textile Unit has produced over 210,000 high-quality garments, ranging from school uniforms and corporate attire to traditional African wear and ready-to-wear fashion. The factory now supplies products to institutions across the Rift Valley and Western Kenya, earning a reputation for quality, reliability, and ethical production.

"We started small, but the demand has grown tremendously. Now we're delivering bulk orders to schools in Eldoret and its environs. People appreciate that our dresses are not only affordable but



Workers at Mosoriot textile factory.

also made with care and precision," said Beatrice Jemutai, the Production Supervisor at the facility.

With over 250 youth and women directly employed, the textile unit has become a major source of livelihood for local families. Caroline Chebet, a 27-year-old mother of two from nearby Kaplamai village, says the job transformed her life.

"I used to rely on casual labour on nearby farms. Now, with a stable job at the textile unit, I can afford school fees for my children and even support my

younger siblings," she said. Small businesses in Mosoriot—from food vendors to boda boda operators—are also thriving due to the increased activity around the factory.

"Before the textile unit came, Mosoriot was just a stopover town. Now it's a growing commercial hub," said Daniel Kiptoo, chairman of the Mosoriot Business Community. "We've seen an upsurge in property development, new shops, rental houses, and even a digital printing centre recently opened to serve the factory and other businesses."

County records show that the population of Mosoriot town has grown by over 18% in the last two years, with real estate prices rising steadily.

The textile factory has also prompted investment in vocational training, with nearby institutions like Koitalel University offering short courses in tailoring and garment design to meet the growing demand for skilled workers.

Speaking during a recent inspection of the facility, Governor Sang described the textile unit as a cornerstone of his broader industrial agenda.

"This is what devolution was meant to achieve, industries that empower our people right here at home. The Nandi Textile Unit is a legacy project that will serve generations to come," he stated.

The second term governor hinted at plans to scale up production, introduce fashion design innovation labs, and create a marketing wing to target both local and export markets.

Samuel Kipchumba, a youth leader in Engwen sub-county, applauded the factory's impact saying, "This is one of the few government projects that has had an immediate and visible effect on young people. It has helped reduce crime and substance abuse by giving young people dignity through employment".

Climate and trade top agenda at Kenya-California forum

BY VICTORIA NJERI (PCO)

Senior government officials from Kenya and the U.S. State of California convened in Nairobi for the California-Africa Climate and Economic Partnership—Kenya Forum, a high-level meeting aimed at accelerating climate-smart economic growth and forging strategic investment partnerships.

The gathering marked a decisive shift from dialogue to implementation in the two regions' shared climate agenda.

Opening the forum, Lee Kinyanjui, Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, called for actionable outcomes. "This is more than a policy conversation. It is a platform to ignite action, broker partnerships and unlock climate-smart investments that serve both our planet and our people," said Kinyanjui.

The CS pointed to Kenya's readiness to partner with California in green manufacturing, electric mobility, agro-processing and renewable-powered industrial corridors. Kenya's Special Envoy on Climate Change Ambassador Ali Mohamed described the forum as "the beginning of a stronger bridge" connecting California's expertise in clean energy, sustainable transport and technology with Africa's youthful talent.

Kwale turns to agribusiness to curb food insufficiency, boost production

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAH KNA

Kwale County has unveiled new value addition initiatives to boost agricultural productivity, improve food production and boost livelihoods.

Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani said the initiatives include establishing special agro-industrial processing zones, improving farming practices, promoting climate-smart agriculture and mechanization through machinery such as tractors.

"These efforts are aimed at boosting food production, creating economic opportunities especially in rural areas and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents," she added.

The Governor noted that smallholder farmers in Kwale are gradually adopting climate-smart agriculture practices to improve productivity, enhance resilience to climate variability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and store carbon.



Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani when she issued Sh. 3.7 million cheque to Community-Driven Development Committees (CDDCs) through the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) in Tiwi ward, Matuga Sub-County.

"Climate-smart agriculture is an integrated approach to managing landscapes such as cropland and livestock, that address the twin challenges of food security and climate change," she explained. Achani stated that faced with erratic rainfall patterns and low yields, farmers across the coastal county are adopting cli-

mate-smart agricultural practices to increase crop yields and farm income.

"We are seeking to reposition agriculture as a key driver for socio-economic transformation, job creation, and diversification which ensures a steady supply of food throughout the year," she said.

New maritime rescue centre to boost safety on Lake Victoria

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

the remaining works and hand over the project by September 30 this year.

The construction of the USD 2.5 million Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Ilimela, Mwanza, Tanzania, is now 92 per cent complete, marking a major milestone in efforts to make transport across Lake Victoria safer and more efficient.

The state-of-the-art facility, spearheaded by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), a specialised institution of the East African Community (EAC), would serve as the nerve centre for search and rescue operations on the world's second largest freshwater lake.

It will also host advanced vessel tracking and emergency response systems aimed at curbing the high rate of maritime accidents that have claimed thousands of lives over the years.

LVBC Executive Secretary Dr. Masinde Bwire said the contractor was expected to finalise

"This is not just an infrastructure project; it is a life-saving investment. Lake Victoria has witnessed some of the worst maritime disasters in the region's history, including the 1996 MV Bukoba tragedy that killed 800 people in Tanzania, the 2018 MV Nyerere accident that claimed 228 lives, the 2023 ferry accident in Uganda that killed 30 people, and the 2021 Homa Bay boat tragedy that left 10 dead," Dr. Bwire said.

He noted that the absence of reliable communication coverage on the lake has made it difficult to report and respond to emergencies in time.

"For lake transport to be effective, communication is key. As we speak, when you go offshore, there is no network coverage. If an accident occurs, initiating rescue measures is very difficult. This centre will change that," he said.

University's trade fair a catalyst in agricultural knowledge transfer



BY BRIAN MUTUA
(MYGOV)

Agricultural researchers have pointed out that agricultural trade fairs are crucial for driving economic development, particularly in rural areas, by connecting farmers with markets, training and innovation.

According to the University of Eldoret's Vice-Chancellor Prof Thomas Cheruiyot, agribusiness trade fairs facilitate knowledge exchange, foster networking and promote the adoption of new technologies in the agricultural value chain.

"University of Eldoret will host its 18th Agribusiness Trade Fair from 11-13 September, a premier platform that will showcase new agricultural innovations touching on sustainable practices that will ultimately enhance livelihoods and contribute to the nation's food security," said Prof Cheruiyot.

He observed that trade fairs provide a platform for farmers to showcase their produce and connect with potential buyers, including retailers, exporters, and processors whereas exhibitions expose farmers to new markets, both local and international, expanding their reach and revenue potential.

Commenting on the facilitation of business deals, Prof Cheruiyot said that the fairs create opportunities for direct sales, partnerships and the establishment of distribution networks.

On knowledge sharing and skill development, the University don said that farmers will learn about new technologies, farming techniques and best



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practices from experts, researchers and other farmers.

"This fair will offer training sessions on topics like climate-smart agriculture, value addition, and post-harvest handling whereas the exhibitions will showcase innovative technologies and equipment, allowing farmers to see them in action and potentially adopt them on their farms.

"Access to new technologies and knowledge leads to improved farm yields and efficiency, boosting farmers' income and contributing to food security. He said that on-site exhibitors also offer live demonstrations and product testing, while financial institutions are available to discuss loan and insurance options, potentially enabling farmers to invest in new equipment, improved breeds, or expanded operations all geared towards food and nutritional security.

"Beyond showcasing agricultural advancements, the Trade Fair directly responds to the continent's pressing need to enhance food security. It also aligns closely with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), in which agriculture is a key pillar," said the Vice-Chancellor.

Prof Cheruiyot said that by empowering farmers and fostering economic growth in rural areas, the University's trade fair will contribute to overall rural development and poverty reduction in the country.

He said that the agricultural pillar prioritizes increasing productivity, lowering input costs, and supporting farmers; ultimately ensuring food security and improved access to nutritious food for all.

tices," he said.

"Our focus is on promoting sustainable and climate-smart agricultural practices to mitigate the impacts of climate change by fostering knowledge exchange and promoting the adoption of sustainable practices, contribute to long-term agricultural sustainability and economic growth," he noted.

Prof Cheruiyot noted the fair will serve as vital engine for agricultural development, connecting farmers with markets, knowledge, and opportunities, ultimately contributing to food security, economic growth and rural prosperity.

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13.	Chief Manager, Investigation	CM/IS/8/25	1	Investigations & Enforcement
14.	Chief Manager, Information Security	CM/IS/8/25	1	Business Strategy, Transformation & Enterprise Modernization
15.	Chief Manager, System Administration & Data Base Management	CM/SA/8/25	1	Business Strategy, Transformation & Enterprise Modernization
16.	Chief Manager, Business Application Support	CM/BAS/8/25	1	Business Strategy, Transformation & Enterprise Modernization
17.	Chief Manager, Enterprise Architecture & Solution Design	CM/EA/8/25	1	Business Strategy, Transformation & Enterprise Modernization
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KEMSA urged to improve access to medical supplies



President William Ruto (Left) engages with KEMSA CEO, Dr. Waqo Ejersa, during his visit to KEMSA's stand at the ongoing Devolution Conference in Homabay County. The President urged KEMSA to achieve a 100% Order Fill Rate to strengthen healthcare delivery.

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MYGOV)

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) has been ordered to ensure it achieves 100% order fill rate, eliminate delays and guarantee that patients across the country receive the treatment when they need it.

President William Ruto while visiting KEMSA at its exhibition stand during the just concluded Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County took note of the on-going reforms at the Authority across various areas but emphasized that the going concern for the Government is improving access to medical supplies for all citizens.

Ruto acknowledged KEMSA's pivotal role in driving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through the Taifa Care initiative and challenged the Authority to intensify efforts in service delivery.

"We agreed that KEMSA must hit the 100 per cent Order Fill Rate. Healthcare delivery must be efficient and responsive. KEMSA must aim for a 100 per cent Order Fill Rate to eliminate delays and ensure patients across the country receive the treatment when they need it," the President said.

Currently, KEMSA maintains an order fill rate of 57 per cent. In response to this directive and as part of its

on-going transformation, KEMSA in June launched a 100-day Rapid Results Initiative (RRI), a high-impact, time-bound intervention to significantly enhance operational performance and accelerate progress toward its 100 per cent order fulfillment target.

The 100-Day Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) which KEMSA launched in July 2025 aims to elevate KEMSA's order fill rate to 78 per cent by September 2025, serving as a key stepping stone toward full efficiency.

The RRI is built on three strategic pillars such as Market Diversification and Growth, Innovation and Learning and Sustainability (ESG).

The RRI also lays the groundwork for KEMSA's Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2030, a comprehensive five-year roadmap under development.

This strategic plan will institutionalize reforms, reinforce good governance, and embed technological and financial innovations to future-proof KEMSA's operations.

"His Excellency's visit validates our transformation agenda and the hard choices we've made to improve performance. The RRI is more than a short-term fix – it's the launchpad to our long-term Sustainable Growth Strategy that will redefine how we deliver on our healthcare mandate," said the KEMSA CEO

Dr. Waqo Ejersa after the visit by the Head of State.

Dr. Ejersa was accompanied during the event by KEMSA Board Directors and Senior Management and Strategic Partners who reaffirmed the Board's commitment to supporting reforms through strategic oversight and policy direction.

The CEO said the President's engagement reinforced the importance of collaboration between national agencies, county governments, and the private sector in building an integrated, efficient healthcare delivery ecosystem.

He added that KEMSA remains committed to ensuring the uninterrupted availability of quality-assured health products and technologies to all Kenyans, as a cornerstone of the government's vision for Universal Health Coverage.

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) is a state corporation under the Ministry of Health established under the KEMSA Act 2013, tasked with procuring, warehousing, and distributing medical commodities to public health facilities across Kenya. KEMSA plays a critical role in ensuring the availability of quality medical supplies and commodities to support the delivery of healthcare services in Kenya.



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5.	Manager, Inspection & Testing	M/IT/8/25	1	Investigations & Enforcement
6.	Manager, Excise & Border Control Technology	M/EBC/8/25	1	Investigations & Enforcement
7.	Manager, Library Services	M/LS/8/25	1	Business Strategy, Technology & Enterprise Modernization
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State urges counties to embrace innovation to enjoy maximum devolution benefits

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for Devolution, Michael Lena-salon, has urged county governments to re-engineer their operations and embrace innovation to fully harness their counties' potential.

Speaking during the official opening of the 2025 Devolution Conference in Homa Bay, the PS reaffirmed that devolution remains central to ensuring no region in Kenya is left behind, regardless of geographical location or economic disparities.

"Since its inception, devolution has transformed our governance landscape. It has brought public services closer to the people, accelerated grassroots development, and created opportunities for participatory governance," he added.

The PS joined other leaders in celebrating the commendable milestones achieved under devolution and reaffirmed the State Department for Devolution's commitment to supporting the effective implementation of devolution by empowering county governments to deliver services more efficiently.

To unlock devolution's full potential, he noted, it will require re-engineering governance structures and leveraging opportunities presented by technological advancements—a goal that can be pursued through a series of targeted measures.

He outlined several measures, including embedding a performance culture, institutionalizing performance management, linking budgets directly to service delivery outcomes, and creating climate-smart cities



through satellite monitoring for urban planning compliance.

Other recommendations include transforming waste management into circular economies, democratizing health-care access through artificial intelligence, using drones in medical supply chains, and establishing county innovation funds.

He also called for public-private co-creation platforms and strengthening citizen engagement through open governance tools. This year's devolution

1. From left: President William Ruto, Homa Bay County Governor Gladys Wanga and Nyeri Governor Mwaimu Mutahi Kahiga make an entrance at the 2025 Devolution Conference in Homa Bay.

2. 9th edition of Devolution Conference brings together thousands of delegates from Kenya and abroad.



Ministry orders road safety audits to curb deadly accident surge

BY HELLEN LUNALO (KNA)

A sharp rise in fatal accidents in recent weeks has prompted the Ministry of Roads and Transport to conduct safety audits on key roads and highways across the country.

Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir stated that the audit teams are expected to complete their work within seven days.

"In response to a concerning surge in car crashes involving public, private, and commercial vehicles, officials from various agencies will conduct safety audits. The purpose is to identify road deficiencies and reconstruct accident scenes," he said.

"The role of the team is to provide recommendations that will be implemented in the near future to prevent further loss of life," the CS added.

The ministry also committed to collaborating with stakehold-

ers to implement the measures outlined in Kenya's National Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2025, using the resources currently at their disposal.

The CS reiterated that plans to improve road safety laws were in their final stages, with measures being put in place to address a range of issues, including school transport, commercial vehicle operations, drunk driving, inspection of vehicles and a review of the Traffic Act.

The government through the ministry is also working to ad-

The team will provide suggestions that will be implemented in the near future to prevent further loss of lives



CS Davis Chirchir. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

conference, is the ninth edition and it witnessed increased participation of the civil society organizations, which the National Steering Committee Chair and Nyeri County Governor Mwaimu Mutahi Kahiga said was a deliberate move to promote inclusivity.

"Our communiqué will capture varied resolutions and bring more institutions to the implementation table," Kahiga said, stressing the importance of inter-governmental collaboration, faster legislation, and deeper private sector engagement.

Governor Wanga on the other hand said it was a privilege to host DevCon 2025 and thanked the Council of Governors for trusting Homa Bay's ability to stage the national event.

She also thanked President William Ruto for supporting the county's development agenda, highlighting flagship projects made possible through partnership with national government including the dualing of the main highway in Homa Bay town and the massive transformation of the lakefront.

She admitted that the impact of devolution is undeniable, and as a government, their task is to make devolution work for all Kenyans by ensuring equity, inclusion and social justice.

"Homa Bay is a model of devolution's potential. We have revitalized our county into a hub for business and investment, with ambitions to achieve city status in the next decade," said the governor.

The conference ends on Friday and was officially opened by President William Ruto with calls for inclusivity and equity, setting the tone for accelerated county development and challenge to governors to create strategies of reducing poverty levels.

dress road framework impediments by redesigning the Nithi Bridge and adding a second carriageway to the Rironi-Mau Summit Road.

Additionally, the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) will continue to expand its public education and awareness campaigns to encourage safer behavior among road users.

The CS also urged all road users and operators to strictly follow safety regulations. He emphasized that complying with speed limits, vehicle maintenance standards, proper licensing, and traffic laws was not optional but a collective responsibility essential for safe-guarding Kenyan lives.

Between January and August 10, 2025, at least 2,933 fatalities have been recorded, according to the Ministry of Roads and Transport data.

The ministry also noted an alarming spike in the last four days, with 80 deaths occurring in crashes involving public service vehicles, private cars, and commercial trucks, a trend that has raised serious concerns about road safety compliance.

Kenya to lead Africa's preparations for 2027 World Radio Communication Conference



The Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications of Kenya Mr. Stephen Isaboke (Right), Mr. Kanono Ramashamole, Principal Secretary for ICT of the Kingdom of Lesotho, (Left) during the handing over of Chairmanship of the 2nd African Preparatory Meeting for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27). PHOTO BY BENEDICT WASICHE/KNA PHOTOGRAPHER.

BY ANITA OMWENGA (KNA)

Kenya's State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke, has been elected as Chairman of the African Preparatory Process for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027.

The announcement came during the 2nd African Preparatory Meeting for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27) and the 10th Sub Sahara Spectrum Management Conference.

PS Isaboke took over from Mr Kanono Ramashamole, Principal Secretary for ICT of the

Kingdom of Lesotho, during the 2nd African Preparatory Meeting (APM27-2) currently underway in Nairobi.

As Chairman, Mr Isaboke is tasked with leading Africa's strategic and technical coordination, including harmonising regional positions and advocating for Africa's interests in the global spectrum and satellite orbit negotiations. Speaking during the handover, Isaboke said that strengthening Africa's Position for WRC-27 will ensure the continent is well-prepared to influence decisions that impact global spectrum and satellite orbit allocation, critical resources for broadcasting, telecommunications, and economic development.

He said that the Nairobi meeting will also reflect on Africa's performance in WRC-23, identifying lessons learned and refining strategies for the upcoming conference.

"We will advance the progress initiated during APM27-1. We assess our gains, consolidate common positions, and chart a unified way forward together," he said, adding that the Government and other stakeholders recognise spectrum's potential to unlock participation in the digital economy and enhance livelihoods.

Isaboke said that key focus areas for APM27-2 include prioritizing the protection and acquisition of high-value spectrum bands and orbital slots to expand broadband, support remote services, and drive digital inclusion by exploring the potential of D2D technologies that enable satellites to connect directly to mobile phones.

He, further, noted that the conference will address Africa specific spectrum issues, including efficient spectrum reaffirming, harmonization of mobile broadband bands, for 5G and future 6G, expansion of satellite broadband and broadcasting services and protection of critical services tied to national security and socio-economic resilience.

Principal Secretary for ICT of the Kingdom of Lesotho Mr Kanono Ramashamole expressed confidence in the leadership of PS Isaboke, noting that APM27-2, with the steadfast support of stakeholders will deliver even greater outcomes.

"As I pass the baton to the incoming Chair, I do so with optimism. A connected Africa, empowered by technology, united by purpose, is ready to lead on the global stage", he said while also recognising the members of the Bureau for their support, collaboration, and guidance throughout this cycle.

He said that they have laid a strong foundation, but the road to APM27-2 will require focus, innovation, and determination to ensure that Africa's spectrum and satellite ambitions translate into tangible benefits for our people – from affordable connectivity to inclusive digital transformation.

"I acknowledge the leadership of ATU Secretary General John Omo, whose stewardship in co-ordinating ATU's work has been instrumental in safeguarding Africa's interests and ensuring the implementation of WRC-23 outcomes" he said

On his part, Communication Authority of Kenya Director General Mr. David Mugonyi disclosed that Kenya has engaged diverse stakeholders, ranging from government, industry and community leaders towards developing a clear, inclusive plan to bring WRC-23 decisions to life.

"Over the years, our licensing frameworks have evolved to be transparent, flexible, and investor friendly, and we are pioneering initiatives like dynamic spectrum access and private enterprise networks that open new frontiers for technology and growth" he said.

Mugonyi pointed out that challenges and opportunities in spectrum management go beyond national borders and that the conference is important because it brings us together, giving us a chance to share ideas, build common positions, and move forward as one African community.

Treasury to seal revenue leakages with unified payroll

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA (KNA)

The National Treasury will roll out an Integrated Payroll System and a Single Treasury Account by the end of this month as part of wider public finance reforms aimed at eliminating ghost workers, sealing revenue leakages, and enforcing fiscal discipline.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary (CS) John Mbadi said the move will integrate salaries for all ministries, departments, agencies (MDAs),

and county assemblies.

He added that county executives have been given a one-month grace period to comply with the new directive, urging devolved units to move with speed and migrate to the system.

"At the end of this month, we will pay salaries through the integrated system for all MDAs and county assemblies. The county executives are still giving excuses, but I am telling them, if we have to give you more time, it will only be one month," Mbadi warned.



National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary, John Mbadi, addressing delegates during the just concluded 4th Affordable Housing Conference. PHOTO BY CHRIS MAHANDARA

He said the integrated payroll would abolish multiple payrolls, most of them manual, which he blamed for the diversion and loss of public funds. The CS, speaking at the 4th Kenya Affordable Housing Conference in Kisumu, said the payroll integration was part of a broader reform agenda to cut wastage and improve service delivery.

He confirmed that the government had already rolled out mandatory electronic procurement for all public entities.

"All procurement must now be done on the e-platform. There is a lot of pushback, a lot of excuses, people giving their situations why they cannot use that platform. My simple answer to them: you must use it. There is no two way about it," Mbadi said.

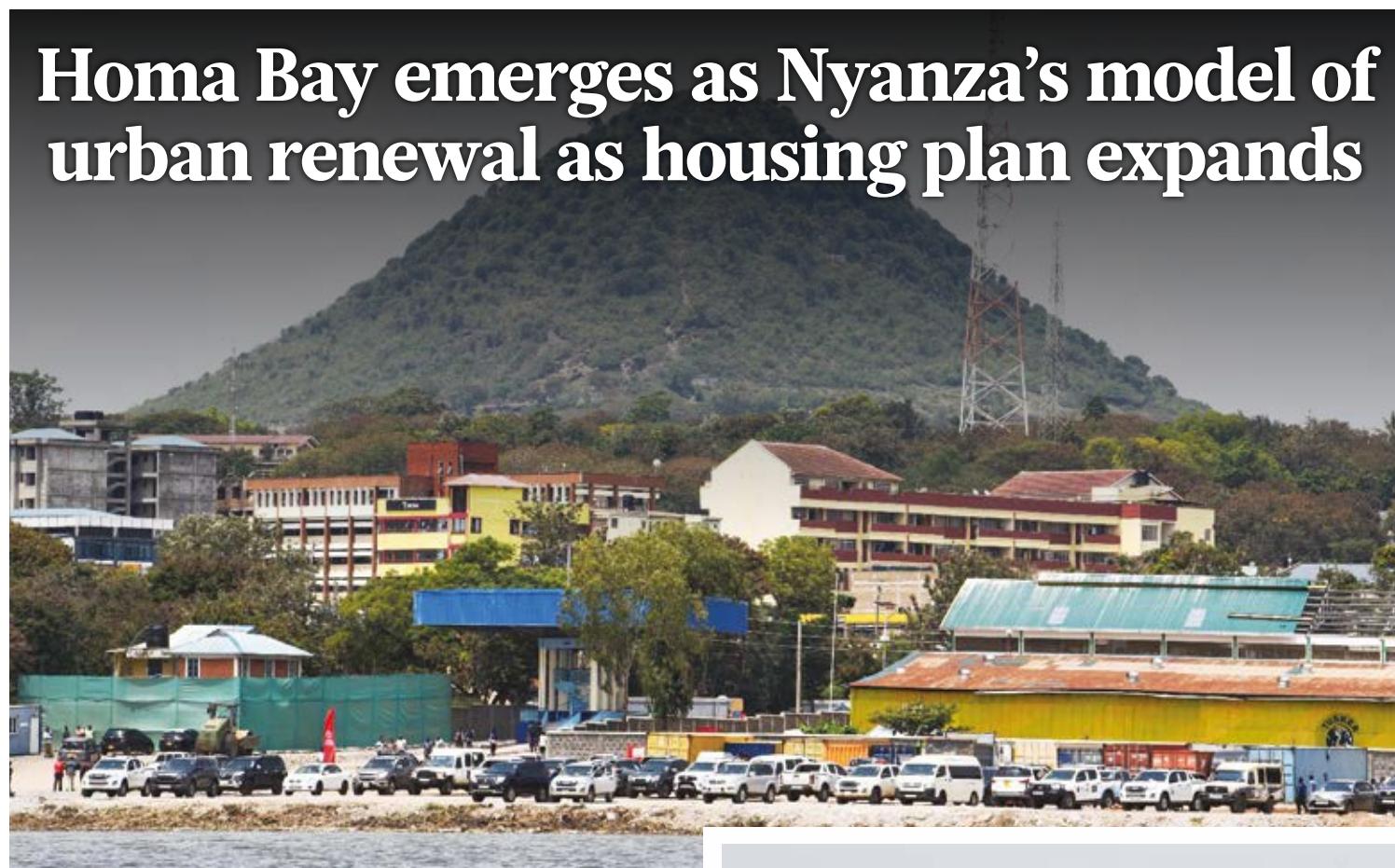
"When we hear people crying about a system, then you should know you are on the right track," he added.

On the economy, Mbadi said there were signs of steady improvement despite past challenges.

"The fundamentals are out there and they look positive and progressive. We are seeing the interest rates have started falling. That will obviously make finances available to the private sector," he said.

The CS added that the government was committed to paying pending bills, some dating back to 2005.

"I just want to ask Kenyans to believe in us, remain patient, and the results will be achieved in due course," he said.



BY HASSAN ADAN ALI- PCO

Homa Bay County is undergoing a historic transformation, driven by a series of multimillion-shilling development projects that are rapidly reshaping the region's urban landscape, economy, and public infrastructure.

From modern housing estates and upgraded road networks to the revitalization of its lakeside economy, Homa Bay is emerging as a model of progress in the Nyanza region.

At the heart of this transformation is the county's affordable housing initiative, which is approaching a major milestone. In Makongeni, on the outskirts

1. A view of Homa Bay town from the piers. The town has in the past two years shown a significant massive face-lift changing its image.

2. A modern fish market constructed at sh 345 million is equipped with cold storage, clean processing area and solar powered system to preserve fish quality and reduce post-harvest losses.

3. Homa Bay Pier constructed at a cost of sh 600 million and aims to restore marine transport and trade across the region.

4. Local tourist explore Lake Victoria Homabay County.



Mudavadi calls for prudent use of CDF, opens 16 classes

BY SALOME ALWANDA/RODGERS OMUNDI (KNA)

The Prime Cabinet Secretary and CS for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, has called for the prudent use of the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) to ensure accountability and that Kenyans get value for the taxes they diligently pay.

Speaking during the commissioning of 16 classrooms at Moody Awori Primary School in Funyula Constituency, Mudavadi emphasized the need to protect the funds from misuse.

"We want the CDF to be used properly. People should not misappropriate this fund so that taxpayers can see how their money has been utilized. We urge the managing board to ensure that all loopholes in the CDF system are sealed," he said.

He praised former Vice President Moody Awori for creating a legacy that will inspire generations in the education sector.

Awori is the founder of Moody Awori Primary School, which remains one of the top-performing schools in the area with excellent infrastructure.

"The construction of this tuition block began with an allocation of Sh10 million, following a request from Moody Awori to the former president. Today, we are inaugurating a Sh39.5 million double-storey tuition block with 16 classrooms, with Funyula CDF contributing more than Sh29 million to complete the project."

The Prime CS stated that the new facility will reduce student congestion, improve the learning environment, and enhance the school's academic quality and performance.

"The CDF also funded the school water project which will not only serve the increased student population but also the surrounding community including Funyula police station and the CDF offices. We are also launching the Nambuku



Prime Cabinet Secretary and CS for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi awarding a tablet to a learner at Moody Awori Primary School during the commissioning of a 2-storey tuition block with 16 classrooms in Funyula constituency.

location's Busibi Secondary Schools water project which was launched in 2008 and came on halt due to unsustainability challenges caused by high electricity bills and inadequate cost recovery arrangements," he said.

The project has been rehabilitated using the Funyula CDF, installed a hybrid solar pumping system and constructed a 9-metre-high water tower.

The project will benefit 3000 households with clean water, together with schools including Busibi Girls Secondary, Busibi Primary, Sidonge Primary, Nerobia and Bunandi Primary schools.

He rallied the local residents to engage in cotton farming adding the market for textile is available and this will bring more profit to them.

of Homa Bay town, the first phase of a new housing estate is 80 percent complete. The project comprises 110 modern units, ranging from studios to two-bedroom apartments, all equipped with solar lighting, rainwater harvesting systems, and energy-efficient features.

The housing estate is part of the national government's Boma Yangu program, which aims to deliver accessible, dignified homes to ordinary Kenyans. Local youth and artisans have been engaged in construction, generating jobs and stimulating the county's economy.

Plans are already underway for a second phase, which will see an additional 400 housing units constructed on nearby land. The expanded project will also include a health facility and retail spaces.

"This is not just about building houses it's about creating opportunity, community, and dignity," said Governor Gladys Wanga, who has made inclusive development a cornerstone of her administration.

Along the shores of Lake Victoria, the redevelopment of the Homa Bay Pier is breathing new life into the county's blue economy. The Sh600 million project is now 72 percent complete and aims to restore marine transport and trade across the region. Once complete, the pier will connect Homa Bay to Kisumu, Mbita, and even port cities in Uganda and Tanzania.

Adjacent to the pier, a modern fish market is nearing completion. The Sh345 million facility features cold storage, clean processing areas, and solar-powered systems to preserve fish quality and reduce post-harvest losses. The upgrade is expected to greatly benefit local fishermen and traders who have long operated under poor conditions.

To support safety on the water, a coast guard station is also being established to monitor illegal fishing, enforce maritime regulations, and enhance rescue operations on the lake.

One of the standout achievements of the county's development drive is the completion of the Raila Odinga Stadium, a state of the art sports complex that hosted the 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations. The 12,000-seat stadium, built at a cost of Sh500 million, features natural grass, terraces, floodlights, and modern changing rooms.

To improve access to the stadium and ease traffic within Homa Bay town, the county has also upgraded several roads, including the dual carriageway from the Mbita junction to the stadium entrance..

As part of its broader development agenda, the county is investing in critical infrastructure to improve quality of life. A new water tank is being installed near the lake to help stabilize water supply in nearby communities.

The newly constructed arboretum and an amphitheatre projects are aimed at enhancing recreational and cultural life in the county.

Gov't allocates Sh3.2b to drive growth of Blue Economy sector

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

The Government is actively working to revitalise the country's blue economy sector.

Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki says that the 10 counties adjacent to the Indian Ocean and Lake Victoria have received a record Sh3.2 billion in government grants for Beach Management Units (BMUs) to spur grassroots economic growth in the blue economy sector.

The blue economy encompasses fisheries, maritime biotechnology, aquaculture, tourism, and marine transport and logistics.

The DP noted that these new initiatives aim to unlock the economic potential of coastal resources while ensuring long-term sustainability.

Prof. Kindiki added that Kwale County has benefited from the construction of the Sh2.6 billion Shimoni Fish Port project, as well as fish landing sites in Vanga, Mwaupe, Gazi, and Kibuyuni fishing villages, each costing approximately Sh200 million. He further stated that the National Mariculture Resource and Training Centre, at a cost of Sh1.3 billion, is 40% complete, while the Matuga Campus of the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic, costing Sh600 million, is 85% complete.

Additionally, fresh produce markets are being constructed in Lunga, Diani, Kinango, and Shimba Hills sub-counties of Kwale, while affordable housing projects are underway in Kwale Town, Kibaoni, Diani, and Mackinnon areas.

"The construction of the Sh13.7 billion Mwache multipurpose Dam is on course and



From left: Kwale Woman Rep Fatuma Masito, Kwale County Governor Fatuma Achani, DP Prof. Kithure Kindiki and Matuga MP Kassim Tandaza at an empowerment event held in Maganyakulo, Waa/Ng'ombeni ward, Matuga sub-County of Kwale.

so is the last mile electrification programme to connect 12,800 households at a cost of Sh1.5 billion," he said.

He added "the Kwale County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) is 70% complete and will cost Sh500 million, with the resumption of works on the Sambaru- Kwale- Kinango Road, Kwale County will be opened for more businesses.'

Prof Kindiki was speaking in Matuga sub county while mobilising resources for women groups in Kwale County hosted by Kwale Woman Representa-

tive Fatuma Masito.

He said the event marked a significant milestone in ongoing efforts to uplift local communities through strategic economic and social empowerment programmes. The initiative focused on economically empowering women and youth through financial support, entrepreneurship training, and access to government-backed opportunities. Small-scale traders, youth groups, women cooperatives, and local artisans were among the beneficiaries of seed capital, and capacity-building

support provided during the event. Prof Kindiki reaffirmed the government's commitment to grassroots development noting that the government believes in empowering communities from the bottom up.

"Today's empowerment drive is not a handout, but a hand-up, an opportunity for our people to take charge of their economic

The construction of the Sh13.7b Mwache multipurpose Dam is on course

future," he said. He emphasised that the Kenya Kwanza administration remains committed to transforming rural economies and ensuring no one is left behind in the national development agenda.

Governor Achani hailed the grassroots resource mobilisation as a transformative empowerment initiative aimed at uplifting women, youth, and grassroots entrepreneurs.

"This programme is not just about financial support, it's about unlocking potential, igniting hope, and creating sustainable economic opportunities across Kwale," she said.

Achani said the devolved government remains committed to scaling these empowerment efforts, ensuring women and youth continue to receive the tools and support they need to thrive in businesses.

"We have registered over 300 women and youth-based companies and awarded county tenders to at least 150 of such companies," she said.

Kwale Woman Rep Fatuma Masito said the empowerment programme aims to enhance self-reliance among women and youth, stimulate local economic activity through grassroots entrepreneurship, provide access to government affirmative action funds such as the Uwezo Fund and Youth Enterprise Fund, equip communities with skills to overcome poverty and unemployment.

Masito emphasised on gender inclusivity, "when you empower a woman, you empower a community. These programmes are restoring dignity, independence, and purpose to many households across Kwale."

The forum was also attended by MPs Kassim Tandaza (Matuga), Gonzi Rai (Kinango), Mangale Chiforomondo (Lunga Lunga), Rashid Bedzimba (Kisauni), and Ali Machele (Mvita), Ruweda Obbo (Lamu East) and John Bwire (Taveta) among others.

Director of Information urges journalists to uphold professionalism

BY MICHELLE NJERI (KNA)

The Director of Information, Joseph Kipkoech, has emphasized the need for journalists to uphold high levels of professionalism, characterized by integrity, honesty, fairness, and determination, particularly in their work at the county level.

Describing the media as the mirror of society and the voice of the voiceless, Kipkoech urged journalists to strive to earn the trust of both their sources and the communities in which they operate.

He specifically called on Kenya News Agency (KNA) staff to serve at their respective stations with commitment, noting their crucial role in articulating the government's development agenda and policies.

Kipkoech made these remarks during a working tour of the Kiambu County Information Office. He was accompanied by



The Director for Information, Joseph Kipkoech, Deputy Director for Information for Kiambu, Violet Otindo, Deputy Director of Administration, Hillary Obwocha and other county KNA staff during the courtesy call at The Kiambu Law Courts.

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Hillary Obwocha, Deputy Director of Administration at the Directorate of Information, and Violet Otindo, Kiambu County Deputy Director of Information.

He urged staff under the Directorate of Information to be proactive, persistent, and confident in their work as they report on government initiatives at the

grassroots level.

Kipkoech also assured staff that, beyond news gathering, the Directorate is committed to supporting their professional growth through apprenticeship and training opportunities.

"Work with high level of integrity, honesty and determination within your stations, you are our representatives and you must do more to win public confidence and trust, so that you may articulate and report on developmental matters and issues affecting people at the grassroots, as a vital pillar of effective government communication," Kipkoech emphasised.

He encouraged coverage of untapped human-interest stories and devolution development milestones in Kiambu and other counties.

"KNA officers are the eyes and ears of the Directorate at the grassroots. Your conduct, credibility and reliability will

determine how effectively we connect the government to the public," said Kipkoech.

In his remarks, Obwocha outlined the strategic values of KNA and the need to always be factual, observe accuracy and timely information transmission of both local and international matters as they happen in their areas of jurisdiction.

"KNA is the source of first-hand information, even for global media houses such as the BBC. This means every report, whether it's a breaking story or a development feature, must be well-researched, verified and professionally crafted," he stressed.

During the visit, the Nairobi team commended Kiambu's agricultural contributions to the country's economy, with Kipkoech noting that the devolved entity accounts for 8 percent of Kenya's total tea production, ranking fourth nationally.

Government unveils bold plan to tackle graduate unemployment

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA (KNA)

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has outlined a comprehensive employment strategy to address Kenya's graduate unemployment crisis, amid revelations that the formal economy can only absorb 250,000 of the one million graduates produced annually from all tertiary institutions across the country.

Speaking at the 8th graduation ceremony of Taita Taveta University where 509 graduands were graduating, Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime announced four key initiatives designed to ensure everyone has a fair chance to thrive in the job market, while acknowledging the stark reality facing new graduates entering Kenya's increasingly competitive employment landscape.

The strategies, branded as Kazi Majuu (jobs abroad), Kazi Mtandaoni (online jobs), Kazi Baharini (blue economy jobs), and Kazi Kwa Ground (local jobs), represent the government's multifaceted response to mounting graduate unemployment that has become a critical national challenge requiring innovative policy interventions.

The PS assured graduates that the current administration is committed to supporting both current and future academicians pursuing higher education levels.

Defending the controversial Kazi Majuu program against persistent brain drain criticism from opponents, Mwadime drew compelling parallels with South Korea's successful development



Principal Secretary State Department for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime (right) Taita Taveta Chancellor Dr Sally Kosgei (centre) and University Chairman of Council Prof. Isaacs Mbeche during the institution's 8th graduation ceremony in Voi.

model.

He cited how the Asian nation strategically sent young people to Japan, Germany, and Saudi Arabia three decades ago to acquire advanced skills and industrial know-how that later transformed



Graduates urged to harness AI, innovation, and global opportunities to address joblessness

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Graduates have been urged to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI), innovation and entrepreneurship as tools to compete in a rapidly evolving global market and to beat joblessness.

Kenya National Innovation Agency CEO Dr Tonny Omwansa said by embracing such skills, graduates will be able to see themselves as job creators, innovators and problem solvers.

Addressing 8,724 graduates during Mount Kenya University (MKU)'s 27th graduation ceremony at the Thika Main Campus, Dr Omwansa said innovation and AI have transformed higher education, giving students a competitive edge in the job market.

"Your ideas are not just ac-

ademic projects; they can be commercialized to business solutions. Position yourselves as problem solvers, create scalable solutions and consistently work through the development of those solutions into sustainable enterprises or institutions," Dr. Omwansa told the graduates.

The official at the same time underscored the government's efforts in supporting research and innovations including the opening of innovation hubs and technology clubs that can help turn concepts into thriving businesses. Additionally, he said, the Research to Commercialization (R2C) Accelerator Programme has helped researchers and academics bridge the gap between research ideas and commercial success.

The programme helps build skills on designing value prop-



Mount Kenya University (MKU) graduands during the institution's 27th graduation ceremony at its Thika main campus.

Graduates must brand themselves as solution providers, innovators, and global citizens

osition, modeling businesses, raising funds, pitching the ideas and structuring teams, and then linking to investors and commercialization partners through expert coaching and networking.

He added that over the last two years, 25 research-based start-ups that have gone

their domestic economy.

"Brain drain, if you look at the flip side of it, the other side of the coin is brain gain," Mwadime explained, challenging conventional wisdom about skilled migration.

He noted that South Korea's strategic human capital export had enabled the country to compete globally, with Samsung rivaling Apple's iPhone and Hyundai competing with Toyota in international markets.

Drawing historical parallels, the PS referenced Africa's colonial exploitation, noting that "100 years ago the whites sat in Berlin, subdivided partitioned Africa. They came exploited our resources. They are able to industrialize."

He positioned the current strategy as a form of economic retaliation, using skilled Kenyan workers as instruments of national development.

"We are using you as our front-line economic soldiers. As you go out there, save as much as you can come back with know how our resource base in our country is extremely high. We should be able to exploit the resources we have. We should be able to expand our economy," Mwadime told the graduates, emphasizing the untapped economic potential of diaspora remittances.

He revealed impressive growth in Kenyan diaspora contributions, from \$3.8 billion three years ago to \$4.95 billion last year which is equivalent to approximately 700 billion Kenya shillings.

The PS noted that current diaspora contributions represent only five percent of Kenya's about four trillion-shilling annual budget, suggesting huge potential for growth.

"If we push it to even a trillion shillings, it will be a quarter of our national budget," he stated, emphasizing the transformative economic impact possible through strategic labor export.

through the program have gone ahead to raise upwards of Sh255 million on their own, registered 18 new ventures and created 220 new jobs.

On his part, MKU Chancellor Prof John Struthers urged universities to offer courses aligned with market demands.

"Graduates must brand themselves as solution providers, innovators, and global citizens ready to tackle both local and international challenges," said Prof Struthers.

The university's Council Chairman Dr Vincent Gaitho said the institution will continue linking its graduates to opportunities ensuring they become globally competitive.

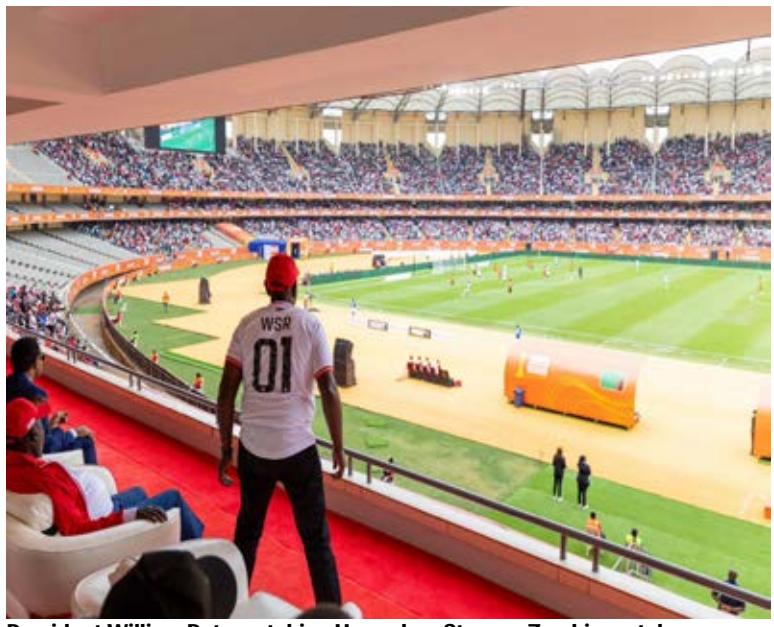
He said the council will continue to support public-private partnerships and industry-academia collaborations in the promotion of education, training programmes and re-skilling initiatives to prepare the labour force for AI-driven knowledge economies.

"We have partnered with tech giants like Microsoft to create an AI-empowered university system, offering tools and training to students," he said.

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Faith Kipyegon after conquering the women's 3000m at the Silesia Diamond League in Poland.



President William Ruto watching Harambee Stars vs Zambia match.



Harambee Stars superstar Ryan Ogam (in white) scoring his goal against Zambia on Sunday.



President William Ruto (C), Raila Odinga (R) and FKF president Hussein Mohammed (in blue suit) greeting fans during Harambee Stars match at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani during Kenya vs Zambia match.



Harambee Stars fans at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani during Kenya vs Zambia match. Photo by: Hilda Cheshari.

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President William Ruto (right) and Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga and Homa Bay Town MP Peter Kaluma at the Devolution Conference in the county.

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Broadcasting and Telecommunication Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke has rallied the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) to enhance its role in documenting Kenya's development milestones.

Mr Isaboke, who visited KYEB's stand at the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County, emphasized the importance of documenting every development milestone that reflects the impact of devolution and national progress.

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Makueni Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili (centre) at the county's booth during the Devolution Conference 2025 in Homa Bay Town. Counties showcased various products.

The 9th Devolution Conference held in Homa Bay last week helped the country reflect on the triumphs, challenges and mounting threats to the devolved system of governance 12 years since its inception.

The event saw leaders, experts and citizens weigh in on the debate about the future of devolution and its role in driving social justice and inclusive development.

Discussions at the conference, whose theme was "For the people, for prosperity: Devolution as a catalyst for equity, inclusion and social justice", underscored the need for strategic reforms, strengthened intergovernmental collaboration and the addressing of threats like corruption to safeguard the gains made.

Notable achievements in the last 12 years included expanded healthcare and road network, increased revenue generation in some counties and enhanced access to basic services for citizens.

However, concerns were also raised over

stalled projects, incessant wrangles and corruption, with experts noting that urgent corrective measures must be taken to keep the promise of devolution alive.

President William Ruto, who officially opened the conference, noted that devolution has been transformative

"It has fostered equity and addressed inequalities, empowering women and extending fair environment to persons with disabilities. Social justice has, therefore, taken root through responsive governance and devolution," the President said.

He observed that the National Government has supported the devolved system through increased disbursements, improved legislations and transfer of more functions.

"All 14 devolved functions have been delineated and gazetted for transfer to counties. We have also transferred ownership of various immovable assets to counties," President Ruto said.

According to him, as at August 12, 2025,

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- In 2013, there were 8,606 health centres. The number has risen to 15,810 facilities currently across the country.
- At the start of devolution, there were 874 doctors and 6,620 nurses. Now there are 4,651 medical doctors and 34,220 nurses in county facilities.
- Some 6.5 million farmers have been registered digitally.
- There are over 107,000 community health workers working at the grassroots
- The number of ECD centres stands at 30,000 across the country.

50,000 pieces of land and 80,000 buildings had been transferred to counties.

This ends a 12-year wait for counties and is a major boost, enabling them to fully own and manage infrastructure tied to their functions.

With counties now owning the assets, they can use them as collateral for loans, attract investment and plan long-term infrastructure projects, therefore, reducing reliance on national allocations.

Another win for devolution was the signing into law of the County Public Finance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023 by President Ruto, granting fiscal and administrative autonomy to County Assemblies.

The law ends long-standing financial dependence of County Assemblies on County Executives, enhancing Ward Representatives' ability to perform oversight, legislation and representation functions without interference or delays in funding.

"This law guarantees independence of County Assemblies. I ask them to undertake

oversight, legislate and represent the people with diligence," President Ruto said.

He noted that counties were allocated Sh451 billion in this financial year under a new revenue-sharing formula, about Sh30 billion more than the previous fiscal year.

"This gives counties a stronger foundation to transform people's lives. On August 12, 2025, Treasury released resources for July to counties as promised. We are now up to date, this is the support my Government is giving to devolution," he said, adding counties have since inception of the system received Sh4 trillion in disbursements.

To boost job creation and rural economies, the President noted that the National Government is building County Aggregation and Industrial Parks to support different value chains and position counties as new exporters.

"We may not have all the resources we desire, but we have enough to deliver meaningful services to people. Seal leakages, curb misuse and enhance efficiency," the President told Governors.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki reaffirmed the National Government's commitment to strengthening devolution, describing it as "the most powerful tool for driving inclusion, equity and social justice".

Prof Kindiki noted that prompt release of funds, despite tough fiscal climate, has played a crucial role in sustaining effective service delivery at the grassroots level.

To boost performance of counties, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga called for the establishment of a national scheme to reward counties that excel in service delivery.

Such a framework, according to him, could drive competition and improve governance at the grassroots.

"There is need for more transparent performance reporting at the counties to evaluate service delivery. The data gathered will help indicate where it is easier to start a business, access healthcare or farm rewarding the best performers," Mr Odinga said.

He rooted for enhanced digitalisation of county services, from business permits, land services and healthcare to improve transparency and curb corruption.

Senate Speaker Amason Kingi identified corruption, failure by Governors to account for resources at the Senate, Senate Committees encountering hostilities when visiting counties, duplication of roles between counties and National Government, low own source revenue, wrangles between Executives and County Assemblies and delayed disbursement of funds, as key challenges.

"Devolution is a continuous journey, we must secure the next decade," he said.

Council of Governors chairperson Ahmed Abdullahi said that devolution remains an exemplary gift to reforms and service delivery. "Devolution is fostering national unity, inclusion and decentralisation of power and services. It is definite way of bottom-up transformation," he said. ■

TELLING THE STORY

PS Isaboke rallies Kenya Yearbook to enhance documentation of national development

Broadcasting and Telecommunication Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke has rallied the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) to enhance its role in documenting Kenya's development milestones.

Mr Isaboke, who visited KYEB's stand at the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County, emphasized the importance of documenting every development milestone that reflects the impact of devolution and national progress.

The PS was accompanied by his counterparts, Ms Carren Agengo (Children's Welfare Services) and Ms

Regina Ombam (Trade). KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto and a number of staff received the trio at the stand.

Ms Kimeto took through the PSs



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KYEB was at the event to document the progress made under the devolved system of governance; that is from infrastructure upgrades and youth empowerment programmes to innovations in agriculture and healthcare.

The institution captured stories that reflect the tangible impact of localised governance.



Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke, PS Children's Welfare Services Carren Agengo (centre) and PS Trade Regina Ombam with Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto (right) at KYEB's stand during Devolution Conference in Homa Bay.

These narratives will contribute to a comprehensive record that not only informs the public but also celebrates Kenya's journey towards inclusive and sustainable development. ■

KYEB is mandated to research, compile, edit, publish and disseminate information that highlights Kenya's development across all sectors. ■

CS Murkomen visits Huduma Centres in the South Rift

HUDUMA CORNER

Huduma Centres in the South Rift hosted the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen during the region's Jukwaa la Usalama chapter.

The CS oversaw the Mobile NPR ID outreach and civil registration services, therefore, engaging with citizens.

He also supervised the collection of essential documents. His tour included visits to Bomet, Nakuru and Narok Huduma Centres,

where he commended staff for their dedication to efficient service delivery.

Mr Murkomen emphasized the Government's commitment to bringing services closer to the people, noting that Huduma Centres are a cornerstone of citizen-centred governance.

He lauded the integration of

the mobile outreach programmes, which have significantly improved access to vital documents such as birth certificates, national IDs and registration services in remote areas.

Huduma Kenya is a flagship initiative under the Vision 2030 launched in 2013 by President Uhuru Kenyatta. It focuses on making Government services more accessible, efficient and citizen-friendly by offering under one-roof at service hubs known as Huduma Centres. ■

CS Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen addresses the press during the South Rift Jukwaa la Usalama edition.



TECHNOLOGY

New roadmap for adoption of digital health

Digital Health Authority unveils Strategic Plan and framework for digitalisation as drive to digitise all health facilities gathers pace

The Government is accelerating the use of digital technology in the health sector to enhance access, delivery and equity in provision of services.

The transformation, led by the Digital Health Authority (DHA), is enabling health facilities across the country to do remote consultations, streamline patient records and improve disease surveillance.

As part of the push, DHA launched its five-year Strategic Plan last Thursday to help drive the adoption of digital health.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health Aden Duale, who launched the roadmap as well as the Certification Framework for Digitisation, said the documents will serve as the compass for implementation of the country's digital health agenda.

"Digital health must be anchored on a sound legal environment. Kenya is accelerating adoption of digital health and our experience demonstrates that we can deliver quality health through it," Mr Duale said.

He observed that with digitisation of the health system, Kenya is bridging gaps on access to healthcare and enhancing transparency and citizen engagement.

Digital health, according to him, has promoted inclusion and justice in healthcare, by deepening affordability, gender responsiveness and access for persons with disability and the marginalised.

Director-General of Health Patrick Amoth said about 50 per cent of health facilities in Kenya are currently digitised and the Government targets to reach 100 per cent by end of the year.

Digitisation, he added, has made it easier to track and trace patients as well as collect data within the health system.

Mr Anthony Lenaiyara, the Chief Executive Officer of DHA, said with digitalisation, patient portability is becoming a reality as people are able to access their records and get treated at any health facility across the country.

"We are training all health workers how to use digital systems to provide services more efficiently. So far, we have distributed 15,000 devices in public hospitals. They come with internet," he said.

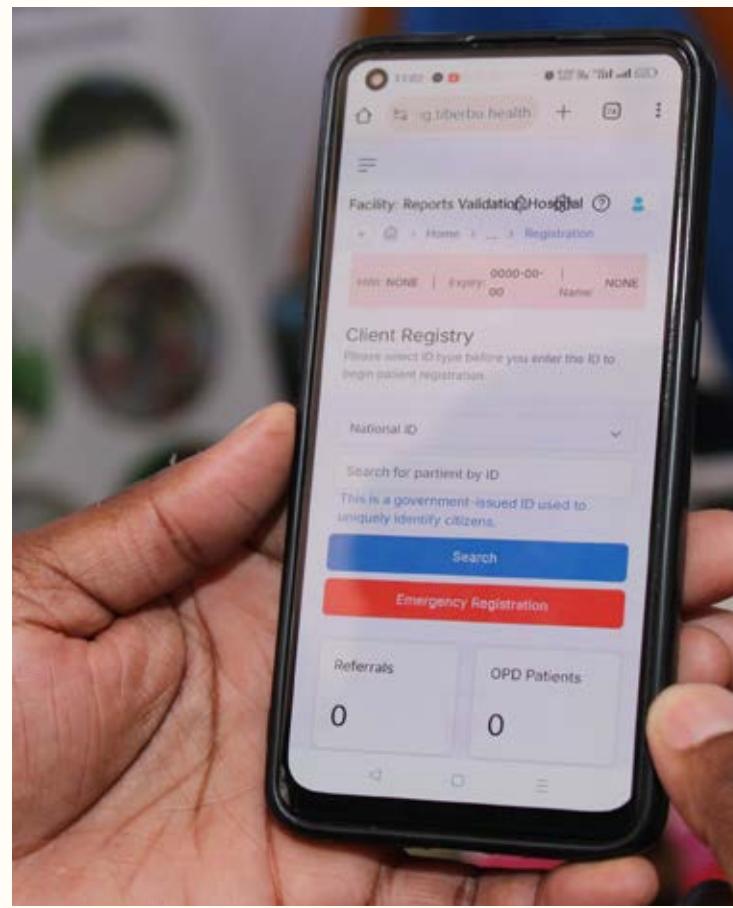
According to him, up to 50,000 Kenyans

INFOBOX

DIGITAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

- * **Taifa Care Digital Platform:** It integrates electronic health records, telemedicine, insurance management and facility data to ensure continuity of care, prevent fraud, and improve patient experience.
- * **Community Health Digitisation:** Empowers Community Health Promoters through Smart CHP App to register households, track maternal and child health, report illnesses and make referrals, boosting surveillance and accountability.
- * **Supply Chain and Resource Tracking:** Enables real-time monitoring of medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to reduce stock-outs, curb wastage and address disparities.
- * **Health Financing and Inclusion:** Uses digital IDs and mobile money to enroll vulnerable populations into the Social Health Insurance Scheme, strengthening financial protection and reducing catastrophic health costs.

are registering daily with the Social Health Authority from the comfort of their homes



The Tiberbu Health Information Management System.

following the digitisation of services.

He noted that challenges include connectivity issues, which are being addressed and change management that involves training of staff to ensure they embrace the new system and know how it works.

WHO Representative, Dr Adiele Onyeze, said digital health solutions are bridging service gaps, strengthening data systems and empowering decision makers for better public health delivery.

"Digitisation advances justice and inclusion. Kenya is charting a future powered by

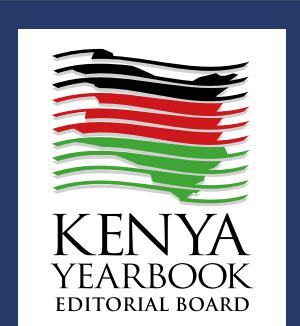
digitisation, which is a powerful equaliser, breaking down barriers and enhancing access to health," he said.

He added that Kenya has an enabling environment and strong political leadership that is implementing digital healthcare.

Among the facilities that have embraced digital health system named Taifa Care Digital Platform (Tiberbu) powered by DHA is Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital and Embu General Hospital as well Balambala Sub-County Hospital in Garissa County. ■



Health CS Aden Duale (right) with Garissa Governor Nathif Jama Adam when he launched the digitisation of Balambala Sub County Hospital in Garissa County. The facility received 40 digital devices as part of enhancing Universal Health Coverage.

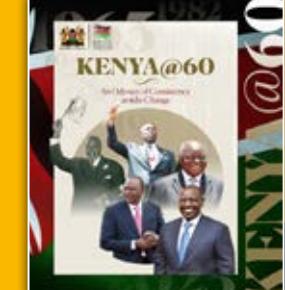
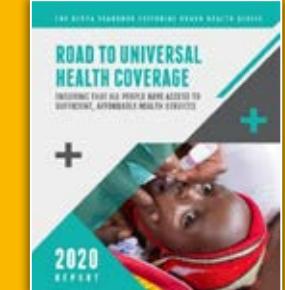
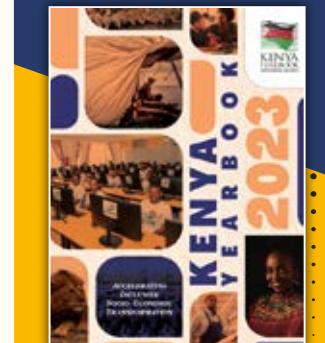


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 PICTURESPEAK


Harambee Stars striker Ryan Wesley Ogam (in white) battles Zambian players during their CHAN match on Sunday at Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi. Ogam scored Stars only goal to beat their opponent 1-0 and cruise to quarter-finals.



President William Ruto (second right), former Prime Minister Raila Odinga (centre) and Sports CS Salim Mvurya (right) meet Harambee Stars players after the team beat Zambia 1-0. The Government had promised each Star player Sh.2.5 million if they win the game.



Fans enjoy the match between Harambee Stars and Zambia at Kasarani Stadium on Sunday.



Faith Kipyegon after an exemplary performance at the Silesia Diamond League in Poland on Saturday. The Olympic champion clocked an impressive 8:07:04 to win the race.



Students perform for President William Ruto and other senior officials at the 97th Kenya Music Festival State Concert held at Sagana State Lodge, Nyeri County.

Kenya set to begin trials of first locally made vaccines next year

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

Kenya will begin trials of its first locally manufactured vaccines within the next two years, targeting the immunisation of more than three million children with affordable, life-saving doses.

The Kenya BioVax Institute, a state-backed pharmaceutical manufacturer, is spearheading the project with Sh8 billion in funding from the World Bank.

The institute has committed to equipping its Embakasi-based facility to meet global manufacturing standards, ensuring the safety and efficacy of all vaccines produced.

The move is a strategic response to vaccine procurement challenges experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, when African countries, including Kenya, struggled to secure timely and adequate supplies.

The institute plans to roll out its first three locally manufactured vaccines — for typhoid and pneumonia — by 2027, benefitting millions of children in need of critical doses.

Once fully operational, the facility will also produce vaccines for tetanus, hepatitis B, polio, cholera, and Ebola, as well as biotherapeutics such as insulin and anti-venoms, and



The government through the Kenya BioVax Institute has committed to fully manufacture local vaccines by 2027. FILE PHOTO

children's immunisations for chickenpox, measles, among others. Speaking at a stakeholder meeting in Naivasha, the Institute's chair Dr. Charles Githinji said the initiative would reduce Kenya's heavy reliance on donor-funded vaccine programmes, which currently

Kenya is on course to manufacture locally made vaccines by 2027, thanks to WB's Sh8 billion support

support over 80 per cent of the country's vaccine needs, amounting to Sh15 billion annually.

"The Kenya BioVax Institute is on course to manufacture locally made vaccines by 2027, thanks to the World Bank's Sh8 billion support and will place Kenya on the world map for health security," said Dr. Githinji.

He noted that the institute, established in 2021, seeks to address global supply chain gaps of critical vaccines to ensure health sovereignty and vaccine efficacy for the Kenyan population.

He added that the institute would receive key production equipment to fast-track assembling from next month for commercial production in line with international pharmaceutical manufacturing standards.

Dr. Githinji said the shift towards local vaccine production comes amid its reclassification as a middle-income country, which is expected to reduce its eligibility for support from the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI).

Consequently, the chair said Kenya is set to benefit economically as it eyes the huge African vaccines market adding that the institute plans to enlist on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) in future to expand its operations.

BRIEFS

Busia farmers turn to MH96 cassava to boost yields

BY VICTORIA MAGAR KNA

Farmers in Busia County have adopted the MH96 cassava variety developed by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) to improve yields and boost food security.

Martha Aroni, who is a farmer, said the variety has shown better drought resistance than other varieties such as Nyalenda, making it suitable for areas with scarce water resources.

"This cassava variety is the best and it has no side effects on human beings, so it can be used for value addition to make different consumables," she said.

Aroni noted that the variety takes between six and twelve months to mature and allows for inter-cropping.

"Once uprooted, another plant can be planted in the same place and does well, improving the soil texture and eliminating diseases," she explained.

Aroni said the variety is environmentally friendly and free from pest and diseases attack.

"It is highly resistant to diseases, which is a significant relief for farmers who often struggle with pest and disease outbreaks that threaten cassava yields," she added.

Aroni shared that MH96 cassava leaves have medicinal properties hence adding more value to the variety.

"The medicinal uses of the leaves provide an opportunity for farmers to diversify their income streams, as they can be used in herbal remedies and traditional medicine," she explained.

Margret Otote, a farmer from Agorom village, said the versatility of MH96 allows it to be processed into flour, animal feed, and other products, making it an economic powerhouse for farmers looking to maximize profits.

County launches solar based irrigation schemes to enhance food security

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAH (KNA)

Kwale County Government has launched solar powered drip irrigation schemes in arid and semi-arid zones of the region to enhance food production.

The coastal county seeks to modernize agriculture, enhance food security, and drive economic growth through sustainable irrigation solutions.

These schemes utilize various water sources like boreholes, underground springs, dams, and water pans as the county aims for year-round farming, increased yields, and improved livelihoods.

The coastal county's main sources of water are boreholes, underground, springs, dams, water pans and rock catchments.

Governor Fatuma Achan said the solar powered drip irrigation schemes will ensure year-round farming activities and economic opportunities for local smallholder farmers.

Governor Achan stated that the rural based

irrigation schemes by the devolved government were meant to encourage irrigation activities as well as to harness food and nutrition security and improve livelihoods.

Achan highlighted the micro irrigation scheme's role in reducing dependence on seasonal rainfalls, boosting agricultural productivity, and boosting farmers' incomes and livelihoods.

She revealed that exploitation of Kwale's agricultural potential through year-round farming activities remains a top priority of her administration adding the devolved unit will be taking deliberate steps to rehabilitate and expand existing irrigation infrastructure including dams and borehole-enabled irrigation schemes.

She was speaking when she launched and handed over to a contractor the Dzipange Kayamba Self Help Group micro irrigation project site at Chiyogo village in Tiwi Ward, Matuga Sub-County.

President Ruto rolls out mobile cinema truck to support homegrown movies

BY GEORGE KAIGA (KNA)

President William Ruto has officially launched the Kenya Film Classification Board's (KFCB) state-of-the-art cinema mobile truck, designed to promote local talent and provide a platform for youth to showcase their creative works.

The mobile truck, unveiled by the President at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology in Kakamega town, is a key component of the Cinema Mashinani initiative, which seeks to support the film industry, create job oppor-



Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Paskal Opiyo (in glasses) explaining to President William Ruto the workings of the state-of-the-art cinema mobile truck that aims to promote local talent and provide platforms for youth to showcase their creative works. PHOTOS: GEORGE KAIGA, KNA.



tunities, and foster wealth creation in line with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

While briefing the President, KFCB Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paskal Opiyo said the Cinema Mashinani initiative focuses on identifying and nurturing talent at the grassroots level by supporting the creation, distribution, and exhibition of films that promote Kenya's culture, moral values, and national aspirations.