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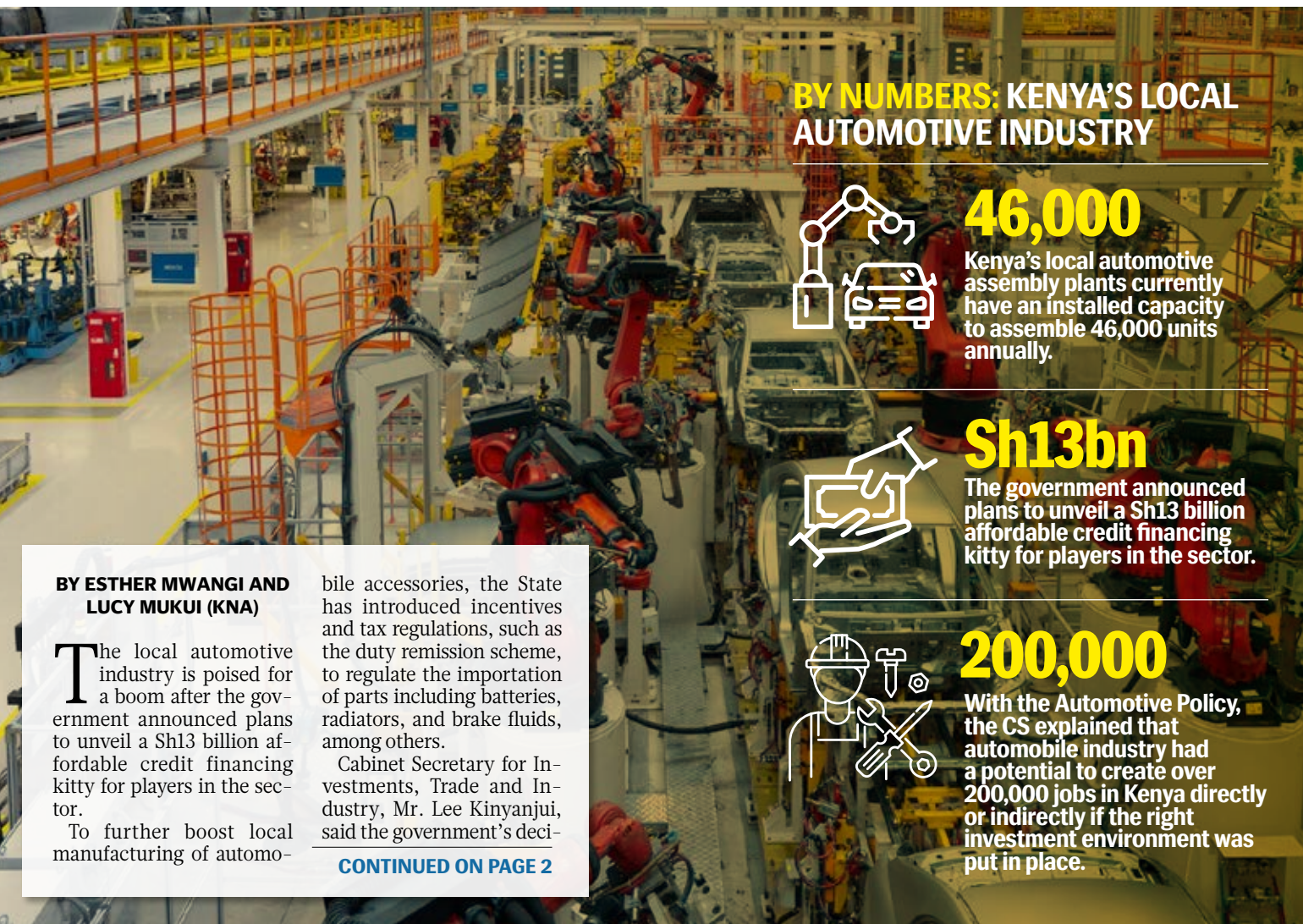
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Gov't rolls out incentives to boost local car makers

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry Mr Lee Kinyanjui said the decision by the government was aimed at enhancing the use of locally manufactured parts hence promoting the manufacturing sector in the country.



BY NUMBERS: KENYA'S LOCAL AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY



46,000

Kenya's local automotive assembly plants currently have an installed capacity to assemble 46,000 units annually.



Sh13bn

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200,000

With the Automotive Policy, the CS explained that automobile industry had a potential to create over 200,000 jobs in Kenya directly or indirectly if the right investment environment was put in place.

BY ESTHER MWANGI AND LUCY MUKUI (KNA)

The local automotive industry is poised for a boom after the government announced plans to unveil a Sh13 billion affordable credit financing kitty for players in the sector.

To further boost local manufacturing of automo-

bile accessories, the State has introduced incentives and tax regulations, such as the duty remission scheme, to regulate the importation of parts including batteries, radiators, and brake fluids, among others.

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, Mr. Lee Kinyanjui, said the government's deci-

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The Week In numbers

8,000

Number of households in Kakamega County who will soon enjoy clean and reliable water

Sh20m

Value of two solar-powered boreholes Coast Development Authority (CDA) is constructing in Machungwani and Wololo, Challa Ward, Taita-Taveta County.

12

Modern markets the National Government is set to construct in Baringo County to promote small scale traders.

13b

Affordable credit financing kitty for the local automotive industry the state will unveil to help players in the sector.

3.1b

Amount of money the state has allocated for Mombasa-Mtwapa road project land compensation

120b

Money set aside for the upgrade and expansion of Rironi-Mau Summit and Rironi-Mai Mahiu-Naivasha Roads by Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA),



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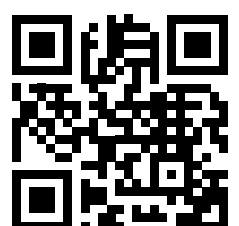


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State rolls out incentives for car makers

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sion is aimed at enhancing the use of locally manufactured parts, to promote the country’s manufacturing sector.

At the same time, the CS affirmed that the recently approved Kenya National Automotive Policy marked a significant step toward transforming the country’s automotive industry.

By focusing on local manufacturing, promoting cleaner vehicles, and fostering a thriving ecosystem, the Cabinet Secretary said the policy would create a more sustainable and prosperous automotive sector.

He revealed that the government was planning to raise a bond in Japan, with at least Sh13 billion from the proceeds earmarked to promote the growth of the local automobile industry by providing affordable credit facilities to players in the sector.

Kinyanjui noted that Kenyan firms with the capacity to manufacture tyres, tubes, batteries, windscreens, oil filters, gaskets, bushes, suspension springs, seats, seatbelts, oil seals, air cleaner elements, shock absorbers, spark plugs, and mats, among other accessories, would be eligible for funding.

He added that to establish a robust local automobile industry, the government was fostering a stable policy framework, endorsing business-friendly tax regimes,



Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry Mr Lee Kinyanjui speaking at a roundtable meeting in Nakuru. PHOTOS BY LUCY MUKUI

enhancing security for businesses and investors, and investing in infrastructure such as roads, water supply networks, and reliable power supply systems to support long-term industrialization.

The CS further said government interventions to strengthen the automobile industry were targeted at delivering significant dividends in employment creation, technology transfer, and contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP).

“The economy is expected to greatly benefit from government incentives in the sector through direct cash injection and the creation of additional jobs for local automobile assembly firms as well as suppliers of parts and accessories to assembly plants,” explained the CS.

Kinyanjui, who was the chief guest at the Nakuru County Investment Roundtable Forum, also noted that local assemblers were enjoying import and excise duty exemptions for semi-knockdown kits to promote local assembling.

Kenya’s local automotive assembly plants currently have an installed capacity to assemble 46,000 units annually.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized that the automotive industry has been a pillar of industrialization in many economies and a key driver of macroeconomic growth and technological advancement. He also noted that imported ve-

hicles, including second-hand units, attract duties of between 25 percent and 35 percent. Another upswing of this was creation of additional employment for local suppliers of parts and accessories to the assembly plants.

Current official data shows that Kenya imports an average of 7,600 second-hand vehicles per month, with the average number of assembled units standing at about 430. Kinyanjui stated that widespread use of second-hand spare parts in the country was mainly due to non-availability of new parts locally and rampant use of counterfeit and substandard spare parts.

He indicated that the automotive industry has a long value chain creating both backward and forward linkages, where he explained that backward linkages included design and manufacture of vehicle bodies and other components, not forgetting that the automotive industry consumes steel, iron, aluminum, plastic, glass, carpeting, textiles, computer chips, rubber, and much more.

Kinyanjui observed that the industry creates forward linkages through vehicle dealers, garages, leasing firms, insurance firms, and financial institutions, among others and urged local assemblers of automobiles to utilize locally assembled parts to spur growth in the sector and generate jobs.

Over reliance on imported spare parts, stated the Cabinet Secretary, had constantly diluted growth in the automotive sector, inhibiting the intended impact to the economy.

He however said the future was bright after the National Government approved the National Automotive Policy.

The policy is designed to support the growth and transformation of the automotive industry in Kenya into a significant contributor to the national GDP under manufacturing.

“Kenya’s automotive sector is experiencing a significant transformation as technology, environmental priorities and economic development intersect. To monitor, moderate and boost this transformation, the National Automotive Policy was proposed and approved to promote automotive manufacturing in Kenya,” the Cabinet Secretary elaborated.

The Kenya National Automotive Policy aims to revitalize the automotive industry by promoting local assembly and manufacturing, gradually reducing reliance on imported used vehicles.

This includes a shift towards Complete Knocked Down (CKD) assembly, with the goal of creating jobs and fostering economic growth.

The policy also addresses environmental concerns, setting standards for emissions, promoting green initiatives and enhances the adoption of environmentally friendly practices.

University plant breeders develop drought-tolerant potato varieties

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL (MYGOV)

University of Eldoret plant breeders have developed improved drought-resistant and climate-smart potato varieties (pictured) to cushion farmers from the erratic rain patterns.

The plant breeders continue to lead in developing practical agricultural innovations that address food security, climate resilience, and agribusiness growth ahead of the institution’s Agribusiness Trade Fair slated for 11-13th September, 2025.

According to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Planning, Research and Extension, Prof Philip Raburu, the University will showcase various innovations developed by its staff and students.

“Among these are climate-smart crop production technologies, including improved drought-tolerant and high-yielding crop varieties, notably potato varieties like Eldo Amani and Eldo Fanaka, developed by its senior plant breeders at the School of Agriculture and Biotechnology,” said Prof Raburu.



The DVC disclosed that these varieties have been gazetted and released by Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) and are being produced in bulk at the University for sale to farmers.

He pointed out that the University is also advancing sustainable crop processing technologies developed by Engineers from the Department of Agricultural Biosystems Engineering.

“Among these are various post-harvest handling technologies like the bean thresher, seed-pelleting machine, and potato grader, offering farmers and agripreneurs opportunities to increase profitability and reduce losses.”

“The bean-threshing machine integrates various components such as a flat base threshing unit, a cleaning unit, and a col-

lection unit, all housed within a sturdy frame, to address common issues associated with traditional legume threshing methods, offering a more efficient and automated approach,” said the DVC.

In line with Kenya’s Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, Prof Raburu said that the University has developed several agro processing and value addition innovations, including fortified cereal products like the Omebix- biscuits fortified with omena to alleviate malnutrition in young children and fortified instant porridge or ugali flour.

“Fortified instant porridge or ugali flour is a highly nutritious, extruded instant porridge blend made from locally sourced cereals such as maize, sorghum, and millet, enriched with plant-based micronutrients.”



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) is a Constitutional Commission established under Article 237 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

The Commission invites applications from qualified, result oriented and highly motivated Kenyans to fill the positions below:

S/No	Advert No	Position	TSC Grade	Vacancies
1	52/2025	Deputy Director ICT – Systems & Innovation	5	1
2	53/2025	Deputy Director ICT – Information Security	5	1
3	54/2025	Deputy Director – Labour & Industrial Relations	5	1
4	55/2025	Deputy Director – Security Services	5	1
5	56/2025	Assistant Director – Security Services	6	1
Total				5

Detailed Job descriptions are posted at the TSC website.

Interested and qualified candidates are requested to visit the Commission website www.tsc.go.ke for full job description and specifications and submit **online application not later than 2359 hours (East African Time) on 9th September, 2025.**

Please Note:

- (i) TSC 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.**
- (ii) TSC does not charge any application, processing, interviewing, or any other fee at any stage of the recruitment process
- (iii) It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents and to include incorrect information in the application.
- (iv) Only shortlisted and successful applicants will be contacted.

SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Treasury warns counties against withholding pension deductions

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, John Mbadi, has raised the alarm over ballooning pension arrears owed by county governments, warning that failure to remit workers' pension contributions amounts to theft of employees' future savings.

Speaking in Homa Bay, Mbadi decried the accumulation of Sh103.2 billion in unremitted pension contributions by counties, noting that the debt—which includes Sh23.3 billion inherited from defunct local authorities—amounts to a betrayal of workers who rely on pensions for their future livelihoods.

He said data from the Local Authorities Transfer Fund, Local Authorities Provident Fund, National Social Security Fund, Public Service Superannuation Fund, and the County Pension Fund revealed that, as of October 31, 2024, counties' pension debts had surged to Sh103.2 billion.

"This is criminal," Mbadi said. "If you are supposed to pay salaries to staff and part of that salary is pension, there is no rationale for paying half and withholding the rest for other county uses. It is unfair, unjust, and amounts to stealing the future of hardworking Kenyans who will one day retire."



The National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi.

The Treasury boss called on counties and relevant institutions to urgently clear the debt and embrace a culture of remitting all statutory deductions to safeguard pensioners' future.

The CS further announced the disbursement of more than Sh7 billion to all 47 counties under the second tranche of the County

Climate Resilience Investment (CCRI) grants, intended to enable counties to implement their climate change action plans.

He said the initiative, part of the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme—backed by the national government, the World Bank, and the governments of Germany, Swe-

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den, Denmark, and the Netherlands—demonstrates Kenya's commitment to locally driven climate solutions.

He stressed that the grants mark a shift to a bottom-up climate finance model, where counties and communities design and implement projects that address their unique vulnerabilities. So far, the initiative has covered 1,137 wards out of 1,450 nationwide.

"This substantial investment marks a milestone in our climate financing architecture. The CCRI grants adopt a bottom-up approach, enabling counties and communities to design and implement tailored projects that address local climate risks while advancing sustainability," Mbadi noted.

He urged county governments to strengthen service delivery, uphold accountability, and ensure no Kenyan is left behind in both social security and climate resilience efforts.

The Treasury CS also pledged continued prioritization of timely disbursement of funds to counties, revealing that for the first time, the national government had successfully transferred all sharable revenue to counties on time before the close of the financial year including arrears from the previous year.

"We are moving to a point where counties will have sufficient resources to deliver services effectively," Mbadi said, urging closer cooperation between county and national governments.



PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TRUST ADMINISTRATION BILL, 2025, COMPANIES (FOREIGN COMPANIES) REGULATIONS, 2025 & COMPANIES (ANNOTATION AND RECTIFICATION) REGULATIONS, 2025

The Business Registration Service (BRS) is mandated to administer policies, laws and other matters relating to registration of Companies, partnerships and firms, and corporations carrying on business under a business name, bankruptcy, hire purchase, security rights and more recently, the incorporation of trustees.

Pursuant to Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution, the Service through this Notice invites members of the public and stakeholders to review and submit comments on the draft Trust Administration Bill, 2025, the Companies (Foreign Companies) Regulations, 2025, and the Companies (Annotation and Rectification) Regulations, 2025 Regulations.

Submission of the comments on the draft Bill and Regulations can be sent through email blrc@brs.go.ke on or before **8th September 2025, at 1700HRS.**

A copy of the draft Bill and Regulations can be accessed on the BRS website <https://brs.go.ke/notices/> or by scanning the QR code below.



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No	Vacant Posts	Grade KUC	No of posts	Terms
1.	Director, Strategy, Partnership and Enterprise	2	1	Contract
2.	Director, Human Resource & Administration	2	1	Contract
3.	Director, Utalii Hotel	2	1	Contract
4.	Deputy Director, Legal Services	3	1	Contract
5.	Deputy Director, Internal Audit & Risk Assurance	3	1	Contract
6.	Assistant Director, Estate Management	4	1	Contract
7.	Assistant Director, Supply Chain Management	4	1	Contract
8.	Community Health Nurse	8	1	Contract

The terms of service for the above positions are on a one (1) year contract renewable once subject to performance and retirement age.

Detailed information about the specific position, duties and responsibilities, minimum requirements, terms of service and remuneration, and application form is available on the KUC website: www.utalii.ac.ke

Job application procedure: Interested candidates are advised to submit applications through e-mail address: chairman.council@utalii.ac.ke as well as physical copies posted or delivered to the address below to be received on or before **Friday, 19th September, 2025.**

The Chairman, Council
Kenya Utalii College
Off Thika Super Highway
P. O. Box 31052-00600 NAIROBI
E-mail address: chairman.council@utalii.ac.ke

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Ogiek community pushes for recognition as custodians of culture and forests

BY LAMECH WILLYA
(KNA)

For centuries, the Ogiek people have lived in harmony with the Mau Forest Complex, drawing their food, medicine, and spiritual identity from its vast green canopy. But for a community long excluded from official recognition, their annual cultural festival is more than a celebration; it is a statement of existence.

At the 6th Annual Ogiek Cultural Festival in Nkareta, Narok North, drums, songs, and traditional dances filled the air as the community showcased their heritage.

Yet behind the colourful displays lay a deeper message; the Ogiek want Kenya, and the world, to acknowledge their culture, protect their rights, and secure their ancestral land.

Daniel Kobei, Executive Director of the Ogiek Peoples' Development Programme (OPDP), said the festival serves as both cultural revival and advocacy.

"Every year we bring our people together to remind the younger generation who they are," Kobei explained. "Through weddings, skits,

and songs, we teach them that without culture, you have no history, no heritage, no future. The Mau Forest is our home, our supermarket, and our pharmacy. It gives us food, honey, and medicine, which is why we protect it."

Kobei described the Ogiek as natural conservationists whose survival is intertwined with the ecosystem.

Their beekeeping depends on nectar and flowers, while their traditional hunting and gathering once sustained them with wild berries and tubers. "The forest found us here," he said. "It is part of us, and we must safeguard it for future generations."

But for all their contributions to conservation, the Ogiek have endured repeated evictions in the name of protecting the very forests they helped preserve.

"It is time the government recognized us, resettled those evicted, and affirmed that the Mau is our home," Kobei urged.

His sentiments were echoed by Lee Njiru, former Press Secretary to President

Moi, who praised the Ogiek for keeping their traditions alive.

"Culture is the foundation of every community. Without it, we are floating in the air," Njiru said.

"The Ogiek have reminded us of the power of material culture, but we must also restore what is disappearing, our proverbs. Proverbs are a people's constitution, their distilled wisdom. Today, children in cities no longer know them."

Njiru called for greater institutional support for minority groups. "We need a Ministry of Communities, not just Heritage. Minorities like the Ogiek, Walyangulu, and others must have dedicated representation in government. Their voices matter for Kenya's identity and future."

On its part, the government affirmed its readiness to address the plight of minority communities. Lowoi Josphat Lodeya, Head of the Minority and Marginalized Affairs Unit in the Office of the President acknowledged the Ogiek's exclusion from Kenya's official list of ethnic groups and pledged action.



TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

RE- ADVERTISEMENT FOR INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) is an independent Commission established under Article 237 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

In line with Government Internship Policy and Guidelines for the Public Service, the Commission intends to offer internship opportunity to qualified youth in Information Communication Technology (ICT) to gain practical work experience which will improve their competencies and competitiveness in their career life.

Internship Position

Five (5) Internship opportunities in Information Communication Technology are available.

S/No	Professional Areas	No. of Intern Vacancies	Duration of Internship
1.	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	5	12 months
Total		5	

Mode of application:

Applications should be submitted online through TSC recruitment portal Website: www.tsc.go.ke

Candidates who meet the above requirements should submit their applications by **9th September, 2025**

Note

- (i) TSC is an equal opportunity employer. Minorities, marginalized and persons living with disability are encouraged to apply.
- (ii) Please note that **ONLY** shortlisted candidates will be contacted using email address or telephone contacts provided during application.
- (iii) This is purely an Internship Programme and will not lead to automatic employment at the TSC.
- (iv) Provision of false information will lead to automatic disqualification.

SECRETARY / CHIEF EXECUTIVE



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES)

THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MULTINATIONAL HORN OF AFRICA ISIOLO – MANDERA CORRIDOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION STUDY

TENDER NO. KENHA/2892/2025

Transport Sector

Financing Agreement reference : ADF-2100150042744

Project ID No : P-Z1-DB0-249

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) towards the cost of the **Horn of Africa Isiolo – Mandera Corridor: El Wak – Rhamu Road (A13) Upgrading Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan to make eligible payments under the contract for the **Consulting Services for Trade and Transport Facilitation Study**.
2. The Consultancy Services among others will include (i) assessment of traffic and trade flows and baseline data collection along the corridor; (ii) assessment of trade and transport facilitation and identification of key gaps; (iii) analysis of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB) and other institutional and policy/regulatory issues; and (iv) conducting a comparative analysis and propose recommendations to improve Terms of Trade. The assignment will take **twelve (12) months**.
3. The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), being the implementing agency of the Government of the Republic of Kenya now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interests in providing the above services.
4. Interested firms must provide information indicating they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, in similar conditions and availability of the appropriate skills among staff, etc). Consultants may form joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification. The shortlisting criteria comprise:
 - a) **Firm's Registration:** The firm shall have been registered for not less than 8 years in the fields of Transportation Engineering, Transportation Economics, Transportation Planning and Multilateral Trading System, Social Science, or related services as its core business.
 - b) **Firm's Experience:** The firm must demonstrate competence and experience in successfully delivering similar assignments in undertaking transportation engineering, transportation economics, transportation planning, multilateral/ regional trade or related social science studies and research. Specific experience of completing a minimum of five (5) similar nature and complexity assignments within the last eight (8) years is required. The nature and similarity of the assignments include the execution of all the aforementioned assignments to the International Standards.
 - c) **Experience in similar conditions:** The firms that demonstrate having experience in similar assignments in Sub-Saharan Africa will be an added advantage.
 - d) **Availability of Key Experts:** The firm must demonstrate the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment. Key Experts will, however, not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations"-August, 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.
6. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (weekdays from 0800hr to 1700hr local time, excluding public holidays).

Attention: Director (Development)

Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, off Mazao road (Opposite Aviation House)

Floor/Room Number: 1st Floor North wing, Block A

City: NAIROBI, KENYA

Telephone: +254 700423606, +254 20 4954200

Email addresses: ddevelopment@kenha.co.ke, procurement@kenha.co.ke

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form and clearly marked with the assignment title & Tender No. and deposited in the box at Kenya National Highways Authority Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House) or addressed to the:

Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)

Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)

2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta

International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi

Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)

P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842,

Email: procurement@kenha.co.ke

so as to be received on or before **18th September 2025 at 1100hrs local time..**

8. Electronic submission is **NOT** permitted. Late Expressions of Interests shall be rejected. Expressions of interest shall thereafter be opened in public on **18th September 2025 at 1100hrs Local Time** in the presence of the applicants' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.

KeNHA Headquarters,

2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta

International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi

Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)

9. Interested Consultants are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)

FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL

Government affirms full ownership of e-Citizen platform



Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security follow proceedings during a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Immigration and Citizen Services in Mombasa.

BY SITATI REAGAN (KNA)

The Government has reaffirmed its full ownership and control of the e-Citizen online platform, assuring Kenyans that all data within the system is securely managed by the state. Speaking at a press briefing after a meeting with the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security in Mombasa, Principal Secretary for Immigration and Citizen Services, Dr. Belio Kipsang, told the committee that the Government had formally taken over the e-Citizen engine from its developer, Webmaster, through a procurement process.

“The government took over the e-Citizen engine from Webmaster, and the contract was later awarded to the same company for system maintenance,” Dr. Kipsang said.

Dr. Kipsang said the transfer of the platform included the source codes, system architecture, knowledge, and operational control to the state.

“The e-Citizen platform has been in operation since 2013, and we have fully transitioned it to Government ownership. Maintenance is procured from the private sector to en-

sure smooth operations,” the PS said.

He reported that more than 13.67 million Kenyans are registered on the platform, which records an average of 500,000 daily visits. Since its inception, the platform has collected over Sh500 billion in revenue, with daily collections ranging between Sh700 million and Sh1 billion.

According to Dr. Kipsang, the number of services available on e-Citizen has grown from 397 in 2022 to more than 21,000 today, enabling Kenyans to access government services anytime and anywhere, thus supporting a 24-hour economy.

The Committee Vice Chairman Dido Rasso said they had sought clarification on the collaboration between the Department of Immigration, the Ministry of ICT, and the National Treasury to ensure that public resources on the e-Citizen platform are utilised effectively and services are delivered efficiently.

“What we want is assurance that the resources Kenyans put into the e-Citizen platform are well used for their benefit. As Parliament, we will work with the Ministry and Treasury to allocate sufficient funds to improve the system,” Rasso said.

8,000 Kakamega households to enjoy clean water

BY JOHN OCHANDA (KNA)

8,000 households in Kakamega County will soon have access to clean and reliable water after Governor Fernandes Barasa launched the next phase of his flagship programme, Water at the Doorstep.

He said the county government has delivered

new water pipes to the Kongoni Office in Likuyani Sub-County and the Mumias Office in Mumias West Sub-County to fast-track distribution and expand access. The project is part of the governor's commitment to ensuring that every household in Kakamega is connected to safe water.

Barasa said his administration is determined to

transform lives through improved water infrastructure.

He was speaking yesterday while overseeing the project in the area.

“Water is dignity, water is health and water is development. Through Amatsi Khumulango, we are delivering hope and opportunity to every home,” he said. Residents have welcomed

the development, saying it will ease the burden of walking long distances to fetch water.

The project is expected to boost sanitation, reduce water-borne diseases, and promote small-scale irrigation across the county.

Barasa pledged to extend similar projects to other sub-counties to ensure no community is left behind.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PRESIDENTIAL DIGITAL TALENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (DIGITALENT) COHORT X 2025/2026

Application Deadline: MONDAY MIDNIGHT, 15th SEPTEMBER, 2025

The ICT Authority invites suitable recent university graduates to apply for the Presidential Digital Talent Programme (PDTIP) Cohort X Intake. Through this transformative initiative, the Government is looking for young talented Kenyans with passion for ICT and Public Service to undergo a structured 12-month internship programme in both the public and private sector.

Internship Objective: The objective of the program is to develop and prepare young ICT graduates to take up employment opportunities that come up in the ICT as well as other sectors. The program provides participants an excellent opportunity to gain workplace experience, expand knowledge, mentorship, refine career goals and build professional networks in the areas of: **Network & Digital Infrastructure (150), Software Development & AI (100), Information Security (50), Multimedia (Graphic Design) & Digital Marketing (50), and Data Analytics (50).**



Eligibility

1. Applicants **MUST** have graduated and attained First or Upper Second-Class Honors (or the equivalent) from a recognized institution in the last two years (from Jan 2023).
2. If waiting graduation (till Dec 2025), **MUST** provide a recommendation/reference letter from the University stamped & signed by the university indicating the class to be awarded (First or Upper Second-Class Honors).
3. Recent graduates in BSc. ICT or Engineering (Electrical & Electronics, Telecommunication, Systems/Software, Computer) – The graduates must have thorough knowledge in their core areas of specialization; **Network & Digital Infrastructure, Software Development & AI, Information Security, Multimedia (Graphic Design) & Digital Marketing, and Data Analytics.** The Applicant may be required to demonstrate technical competencies on their core area of specialization prior to the interview.
4. **MUST** be a Kenyan youth between 21 to 29 years of age and unemployed
5. Should **NOT** have undertaken any other Internship program in the government.
6. Applicants should be willing and ready to be deployed in any government organization (MCDAs) within the 47 counties on full time basis from 8:00am – 5:00pm.
7. Females, persons with disability and graduates from ASAL regions are encouraged to apply.

Applications Procedure:

8. Interested applicants **MUST** complete the online application form via: <https://recruitment.digitalent.go.ke/> and attach relevant documents as indicated in the form
9. Incomplete applications will not be considered and
10. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted to attend the interviews.

For further enquiries please contact: pdtp@icta.go.ke



Kiunga health centre revamped to boost healthcare at Lamu-Ras Kamboni border



BY AMENYA OCHIENG' (KNA)

Kiunga Health Centre has received a major facelift and will be fully equipped in a bid to improve medical service delivery at the Lamu-Ras Kamboni border point.

The Lamu County Government has refurbished the facility to enhance healthcare access for residents and individuals crossing the border, while also addressing potential health risks associated with cross-border movement and ensuring timely access to medical services.

Speaking during a visit to the centre, Deputy Governor and County Executive for Health, Dr. Mbarak Salim, said the initiative marks a significant step in advancing healthcare in the community.

He emphasized that the investment reflects the county government's commitment to revolutionizing medical services, regardless of how remote the area may be.

Dr. Mbarak further revealed that the county government is set to introduce a number of medical services at the health centre in a bid to cut the travel time and expenses residents usually incur to undertake essential medical procedures.

"The Radiology Unit is 90 percent complete, while the Operating Theatre is at 60 percent," he announced proudly.

"We are determined



Lamu Deputy Governor Dr. Mbarak Bhajaj tours the recently refurbished Kiunga Health Centre with county medical services officials and Kenya Red Cross Lamu Coordinator Abdul Hakim Abdu (Red Shirt) in a facility that will provide medical services at the border point area. PHOTO BY AMENYA OCHIENG

to operationalize these two crucial projects before March 2026," Dr. Mbarak stated.

He further said that area residents have long awaited the establishment of these facilities, with many expressing their gratitude and eagerness for improved healthcare services.

"I have seen friends and family travel for hours just to access basic healthcare services," shared Aisha Msuo, a local resident in Kiunga, who is currently pregnant.

"The idea that we will soon have an operating theatre here means so much to us. It's a game changer for pregnant mothers, especially those needing a C-section," she said, adding that the long journey to King Fahd Hospital is tedious, and can often be a cause for concern especially when travelling by boat over long distances at sea.

Further speaking on the refurbishment of the health centre which

had been dilapidated for years following Kiunga being declared an operation area, Kenya Red Cross Lamu Coordinator Abdulhakim Abdu, voiced his support for the move, which he said, signifies the county's commitment to ensuring Universal Healthcare Coverage reaches all Lamu residents.

"This partnership is a testament to our commitment to improving maternal and neonatal outcomes," he said.

"It's crucial that we come together as a community to enhance healthcare accessibility. The new wards will provide a safe and welcoming environment for mothers and their newborns," Abdu stated.

"This facility, once fully equipped we will no longer face the challenges we normally have. It will not only help us, but also our neighbouring country Somalia," said Harun Bin Rashid, a community leader in Kiunga further noted.

Kenya, S. Arabia review labour deal to protect migrant workers

BY MABEL KEYA-SHIKUKU

The Government is keen on streamlining labour agreements with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries to ensure a safe and favourable working environment for Kenyans in the Middle East.

Labour and Skills Development PS Shadrack Mwadime said the government is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all citizens working abroad by ensuring they operate in secure and conducive conditions.

The high demand for Kenyan domestic workers in Saudi Arabia led to the signing of a bilateral labour agreement between the two countries in 2017. However,

this agreement is now under review to improve the working conditions of Kenyans in Saudi Arabia.

Mwadime spoke in Kisumu County during the African Regional Labour Administration Centre (AR-LAC) meeting of working parties for the committee of senior officials drawn from the organization's eight member states.

The weeklong meeting aims to review labour policies among member countries and explore ways of streamlining them.

There are almost four million migrant domestic workers in Saudi Arabia and the gulf region including 150,000 Kenyans.

In a report, the Labour and Social Welfare Commit-

tee says 80,000 Kenyans are working and living in Saudi Arabia alone, most of them serving there as domestic labourers. There have been calls for a ban on recruitment and export of domestic workers to Saudi Arabia, until adequate protection measures are put in place.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that 90 Kenyans died in Saudi Arabia between 2019 - 2021. The reported distress calls during the same period were 1,908, hence the need to improve the working conditions of Kenyans abroad. Kenya has also developed other Bilateral Labour Agreements with six other countries namely UK, Poland, Oman, Jordan, Bahrain and Australia.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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Public Service chief hails information officers for boosting citizen awareness

BY JACQUELINE ADYANG (PCO)

Deputy Head of the Public Service (DHOPS) Amos Gathecha has commended Communication and Information Officers for their efforts in amplifying government messaging and enhancing the visibility of Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), despite the evolving nature of communication styles and the shift away from traditional practices.

Speaking during a meeting with Government Spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura at Harambee House, Mr. Gathecha underscored the critical role these officers play in

shaping public understanding of government programmes and policies. “Our communication officers are the bridge between government and the people. Their dedication ensures that citizens are well-informed about the services, programmes, and opportunities available to them,” said Mr. Gathecha.

He reaffirmed the government’s commitment to supporting these officers through capacity building, noting that continuous training will ensure they remain effective in responding to the demands of a rapidly transforming communication environment.

The DHOPS urged training institutions to design

courses that equip officers with modern communication skills to meet the demands of the dynamic digital landscape. “We must continuously empower our communication teams with new skills so that government information remains clear, accessible, and responsive to the needs of citizens,” he emphasized.

Communication and Information Officers, deployed across MDAs, are mandated to disseminate government policies, programmes, and services to citizens, while also providing feedback to policymakers. Their sector supports transparency, accountability, and citizen awareness.

Dr. Mwaura outlined



Deputy Head of the Public Service, Amos Gathecha and Government Spokesperson, Dr. Isaac Mwaura, engage during a meeting on government communication at Harambee House.

the functions of his office since its establishment, emphasizing its role in coordinating government communication, issuing official statements, and clarifying policy matters on behalf of the Government.

He explained that while MDAs retain the mandate to communicate programmes and initiatives

within their respective sectors, the Office of the Government Spokesperson ensures overall coherence, alignment and consistency in how government priorities are presented to the public.

He noted that new approaches such as the use of Gava quotes, reels, Tik-Toks, and town halls have enhanced citizen engage-

ment, particularly among the youth and digital-first audiences.

Beyond these, he emphasized that the government is also leveraging live streaming of key events, interactive Twitter/X Spaces, podcasts, infographics, blogs, newsletters, and media partnerships to ensure wide and inclusive reach.

These platforms, he said, provide opportunities for real-time interaction, storytelling, and simplified policy communication, enabling citizens to not only access accurate information but also participate in discussions on national priorities.

At the same time, Mwaura restated the government’s continued investment in traditional communication channels such as radio programmes, community barazas, vernacular stations, print publications, and direct community outreach to ensure inclusivity.

Kiambu completes Phase Two of Sh1b solar streetlight project

BY NJOROGE GLADYS (KNA)

Kiambu County has unveiled one of Kenya’s highest-capacity manlifts—a 23-metre platform designed to fast-track the installation of thousands of solar-powered streetlights under the county’s flagship renewable energy program.

The launch also marked the completion of Phase Two of the Sh1 billion initiative, which aims to reduce electricity costs, enhance security, and extend business hours across all 12 sub-counties.

The new manlift is expected to cut installation time by half, allowing crews to mount up to 40 streetlights per day.

“This is not just about lights. It is about safer streets, thriving businesses, and lower electricity bills for taxpayers. Kiambu is setting the pace for renewable energy adoption in counties. More than 4,200 solar streetlights have already been installed since the project began in 2023, with another 5,800 expected before June 2026,” said governor Kimani wa Matangi.

“Once complete, the program will illuminate over 80 percent of Kiambu’s public roads, a scale unmatched by most counties, where renewable lighting pro-



Kiambu’s 23-meter manlift in action, supporting streetlight installation and maintenance for safer public spaces.

grams remain small or donor-dependent,” said the governor. Some residents and analysts, however, urged patience and accountability.

“I welcome the program, but why is it taking so long to reach our estate? Some areas are still in darkness,” said Mary Wambui, a shopkeeper in Juja.

Civil society groups have also called for transparency, noting the project’s billion-shilling

cost. “Without clear funding disclosures, questions of accountability will linger,” said a representative from Energy Governance Kenya, an NGO monitoring county energy projects, who attended the launch.

The initiative is funded through the county development budget, with technical support from local contractors and projected annual savings from the program.



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FINANCING LOCALLY-LED CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Project ID No.:	BMZ-No. 2016 65 108 / 2018 65 138 (KfW- Co-financing)
PROCUREMENT OFFICER Ref:	TNT/FLLoCA/PIU/PO/2025/01 post

1.0 Background

The Government of Kenya requested for financial support for the support of the **Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program**. The program development objective is to strengthen local resilience to the impact of climate change, natural hazards, and other shocks/stressors by building local capacity to plan, budget, implement and monitor resilience investments in a way that promotes collaborative partnerships between communities, national and county governments. The projects two main components are 1) financing of climate-resilient investments at county and community level and 2) strengthening the national government’s capacity to support County Governments’ (CGs) actions on climate change, enhance the collaboration between national entities and facilitate national oversight of the Program. These Terms of Reference outline the functions, roles and responsibilities for the Procurement Officer who will be recruited for the PIU.

Therefore, FLLoCA seeks to engage a Procurement Officer for a 1-year contract period, subject to work requirements and satisfactory performance. The Procurement Officer will enter into a contract with the National Treasury and Economic Planning and will report to the Procurement specialist; Program Manager-Finance and Strategy and by extension Program Coordinator. The position will be based at the PIU Office in Nairobi.

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Treasury Building-Harambee Avenue, Nairobi
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Email: programcoordinator.piu@gmail.com Or filcoa.piu@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of applications is **9th September, 2025 at 1630hrs East African Time.**

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Energy firm donates 300 solar power systems to Muhoroni residents

BY ROBERT OJWANG'
(KNA)

Despite ongoing government efforts, many off-grid communities in Kenya continue to struggle without reliable electricity.

In Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County, this challenge is being addressed through a new partnership between the county government, BLUETTI, and UN-Habitat.

The initiative, known as the Lighting an African Family Program, has donated 300 solar lighting and storage kits to households in the impoverished estates of Shauri Moyo and Shauri Yako.

The project has already benefited over 2,000 residents who previously relied on kerosene lamps or lived in darkness.

Speaking during the handover, Aloice Ager,

Chief of Staff and Coordinator for Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, said the program seeks to uplift underprivileged families,

Children can now study after sunset, families will live in well-lit homes without fearing darkness

especially children from disadvantaged households.

"These 300 solar kits will reduce energy costs and brighten lives, particularly for women-led households," Ager noted.

The kits include battery packs, solar panels, and light bulbs, enabling homes to access clean and reliable energy.

Organizers say the program will also reduce over 337 tons of carbon emis-

sions in the next five years.

Beyond providing light, the project is expected to improve education outcomes, allowing children to study at night and enhance safety in homes.

"Children can now study after sunset, families will live in well-lit homes, no longer fearing the darkness and by this, we will cut over 337 tons of carbon emissions in the next five years," he added.

Muhoroni continues to face wider development challenges, including poor roads, lack of clean water, and unreliable power supply.

However, initiatives like this aim to empower off-grid communities, improve quality of life, and promote renewable energy adoption.

The Lighting an African Family Program targets over one million families across Africa by 2026.

OUK, Australian firm in deal to boost AI training

BY NAIF RASHID AND
WENDY SHEILLA
(KNA)

The Open University of Kenya (OUK) has signed a strategic partnership with Australian firm BCS Technology International to strengthen training in artificial intelligence (AI) and digital skills, in what leaders describe as a major step toward equipping Kenyans for future job opportunities.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) paves the way for online AI courses, internship place-

ments, and job opportunities for top-performing students.

OUK Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Carolyne Omulando, said the collaboration marks a defining moment in the growth of Kenya's youngest public university.

"Although we are only two years old, we are taking giant steps toward becoming a leader in online learning. With BCS Technology, we can now provide cutting-edge training while linking our students directly to jobs in the digital economy," she said.

Prof. Omulando added

that the top 100 performers from the first intake will be guaranteed placements through BCS's networks.

She also underscored OUK's inclusivity agenda, adding that bridging courses in data science, software engineering and responsible AI will be offered to those without strong Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) backgrounds.

"No willing learner will be left behind. We provide preparatory programmes so that all interested students can benefit from this opportunity," she said.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP) ICTA-Program Implementation Unit

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS GOODS

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project
Contract Title:	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & SUPPORT OF 11,717 NO. MICROSOFT LICENSES FOR EDUCATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:	7289-KE and 7290-KE
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-478564-GO-RFB

- 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 the contract for **Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Support of 11,717 No. Microsoft Licenses For Education for a period of three years**. The Information & Communications Technology Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Support of 11,717 No. Microsoft Licenses For Education for a Period of Three (3) Years**.
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1.	Peoples' Reformation Movement	Royal Blue, Scarlet Red, Gold and Black	 Rubber	Twabadilisha Pamoja	1. Justine Nyangwono Misoka 2. Kevin Wesonga Sifuna 3. Dickson Mwangi Wambugu 4. Casty Kathambi Muboreri
2.	Forward Kenya Party	Green Black and white	 FKP	Our lives, our heritage	1. Benson Mwaura Mbugua 2. Justus Weru Irungu 3. Brian James Oguna 4. Florence Nyarotso Nyongesa 5. Mercy Wanjiru Maliti

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Ag. Registrar of Political Parties

State seeks global labour mobility for health sector professionals

BY JULIUS NDEGWA (PCO)

Principal Secretary State Department for Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwandia is leading a delegation from Kenya for an international scientific conference that seeks to advance dialogue

on global health workforce mobility and ensure dignified labour mobility pathways for health sector professionals. The PS, who will be key speaker during the Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates (GACOPA) 5th International Delegates and

Scientific Conference that is taking at Aston University, Birmingham, United Kingdom. Mr. Mwandia will address delegates from 74 member countries of GACOPA drawn from across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas and advocate for structured labour mo-

bility of Clinical Officers, Physician Associates, and their equivalents from not only Kenya but the region. Further, the Principal Secretary will hold high-level meeting with the Ministry of Health of the United Kingdom to initiate the inclusion of Clinical Officers in the ongoing Government-to-Government (G2G) labour mobility framework. This engagement will build on Kenya's leadership and push for structured and dignified labour migration for health professionals. According to the Presi-

dent of GACOPA, Mr. Austin Oduor, so far, over 300 nurses have migrated to the UK through Kenya-UK Bilateral Labour Agreement without inclusion of clinical officers. Additionally, discussions will continue to expand Kenya's G2G cooperation with Germany, Israel, and Ireland, aimed at opening new pathways for skilled Kenyan Clinical Officers and Physician Associates in critical health sectors globally. This milestone reflects Kenya's continued leadership in championing fair,

dignified, and mutually beneficial labour mobility pathways, while ensuring global recognition of its skilled health workforce. Mr. Mwandia termed the conference as very crucial in shaping the global policy dialogue and promoting dignified labour mobility for mid-level healthcare professionals. "Going forward, we will ensure the inclusion of Clinical Officers in the Bilateral Labour Agreements with all the suitable countries that will be identified for partnerships," assured the PS.

Germany funds Sh700m project to expand water access in Kisii County






Staff from various water companies participate in a walk during the opening ceremony of the Water Companies Sports Organization (WASCO) games at Gusii Stadium in Kisii.

BY MERCY OSONGO (KNA)

Residents of Kisii County are set to benefit from a Sh700-million water project that will involve the rehabilitation and expansion of the water supply network, as well as the construction of new connections. The project, funded by the German government through KfW Development Bank, is part of a larger program aimed at improving water and sanitation services in the Lake Victoria region. Speaking during the opening ceremony of the 14th edition of the Water Companies Sports Organization (WASCO) games at Gusii Stadium in Kisii town, Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation, Eng. Eric Mugaa, said the project is in the procurement stage and will expand connectivity in Kisii County. "We are looking forward to breaking ground this year because the project is long overdue. Once im-

plemented, it will benefit the residents of Nyaribari Chache, Bonchari, and Kitutu," said Eng. Mugaa. The CS noted that the Kisii, Kericho, and Leiten water and sanitation projects are under evaluation, and the Lake Victoria South Water Works Agency is working to ensure all requirements are met. In addition, he praised the water organizations for successfully hosting the WASCO games each year and commended Kisii County leadership for agreeing to host this year's event. According to the CS, the games have played a key role in fostering cultural exchange and boosting local economies, thereby enhancing national unity and cohesion. "The Ministry values the noble objectives of water companies, bearing in mind that water is an essential resource that promotes bonding, networking, and knowledge-sharing among our institutions. These are all key drivers for improved service delivery to the

people of Kenya," said Mugaa. The CS also commended the event's theme, Combating Climate Change through Sports, noting that a sustainable environment is the lifeline of the water sector and that environmental conservation is integral to safeguarding a shared future. He urged both the national and county governments to continue working together to ensure efficient service delivery to the people. In a speech read on his behalf by Kisii Deputy Governor Elijah Obebo, Governor Simba Arati expressed his gratitude to WASCO leadership, the Kisii Water and Sanitation Company, all participating teams, partners, and sponsors for making the event a success. Arati noted that through sports, the participants are reminded that endurance, teamwork and discipline are the same values required to fight climate change and secure a sustainable future for communities.



COAST WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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The Coast Water Works Development Agency (CWWDA) is a state Corporation in the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation which was created under the Water Act 2016. The area of Jurisdiction of CWWDA covers all the six Counties of the Coast Region namely; Lamu, Tanariver, Kilifi, Mombasa, Kwale and Taita Taveta.

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7	Inspector Electrical I	6	1
8	Inspector Mechanical I	6	1
9	Mechanical Engineer II	7	1
10	Senior Mechanical Engineer	5	1
11	Senior Driver	9	1
Total Number.			13


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COAST WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



Kwale fishermen embrace Aquaculture to boost livelihoods, enhance livelihoods

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI (KNA)

Coastal communities in Kwale are increasingly turning to the fisheries sector to improve their livelihoods, particularly through aquaculture and modern fishing techniques.

This shift among artisanal fishers in the coastal region is driven by the potential for sustainable food production, economic growth, and enhanced food security.

The initiative is being supported by the county government in collaboration with the Kenya Marine Fisheries Socio-Economic Development (KEMFSED) project.

KEMFSED, implemented by the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries with support from the World Bank, is a five-year project (2020–2025) funded at Sh10 billion.

The project is being rolled out in the coastal counties of Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, and Lamu to help artisanal and small-scale fishers increase their catches and diversify livelihood activities. Through KEMFSED, fishers are receiving modern fishing boats and other support to strengthen both their livelihoods and the fishing industry.

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

Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani noted that the KEMFSED project is making great strides toward building a climate-resilient aquatic food ecosystem.

In Msambweni Sub-County, fisherfolk have already received four fully equipped fiberglass motorized fishing boats through KEMFSED grants to improve livelihoods in coastal communities. Governor Achani who handed over the equipment says the boats will enable the beneficiary groups



1. From left Kwale County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture Roman SHERA, Governor Fatuma Achani and County Executive for Environment Saumu Beja on board one of the four fiberglass boats that were issued to local fisherfolks in Msambweni Sub-County.
2. Governor Fatuma Achani (C) flanked by County Executive for Agriculture and Fisheries Roman SHERA (L) when she distributed fish cooling

to venture into offshore fishing, boost incomes and promote sportfishing.

- facilities to local self-help groups in the Mwazaro area of Msambweni Sub County.
3. Fisherfolks in Mwazaro area of Msambweni receive value addition equipment including cold chain facilities such as freezers, chillers, cooler boxes, fish processing and vending equipment including modern energy saving jikos, frying pans, display boxes, solar lamps and umbrellas.

PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

Achani said the goal of the partnership with KEMFSED is to provide fishermen with the

tools and resources needed to increase their catches, improve their safety, and enhance their livelihoods.

She noted that the project is undertaken through the KEMFSED funded by the World Bank, where the groups also received engines, fishing gears, safety equipment and post-harvesting handling tools.

"This is a major step forward in empowering our fishing communities with the tools needed including better boats, safety and fishing gears, to enhance their income," she said.

Kenya steps up measures to improve disability inclusion

BY DUNCAN SIKOYO (KNA)

Principal Secretary in the State Department for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, has raised concern over the current under-representation of persons living with disabilities in Kenya, despite nearly one million cases being registered nationwide.

Dr Oluga revealed that stigma and lack of awareness had left many people with disabilities unregistered and neglected.

"Even my own relatives lived with disabilities for over 20 years before getting registered," he noted, adding that some of those registered may be driven more by tax exemptions or tender preferences than genuine need.

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Wako Ejersa, underscored the importance of credible data and respect for dignity.

"We call them people abled differently. We must determine the real magnitude of disability in Kenya to ensure equity and inclusion," he said, pledging stronger collaboration with partners such as the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and county governments.

CHAI Deputy Country Director, Rosemary Kihoto, pointed out that persons with disabilities remain economically excluded, with access to assistive devices traditionally dependent on charity.

"For the first time, assistive devices are being stocked and distributed by KEMSA," she noted.

OPINION: GOOD GOVERNANCE

BY FLOICE MUKABANA

Kenya is honoured to co-host CHAN 2024 alongside Uganda and Tanzania.

Taking place from August 2 to August 30, 2025, the 8th edition of CHAN offers a powerful platform for Kenya to elevate its status as a premier sports hub on the global stage. This event showcases our capability to host major tournaments and positions us to attract future investments. Through sports, Kenya stands to significantly enhance its international visibility and expand trade opportunities. CHAN is not only a football showcase but also a nation branding opportunity.

As the CEO of the Kenya Export Promotion

Kenya kicks off new era of sports branding with CHAN

and Branding Agency (KEPROBA), I see CHAN not just as a continental tournament, but as a strategic opportunity to tell Kenya's story to the world – one of talent, resilience, creativity, and unity. Every kick of the ball, every cheer in the stadium, every jersey worn all of it contributes to shaping how Kenya is seen, remembered, and admired on the global stage. Simon Anholt the founder of the nation branding concept, underscored the importance of sporting events like world cup

and Olympics as the few occasions when a substantial proportion of the global audience indulges in fixed contemplation of another country for weeks at a time. Countries have to find ways to use such opportunities to demonstrate a credible yet new and inspiring ways to tell stories about the country. Kenya as a sporting brand house Kenya's dominance in long-distance running is undisputed. But our sporting talent runs deeper from rugby sevens to motorsport. From rising stars in

football to the growing buzz in e-sports. We are a nation of athletes, but more than that, we are a nation with a story to tell through sports.

To position ourselves as a sporting brand house, we must move beyond occasional sporting brilliance. We must embed sport into the national branding architecture by investing in world-class facilities, nurturing talent pipelines, forging private sector partnerships, and leveraging every sporting event as a chance to promote Kenya's values

and vibrancy.

Sport has the unmatched ability to unite, inspire, and market a country. Let's make every tournament hosted on our soil a celebration not just of talent, but of Kenya's global identity.

CHAN is a uniquely African tournament a celebration of home-grown talent. That makes it even more special for Kenya, because it mirrors our ethos; growing our own, investing in local excellence, and exporting it to the world.

As co-hosts, Kenya has a golden chance

to fuse football with culture, creativity, and commerce. At KEPROBA, we are already working with partners like the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) to ensure that CHAN coverage showcases more than matches. We want fans across Africa and beyond to feel Kenya's music, see our fashion, taste our food, and witness the innovation and spirit of our people. This tournament is a soft power tool. It tells a story of a Kenya that is confident, collaborative. This is Kenya's moment. Let's brand it with purpose.

— The writer is the CEO Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA)

Sh3.16billion disbursed to compensate land owners on Mombasa–Mtwapa road project

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

Major road construction works are set to resume after the National Treasury disbursed Sh3.16 billion to the National Land Commission (NLC) for compensating Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) along the 13.5-kilometre Mombasa–Mtwapa road project.

The funding, amounting to Sh7.5 billion, was provided by the African Development Bank, the European Union, and the Government of Kenya. Once completed, the project is expected to enhance regional connectivity, boost trade, and stimulate tourism.

Resident Engineer Joseph Gichuru confirmed during a site visit by Government Delivery Unit (GDU) Coast Regional Director Sherry Litunya that over 1,000 PAPs will benefit from the compensation.

“Over 260 PAPs have already been paid, and the process is ongoing. We have been informed by NLC that by the end of this month, about Sh755 million will have been paid to over 500 PAPs,” said the Resident Engineer.

He further disclosed that a priority list had been submitted to the NLC, focusing mainly on land compensation at Kengeleni, where a 10-span bridge measuring over 350 meters will be constructed, and at Bombululu, where a 2-span bridge will be built.

“We are working with NLC towards the compensation of those people on those bridge sites. Construction of bridges takes quite some time,” he said, adding that the contractor has already precast all the required girders.

Eng. Gichuru disclosed that they have asked for an extension of time, which has been necessitated mainly by the land acquisition challenges that had derailed the project.

“Our works mainly span between kilometre four and kilometre 13. We have not been able to touch anything between kilometres 0 and 4, primarily because that is where we have highly



1. Phase 1 of the Mombasa–Mtwapa – Kilifi (Mombasa–Mtwapa section). Works involve the construction of a dual carriageway with Service Lanes, Separated Interchanges and non-motorised traffic facilities from Nyali Bridge to the start of Mtwapa Bridge (13.5km – Lot 1). Construction works are currently at 43 per cent completion.

2. Work going on at the Links Road interchange in the Mombasa–Mtwapa road project.

PHOTOS: ANDREW HINGA/KNA

densely populated areas,” stated Eng. Gichuru.

The scope of work includes constructing a dual carriageway with four lanes, service roads, six grade-separated junctions, six footbridges, and facilities for non-motorised traffic from Nyali Bridge to the start of Mtwapa Bridge.

Additionally, a 12-kilometre trunk drainage system will be built to address flooding. Mombasa County Government will also provide land to expand the Kongwea market. Plans also include the planting of 400 indigenous trees along the road corridor



and the development of roadside amenities on land belonging to Shimo la Tewa Prison.

“This road will open up the northern part of the Coast region, making it easier for people to transport goods and services. It is already creating jobs for locals and improving access from the Port of Lamu into Mombasa and beyond,” Gichuru explained.

“The road will also enhance security and spur economic growth. Areas like Mtwapa and Shanzu are set to become the ‘bedroom’ of Mombasa. Once complete, the drive from Nyali to Mtwapa will take less than ten minutes,

easing congestion in Mombasa,” he added. Meanwhile, NLC has allocated Sh300 million to compensate PAPs in the Sh10 billion Lot One Mombasa–Kwa Jomvu Highway project, which is 94 per cent complete. The project had stalled at the Jomvu Kuu junction due to a prolonged land acquisition dispute.

“We are working with NLC and the Kenya National Highways Authority to relocate the PAPs so road construction can proceed. Valuations are complete, and funds have been transferred to NLC,” said GDU Coast Regional Director Sherry Litunya.

Sh120 billion road project gathers pace ahead of public consultations

BY ESTHER MWANGI, KNA

Preparations for the upgrade and expansion of the Sh120 billion Rironi–Mau Summit and Rironi–Mai Mahiu–Naivasha roads are in top gear under the Kenya National Highways Authority (KenHA), as the government prepares to conduct a civic engagement exercise to allow members of the public to give their views on the project.

The civic engagement forums are scheduled to take place in Naivasha, Mau Summit, Gilgil, Nakuru Town, Salgaa, and Mai Mahiu between September 2 and September 8 this year.

KenHA Deputy Director of Roads, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Directorate, Engineer Julia Ondeyo, said her team recently held a stakeholders’ meeting with Nakuru County Government officials, led by Deputy Governor David Kones, to discuss and review the project scope and progress ahead of the upcoming road modernization.

Engineer Ondeyo described the engagement which marked the first external stakeholders meeting, as a key milestone in the development of the critical trade route of the project.

The project traverses Kiambu and Nyandarua counties, with its largest section, approximately 80 per cent of the total length being within Nakuru County. It is set to be implemented under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework, drawing parallels from the Nairobi Expressway model.

Engineer Ondeyo stated that extensive consultations before the project kicks off were important to ensure that all concerns from the public are captured.

Uasin Gishu women empowered through beekeeping initiative

BY FREDRICK MARITIM (KNA)

The County Government of Uasin Gishu, through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA), has distributed 170 modern beehives and 17 complete honey harvesting kits to farmers in Ainabkoi Sub-County with women groups among the biggest beneficiaries.

The initiative, which included intensive training by livestock officers specializing in apiculture, equips women and other farm-

ers with practical skills to make beekeeping a profitable venture.

Speaking during the distribution, Mercy Kemboi, the Climate Change Unit Officer in charge of Ainabkoi, underscored the suitability of beekeeping for women farmers.

“Bee farming can be done alongside other agricultural activities. Once set up, the bees largely take care of themselves, making it a perfect income source for women balancing farming with other household respon-



Members of Techgaa Women Group at Ainabkoi Sub-County offices receive modern beehives and honey harvesting kits from the Uasin Gishu County Government under the FLLoCA program, empowering them to venture into climate-smart agribusiness.

sibilities,” said Ms. Kemboi. Her remarks were reinforced by Climate Change Unit Officer, Eng. Christopher Mbevi, who highlighted the county’s broader beekeeping initiative across all sub-counties.

“We are encouraging farmers to form beekeepers’ cooperatives to enable large-scale production, proper packaging, branding and selling to major supermarkets,” said Eng. Mbevi.

The Techgaa Women Group, one of the recipients, expressed optimism about the economic transformation the project will bring. Chairlady Rosa Ngetich noted that the initiative has opened a new chapter for their members, adding that plans are already underway to professionalize their honey enterprise.

Kenyans deserve to know more about carbon credits

BY DEBORAH BARASA

In the grand, global effort to combat climate change, carbon credits have emerged as a powerful yet deeply misunderstood phenomenon. They fall, nonetheless, in a nexus where economic development and environmental stewardship fuse into one. Yet, for carbon credits to yield full value, there is need to sidestep boardrooms and prod the heart of our communities.

As things stand at the moment there clearly is an urgent need to foster widespread public awareness about carbon credits and to champion a model of compensation that is both equitable and effective.

Firstly, public awareness is the surest foundation for transparency and public trust. The carbon market is complex and often opaque. Without a fundamental understanding of how credits are valued, traded, and

retired, local communities risk being left behind or exploited. In the past, we have, for instance, witnessed cases where the immense value created by conservation is diluted through long chains of intermediaries.

A recent analysis suggests that a staggering 78 percent of the top carbon offset projects may have fundamental failings that have led them to fall under “likely junk” category due to overestimated claims and a lack of additionality. An informed citizenry is by far our strongest defence against such malpractices. When our farmers, landowners, and community leaders understand the true value of the ecosystem services they provide, they can negotiate from a position of strength and ensure that benefits are fair and just.

This leads to the second imperative that brings us to the need for equitable compensation. Ideally, carbon finance



should function as a cycle that rewards environmental stewardship while supporting sustainable development and reducing emissions simultaneously. Compensation must therefore be more than a token payment. It must be a transformative investment in communities meaning that a significant portion of revenues should reach those on the front lines of conservation rather than being lost to administrative overheads or corporate profit. The Kasigau Corridor project provides a credible blueprint to that end.

By protecting over 200,000 hectares of dryland forest, the Kasigau project has thus far

generated over a million carbon credits and funded community developments while creating employment opportunities for hundreds of individuals. This is a typical case of improving livelihoods while at the same time protecting our planet.

Thirdly, awareness is crucial for safeguarding environmental integrity. The core premise of a carbon credit is that it represents one tonne of carbon dioxide that has been verifiably and permanently removed or avoided. Public scepticism often arises from well-publicised failures, such as projects that claim to protect forests that were never under threat. Ideally, we should empower communities to be the guardians of this integrity. This calls for upholding the highest standards of verification from reputable organisations to ensure perpetuity and prevent the double computation of credits.

Furthermore, a deep public understanding of carbon markets is essential for national alignment with global climate goals. Kenya’s ambitious contributions under the Paris Agreement are a national covenant to which we must deliver. When carbon projects are woven into the fabric of our national climate strategy, they become a powerful engine

for tangible progress. Public awareness, therefore, ensures that local initiatives contribute directly to our national targets.

Finally, we must celebrate and learn from proven successes to build momentum. Beyond the Kasigau project, the Kenya Agricultural Carbon Project (KACP) involved 30,000 smallholder farmers across 22,000 hectares in sustainable land management. This effort has pioneered a model that directly compensates farmers for storing carbon in their environments. Internationally, the ambitious Atlantic Forest Restoration Pact in Brazil aims to restore 15 million hectares by 2050. This endeavour should inspire us to follow suit with similar rigour.

Before anything else, we should first demystify carbon finance through robust public awareness campaigns. While at it we should insist on the highest standards of verification to ensure every credit represents genuine climate action. To get it right, we ought to learn from examples that are already working to make ours a veritable catalyst for a more sustainable, equitable, and greener future for all Kenyans.

Barasa is the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry

Ministry spearheads Sh 21.5 billion Mau Forest complex integrated conservation programme

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A (MYGOV)

The Ministry of Environment and Forestry has mooted plans to restore and sustainably manage the Mau Forest Complex (MFC) through an integrated conservation and livelihood improvement approach that enhances ecosystem functionality and strengthens climate resilience across the landscape.

The Patron of the Programme, who is also the Principal Secretary for State Department for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, said that the Ministry has initiated a 10-year Programme dubbed, “the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihood Improvement Programme (MFC ICLIP)”, with an estimated cost of Sh 21.5 billion.

These efforts are meant to address the threats and challenges facing the Mau Forest Complex, Eng. Ng'eno said that the Programme targets the Eastern, Molo, Western, and South West MFC Blocks and adjacent Farmlands covering a total area 317,115 hectares.

The PS noted that the Mau Forest Complex holds the highest economic value among Kenya’s forests, estimated at Sh 197 billion, attributed to its extensive resources and transboundary ecosystem services.

“It is a critical biodiversity

hotspot, habitat to species of international conservation concern, and serves as the source of 12 major rivers – Sondu, Mara, Nyando, Yala, Ewaso Ng'iro, Molo, Njoro, Nderit, Makalia, Naishi, Mumberes, and Nzoia.”

“These rivers feed key lakes including Turkana, Baringo, Nakuru, Natron, and Victoria,” said the PS.

He disclosed that the Mau Forest Complex supports the livelihoods of surrounding communities, sustains the ecological health of the region, and supports iconic ecosystems such as the Maasai Mara and Serengeti; renowned for their rich biodiversity and tourism value.

Similarly, the MFC also plays a vital role in sustaining Lake Natron, a key breeding site for Lesser Flamingos.

The Mau Forest Complex, covering approximately 403,000 Ha, is the largest Afro-montane Forest in East Africa and Kenya’s largest and most important Water Tower.

It comprises of 22 forest blocks – 21 public forests managed by the Kenya Forest Service, and one community managed Maasai Mau block.

Eng Ng'eno said that despite its critical ecological and socioeconomic value, the Mau Forest Complex (MFC) faces severe degradation driven by human activities and climate change.

“Key threats include; illegal charcoal production, over-har-

vesting of wood fuel and timber, overgrazing, land use changes, forest fires, and poor farming practices.”

“Additional pressures and effects such as population growth, riparian encroachment, water pollution, and unregulated water abstraction by commercial farms and industries have further strained the ecosystem,” said the PS.

He noted that these challenges are compounded by weak legislative and institutional frameworks portending ineffective management and conservation of the ecosystem.

The PS said that the programme will restore degraded landscapes and protect the Mau Forest Complex, for enhanced ecosystem services, agricultural productivity and climate resilience.

“It will support nature-positive enterprises and agricultural value chains for improved livelihoods and promote circular economy to spur green jobs for a clean and healthy environment,” said Dr Ng'eno.

In addition, the PS said that the programme will promote environmental education and research to inform development and decision making.

“It will also strengthen policy, governance and institutional frameworks for sustainable community based natural resource management of the Mau Forest Complex,” said Eng Ng'eno.



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

Local innovation key to addressing food security and health challenges, says PS Abdulrazak

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU, KNA

Kenya needs to be a producer of technology, not just a consumer, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Science, Research and Innovation (SRI), Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, has stated.

"The country has been relying on imports and consuming products from elsewhere for far too long, which is unacceptable more than 60 years after independence," he said.

Speaking during a media roundtable with science journalists at the National Research Fund (NRF) festival at Egerton University, the PS noted that embracing SRI is a solution for the country—not only to produce what it needs but also to safeguard and protect its people.

Prof. Shaukat cited electron beam technology as an example, highlighting its promising applications in agriculture, primarily through food irradiation and pest control. The non-thermal processing method uses high-energy electron beams to eliminate microorganisms, extend shelf life, and control pests.

"For those still wondering whether this application is safe, countries like China literally irradiate all spices, and there is nothing wrong with it—it is a misconception of science," he explained.

He further stated that for a country like Kenya, which aspires to grow and become a middle-income nation, it is unacceptable to have children under five facing stunting, 1.8 million people experiencing food insecurity, half a million children suffering from under-nutrition, and almost 40,000 Kenyans struggling with diseases like cancer—especially when we can produce more nutritious feeds locally and reduce food imports.

"We need to safeguard our intellectuals, contain the brain drain, and stop working in silos," he said, adding that among the over 79 universities in the country, there is cutting-edge research and innovation that can be tapped.

He challenged parliament to play a vital role in allocating more funding for research. "It is unacceptable that since 2013, we have been talking about 2 percent of the GDP going to research development but at the moment we are at 0.8 percent."

The country, he noted, needs at least 1% of the budget allocated to research if it wants to leapfrog. "If we want to compare ourselves with the Asian tigers, it is unacceptable that 60 years down the line countries like Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea, who we were at par with, are now flying high



1. Principal Secretary, State Department for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak speaking on STI applications.
2. Prof. Joshua Ouma, Associate Professor Organic Chemistry at Egerton University.

in research and technology, and we are still walking, and yet we have cutting-edge institutions such as Egerton University.

He said that as government, he is putting a team in place to prepare bankable documents that can solicit resources adding that they will also be having a discussion with the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) on tax relief and rebates to make their contribution to the space of science, research, and technology.

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Prof. Shaukat termed the government's Bottom-up Economic Transformative Agenda (BETA), one of whose pillars is agriculture, food security, food safety, and food sovereignty, including nutrition, as key factor in embracing science, technology, and innovation.

He added that the government is taking full advantage of County governments to devolve science research and innovation and urged every Governor to leverage the blue and circular economies that are in place in various counties.

Advocating for the public-private partnership is also key, the PS said, adding that the government will continue to create an enabling environment for the private sector and

venture capitalists to come in, invest, and take our products to the next level. He asked that scientists be trusted in coming up with cutting-edge research instead of comparing their work with other countries. "We should not be followers; we can also take the lead, and that is the only way we can transform this country into a middle-income and high-level country."

Kenya has the Kenya National Innovation Agency that looks at the entire pipeline from the ideas and prototypes towards commercialization at all levels, and also has the youth who are in the research space, and thus we have to change the approach and must have a different mindset towards science and technology.

He acknowledged the National Research Fund (NRF), which, in a small, modest way, is able to fund research and able to produce some products that are able to go out into the shelves but said they needed upscaling to address matters food insecurity.

Baringo Member of Parliament and a member of the Education, Research, and Innovation Committee in the National Assembly, Joseph Makilap, said it is time that the country researches products that should be able to move out of channels, books, and minds to become practical in the field, where they can change the economic matrix of the country.

"If we don't utilize research, we shall become a consumer country where everything is done elsewhere and dumped in our country. We need to protect science and research and put resources," he added.

Makilap noted parliament is ready to allocate the necessary resources to ensure that research continuously goes on, saying that they will assist in legislation to anchor everything that is done under research and innovation and embed it into law.

Authority launches construction of Sh 20 million solar-powered boreholes in Taita-Taveta County

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Coast Development Authority (CDA) has launched the construction of two solar-powered boreholes valued at Sh20million in Machungwani and Wololo, Challa Ward, Taita-Taveta County.

The projects are expected to be completed within two months and will provide the much-needed relief to residents, who have been lacking access to clean water for long, leaving them vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

The Authority Ag. Managing Director Dr. Mwanasiti Bendera said the boreholes will serve remote areas that are not connected to the national grid.

"We will also establish a water kiosk, where residents can fetch clean water for drinking and domestic use, and later extend the supply directly to households. We have prioritized Taita-Taveta County for water projects," she said.



Coast Development Authority Acting Managing Director Dr. Mwanasiti Bendera briefing the press in Wololo village, Taita constituency during while launching drilling of boreholes.

Taveta Member of Parliament John Bwire welcomed the initiative, noting that water scarcity has forced students and residents to walk for long distances in search of the precious com-

modity. "Here at the border, it is easier to fetch water from Tanzania than from our side. I collaborated with CDA through the national assembly to allocate funds for these boreholes,

ensuring residents have access to safe drinking water," the MP explained.

In Machungwani, he added, residents often depend on river water, which exposes them to waterborne diseases during the rainy season.

"On average, the projects will benefit 1,000 people in Wololo and 1,500 in Machungwani. As MPs, we have deliberately chosen to work with CDA because we have seen the impact of its projects," Bwire said, pledging to continue mobilizing resources through Parliament.

He emphasized that they will collaborate with CDA to improve the livelihoods of the Coastal people, promising to mobilize funds through the national assembly.

CDA Board Chairman Mzee Mwinyi also announced that local youth will be given priority in employment opportunities arising from the project, ensuring the community benefits directly.

Farmers reap big from maize and sorghum in Elgeyo Marakwet

BY ALICE WANJIRU (KNA)

Farmers in three irrigation schemes in Aror Ward, Kerio Valley, Elgeyo Marakwet County, are set to earn Sh73 million from the sale of sorghum and maize seeds.

The County Executive for Agriculture, Edwin Kibor, said farmers at the 400-acre Chepkum Irrigation Scheme will receive Sh22 million from Kenya Seed Company after selling maize seeds harvested in the first planting season.

Kibor added that the same farmers are expected to earn Sh20 million after receiving two tons of the Seredo sorghum variety for this planting season. He noted that farmers in the area preferred this variety as it does not attract birds.

Speaking during the handover of the seeds to the Chepkum Farmers Cooperative Society, the County Executive said that with proper management, the farmers are expected to harvest 520 metric tons of sorghum, which will earn them Sh20 million.

The Aror Ward Agricultural Officer Justus Kemboi said farmers in Kamsiwet Irrigation



Farmers from Chepkum Irrigation Scheme in Aror Ward receive sorghum seeds from the Elgeyo Marakwet County Government.

Seredo sorghum variety which have become popular for farmers in the Kerio Valley.

“The Kerio Valley is quite productive and with irrigation the area has the capacity to feed the country,” he said.

Kibor said farmers in the area currently do not need to use fertilizer as the

soils are quite productive, but added that with farmers planting more than once in a year, the situation will have to change as they will need to use fertilizer to boost the soil productivity.

Scheme will earn Sh15 million, while those in Kabanon-Kapkamak Scheme will receive Sh16 million from the sale of sorghum.

Kibor said with peace returning in Kerio Valley,

farmers from the area who had escaped the conflict to live in the escarpment are now going back to engage in farming.

Migori to partner with US charity to build first-ever sickle cell hospital

BY MAKOKHA KHAOYA (KNA)

Migori County Government, in collaboration with the Journey by Grace Mission of Compassion, a United States-based organization, will construct the first-ever sickle cell anemia hospital at Igena Centre, Kehancha Town, in Kuria West Constituency, aiming to bring hope to those affected by the condition. The charity-based organization is building the facility to provide specialized treatment for patients. Migori County Governor Ochilo Ayacko highlighted the high prevalence of sickle cell anemia in the Kuria region, emphasizing the importance of identifying affected individuals, developing effective treatment solutions, and offering hope.

said that he will work closely with the national government to ensure that unnecessary barriers are removed to ensure that Migori County residents receive support from international partners like Journey by Grace Mission of Compassion.

He explained that his administration was grateful for the support that would not only bring hope to those suffering from sickle cell, but also cut on unnecessary travel expenses, while seeking the services within and outside the country.

The Journey by Grace Mission of Compassion also conducted a two-day medical camp in Kuria West Sub-County, where over 800 patients benefited from free medical, sickle cell assistance and other healthcare services.

from the mission said that the partnership with Migori County was historic in nature, meant to help the sickle cell patients, create sickle cell Warriors in public education and offer dignity Sickler patients. “Personally, I started the journey a decade ago to alleviate the pain of sickle cell anaemia patients when I saw their struggle as a medical doctor,” she said. For instance, Evy Oluoch and Stacy Rioba, two sickle cell champions who were diagnosed with the disease as infants, said the hospital will be a big welcome in the county.

“We always go through pain, and we rely on caregivers, parents and even teachers as we often drop out of school for long hours. We also face a lot of stigma from society, and we are humbled by this gesture,” Oluoch said.

Dr. Duchess Joyce El



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PRESS NOTICE

A: CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) PROGRAM

In accordance with the Architects and Quantity Surveyors (Continuing Professional Development) By-Laws 2020, Legal Notice Notice No. 202 of 6th November, 2020, the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS) invites Architects, Quantity Surveyors and those seeking registration to a **Two-Day Hybrid CPD Seminar on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th September, 2025 at The Edge Convention Centre, Nairobi.**

The theme of the seminar is **“BUILDING A COMPETITIVE & SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT”**. The invitation is extended to Engineers, Contractors, Construction Project Managers, Technicians, Landscape Architects, Interior Designers, Planners, Real Estate Developers, EIA Experts, Practitioners in the Built Environment and other interested persons.

- The objectives of this seminar are to;
1. Harness Best Practices for the Built Environment Professionals.
 2. Sensitize on Strategic Branding Approaches
 3. Maximize use of Technology for Sustainability

B: PARTICIPANTS FEES

Participation is either physical or virtual. The charges for participation is as follows;

The registration and payment deadline is Friday 12th September, 2025.

• Registered Persons	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Year 2025 Candidates	Kshs. 15,000.00
• Engineers	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Technicians	Kshs. 15,000.00
• Contractors	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Landscape Architects	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Interior Designers	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Construction Project Managers	Kshs. 20,000.00
• EIA Experts	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Real Estate Developers	Kshs. 20,000.00
• Other Participants	Kshs. 25,000.00

Course Duration:

The CPD program is for two (2) days. Registered persons will earn twenty (20) CPD Points and a certificate of attendance. It is mandatory for registered persons to attain a minimum of Thirty (30) CPD points per year. Architects and Quantity Surveyors are reminded to familiarize with (Continuing Professional Development) By-Laws 2020, Legal Notice Notice No. 202 of 6th November, 2020.

C: PUBLIC NOTICE

1. REGISTER FOR ARCHITECTS AND QUANTITY SURVEYORS IN KENYA

Developers and the general public are advised of the need to seek professional services from Architects and Quantity Surveyors in good standing with this Board. This is therefore to notify the general public that the register for Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Architectural and Quantity Surveying firms in good standing is available on the Board's website www.boraqs.or.ke/register. Any person or firm not listed on the website is NOT allowed to practice Architecture or Quantity Surveying. The general public is encouraged to confirm the registration status of their respective consultants.

2. EXHIBITIONS FOR MATERIALS, SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGIES

Interested industry players dealing with materials, systems & technologies may contact the Board to book for exhibition space and or make presentations to over 1000 professionals in attendance.

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Youth demand involvement in policy decisions affecting them



Youth Employment Creation (YEC) in Agriculture and Agro-processing National Policy Convening organized by Utafiti-Sera (Policy-Research) in Nakuru

BY BERNADINE MUTANU
(MYGOV)

Young people are demanding full involvement in discussions concerning their welfare.

At a recently concluded policy forum, the youth emphasized that they want to be included in key decision-making processes. They noted that some resolutions made in their absence do not necessarily benefit them, highlighting that their input is especially important in efforts to address youth unemployment in the country.

"Why would millennials speak and decide for us? We also want to be engaged," said Fibian Domongole Cheptoo, a youth champion in the potato value chain from West Pokot County.

During the Youth Employment Creation (YEC) in Agriculture and Agro-processing National

Policy Convening organized by Utafiti-Sera (Policy-Research) in Nakuru, young agripreneurs stressed the need for policies that support their ventures. They showcased products including dried mango crisps from Iviani Farm in Makueni and Lomut in West Pokot Counties, as well as potatoes from Nyandarua and West Pokot Counties.

Despite support from partners such as county governments, government agencies, the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), and the Centre for African Bio-Entrepreneurship (CABE) Africa, these youths said they still face significant challenges.

They decried lack of involvement during key policy formulation processes as one of the issues hindering them from fully participating in employment creation.

They said they lack capital,

land, infrastructure, market, networks (linkages) and the necessary policy support.

"How do I lease land without getting conned? I recently leased one, unfortunately, I did not get it, and I lost my money in the process. I did not know what to do and so I let it go," said Caro Ndegwa, a youth, also in the potato value chain.

Her sentiments were echoed by Cheptoo: "We have a challenge, the lease agreements are very different. Some of the people require to be paid five years upfront to lease their land."

"That is a long period which requires more finances which we do not have as young people. There should be a standard rate and a period for agricultural land leasing that favors the youth. There should be uniformity," she said.

Responding to the issue and

giving an example, Mophat Mandela, the Kakamega County Executive Committee Member for Social Service, Sports, Youth, Gender and Culture said his county had developed land lease guidelines to provide a framework for informal land leasing.

This was in a bid to address the lack of specific laws and the high costs of official leasing processes for smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth, he said.

He added that there is a need to implement the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security (2003) whose goal was expanded in 2014 to have governments set aside 10 per cent of the national budget to fund agriculture.

"We need to formulate policies that subsidize inputs to allow youth to continue supporting themselves along those value chains. We need policies that support production and commercialization," said Lenox Ochieng', a public policy expert.

"Today I can decide to develop a solution...but, it is very expensive for me as a young person. That is why we need to formulate policies that support and protect the developers," he added.

But, policy should be informed by evidence, said PASGR Executive Director Professor Fadel Ndiame. "Policies do matter, but policies cannot work alone, they must be implemented through a structure," he said.

Data from the Federation of Kenyan Employers (FKE) shows that out of the unemployed in the country, those aged 15-34 years are the most affected as 67 per cent of them do not have jobs.

In 2024, the national unemployment rate stood at 5.43 per cent (Statista), highlighting the scale of the crisis.

"Youth unemployment in Kenya is complex and requires a well-coordinated effort and greater collaboration among different stakeholders," Lucy Adoyo, the YEC Project Manager, said.

She observed that Kenyan youth are creative and full of energy which presents a significant opportunity for economic transformation if they are effectively managed.

PS urges youth to turn monetize their talents

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Higher Education Principal Secretary Beatrice Inyangala has urged young people to pursue creativity as a career path, noting that music and drama have proven to be high-earning industries.

Speaking during the recently concluded 2025 Kenya Music Festival in Meru County, the PS said the government is committed to supporting learners talented in the creative arts and providing them with exposure to the market.

She added that the festival showcased the remarkable creativity of Kenya's youth, highlighting the need to create an environment that nurtures their talents through the provision of necessary musical instruments in schools and mentorship opportunities.

"These performances have told stories on climate change, gender based violence among others which call for necessary action from policy makers," noted Inyangala.

National chairperson for the festivals Prof Frederick Ngala raised concern over the gender disparity, noting that female participants far outnumbered their male counterparts.

"We must make a concerted effort to help the boy child participate at the festival. We had over 95,000 females against 45,000 male participants recorded this year, a difference I find unacceptable and needs to be bridged," he said.

During the event, Kenyatta University won the overall category among institutions of higher learning, closely followed by Mount Kenya University (MKU).

Other institutions of higher learning that made a big impact on the national stage included the University of Nairobi, with Daystar University making serious inroads at the fete.

MKU had 17 wins, and was ranked runners-up on 10 categories and took position three in eight competitions.

The institution's Head of Sports, Film and Creative Arts activities Mr. William Luta welcomed the achievement attributing it to the support the institution gives its students and staff members.

"The competition has been stiff. We are proud of the team. However, we have identified areas that need improvement and we will be working towards that as we prepare for the 98th edition come 2026," Luta vowed.

The MKU team had much prominence in African wind instrument, African solo drum, African and western instrumental assemble, African string fiddle and brass solo.

Experts push for counselling as key to solving mental health problems

BY SAMUEL MAINA (KNA)

The Government is now rooting for enhanced counselling and rehabilitation efforts as one way of assisting persons battling mental health challenges.

Addressing the press in Nyeri on the sidelines of the ongoing Jukwaa la Usalama forum Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen noted that without proper remedy for mental illnesses, the issue may soon get out of hand as more and more persons fall victim.

Murkomen stated that the problem of drug abuse and consumption of illicit brews has fuelled the problem which has in turn led to a spike in the number

of people committing suicide in Nyeri county. He said it was shocking that on average the county is losing eight people to suicide with men bearing the brunt.

"It is really shocking to learn that we are losing eight people a month who commit suicide. In two months we have lost 16 people. This is unbelievable. This is a large number and we need these people to go for rehabilitation. We also need counselling services in this county and we have agreed to continue working with NACADA and the county government. There is also a need to train religious leaders and chiefs to assist and see whether they can supplement in terms of helping to counsel people and give them di-



Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen addressing the press outside the Central Region Headquarters in Nyeri. PHOTO KNA

rection of life," he told the media.

Murkomen remarks come barely two months after Nyeri County Commissioner Ronald Mwiwawi disclosed that suicide cases were on the rise in the county with men taking the lead in terms of numbers of victims.

Mwiwawi had told a Service Delivery meeting for Heads of

Department in May that hardly a day passed without his office receiving report of a suicide case.

The administrator said his office had opted to take over the problem as a matter of urgency through professionals in areas like Kieni East, Kieni West and Mukurwe-ini that were hardly hit by the problem.

KVDA changing livelihoods of bandit prone Kerio Valley

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

Just two years ago, the Kerio Valley was synonymous with insecurity, cattle rustling, and displacement. Today, the landscape is dramatically changing. Lush green fields of sorghum and maize now stretch across the valley, a testament to how peace, irrigation, and agriculture have begun transforming lives.

For decades, the valley's fertile soils remained underutilised as conflict kept residents from farming. But with relative peace returning, farmers, supported by the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) and the County Government of Elgeyo Marakwet, are trading bullets for hoes and cattle raids for structured agribusiness.

At Kamsiwet Irrigation Scheme in Marakwet West,

a once-dormant 150-acre farm is now buzzing with activity. The scheme, established in 1988 through a partnership between the Italian and Kenyan governments, had nearly collapsed due to insecurity. Today, it is back to life, producing tonnes of sorghum for both local consumption and commercial markets.

"This land lay idle for years because of a lack of peace, but we farmers decided to revive it," said Paul Cherop, Chairman of the Kamsiwet Cooperative Investment Scheme. "With KVDA's support, especially in water projects, we have had bountiful harvests. Last year alone, we sold sorghum worth over Sh13 million. For the first time, our children are in school without the worry of fees, and no household here lacks food."

Cherop urged the gov-

ernment to expand irrigation to Baringo and West Pokot to completely eradicate banditry. "Cattle rustling begins with hunger. If we deal with that, all will be sorted," he said.

For many women, farming has become a lifeline away from poverty and illicit brew.

Jennifer Kibet, a farmer at Kamsiwet, recalls her struggles before joining the scheme. "I moved from Lagam to start farming. My children are now in secondary school and university because of the income I earn here. I live in peace with my husband, we can pay for health cover, and we no longer live from hand to mouth. Farming has restored our dignity," she said.

Jennifer believes more funding for KVDA would help extend water projects and rope in idle youth and

women. "If young men and women embrace farming, they will not have the time to engage in crime or take what others have worked hard for," she added.

The transformation is also drawing in youth who once shunned farming. Kelvin Kiplimo, a commerce student at the University of Eldoret, owns a sheller machine at the scheme. By leasing it to fellow farmers, he earns about Sh6,000 daily, half of which goes into fuel and maintenance,

while the rest supports his education.

"The irrigation scheme has changed my life. From the sheller business, I pay my school fees and upkeep. But we need more shellers because one cannot serve all farmers, and post-harvest losses are a big risk," said Kiplimo. He urged the government to support youth groups with equipment to scale agribusiness.

KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naporos confirmed the shift. "Kamsiwet alone

has over 350 beneficiaries. This season, farmers harvested 350 tonnes of sorghum worth about Sh25 million. In two seasons, that's nearly Sh50 million injected into the local economy," he said.

Naporos noted that government investment of Sh17 million into water infrastructure has paid off, adding that contract farming with Kenya Breweries and Kenya Seed Company has secured markets for farmers.

Ministry appoints committee to fast-track development of oil discoveries in Turkana

BY JOYCE LUTOMIA (PCO)

The Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi has appointed the Petroleum Commissioner Mr. Joseph Otieno (pictured) to chair a thirty-five-member First Oil, Technical, Commercial and Legal Working Committee to fast track the commercial development oil discoveries in Block T6 and T7 in Turkana County to achieve full field development of a crude oil export route.

The members of the Committee are Joseph Wafula, Abigael Mwangi, Eng. Edward Kinyua, Josky Kisali, Vincent Areri, Charles Kamunya, Lemiso K. Koiyo, Sharon Rotich, Robert Kibiwot, Duncan Ndegwa, Charity Cheruiyot, David Karuikim, Leah Hadudah Jara, Loise Thugge, Leonard Yegon, Stella Opakas and Clement Nadio.

Others are Joel Sutter, Luqman Jamaldin, Michael Karanja, Stephany Anyanga, Sheila Tonui, Ashley Toywa, Stephen Akiki, Kennedy Ondieki, Charles Ouko, Stella Kamasir, Andrew Wanyonyi Khaemba, Eng. Simon Korir, Winifred Muenu Masaku, Zakary Ndege, Jacob Kipaa, Michael Kirui and Dr. Duncan Hunda.

The members of the Committee are drawn from the State Department for Petroleum, the National Treasury, the National Oil Corporation of Kenya



(NOCK), the Attorney-General, the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) and the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA).

Through Gazette Notice 178, the CS tasked the Committee to negotiate the first oil technical commercial agreements between the government and contractors to secure the government's interests by obtaining the most favourable conditions.

The Committee, according to Wandayi, will also undertake research and consultations with government-appointed advisors it considers necessary before finalising the First Oil Technical Commercial Agreements.

It will also advise the government on, and draft any enabling policy or statutory, regulatory or institutional frameworks in relation to oil and gas exploration, development and production and approve a road map for the First Oil Development phases in Kenya.

The Committee will also negotiate and oversee the


implementation of the First Oil Technical and Commercial agreements between the government and contractors. It will review and submit once every three months, reports on the progress and work done in respect of the First Oil Development to the Cabinet Secretary and Principal Secretary.

The committee will also be tasked to perform any other functions related to the Full Field Development and First Oil Development as may be directed by the CS. In addition, the Committee may hold meetings as may be required in relation to the development of the First Oil Project.

The Committee can also negotiate on behalf of the Ministry in relation to the development of the First Oil Project. It will also review and draft documents and advise the CS and PS in relation to the development of the First Oil Project.

It will also prepare and submit quarterly and annual reports in such form as the CS may direct. The Committee will also make recommendations that are relevant to advancing the commercial and technical activities leading to the development First Oil Project.

The Committee has also been given powers to make any relevant person to produce any information or document in relation to the development of the First Oil Project through the PS for Petroleum.



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5	Assistant Registrar	AD 12	UOE/ADM/C/17/08/2025	1
6	Accountant I	AD12	UoE/ADM/C/18/08/2025	1
7	Farm Manager	AD12	UoE/ADM/C/19/08/2025	1
8	Senior Clinical Officer	AD12	UoE/ADM/C/20/08/2025	1
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KENYA PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL AGENCY

Termination/cancellation of framework tenders

The National Treasury, through Kenya Procurement and Disposal Agency (formerly Supplies Branch) on 10th December, 2024 and 11th March, 2025 advertised for the following framework tenders. The tenderers who participated in the tendering process are hereby notified of the termination/cancellation of the underlisted twenty framework tenders.







S / NO	TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIBILITY	BID - Security (KSHS)	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
1	NT/KEPDA/001/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Firefighting Equipment	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
2	NT/KEPDA/002/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Newspapers	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
3	NT/KEPDA/003/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Agricultural Equipment and Accessories	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
4	NT/KEPDA/004/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Timber and Timber Products	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
5	NT/KEPDA/005/2024-2026	Supply of Canvas and Camping Materials	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
6	NT/KEPDA/006/2024-2026	Supply of Insecticide, Chemicals and Spraying Equipment	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
7	NT/KEPDA/007/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Locally Assembled Tipplers	OPEN	1,000,000	7th January, 2025
8	NT/KEPDA/008/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of National Symbols - Insignia, Flags, Emblem & Carpets	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
9	NT/KEPDA/009/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Water Pumps	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
10	NT/KEPDA/011/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Pre-Cast Concrete Products	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
11	NT/KEPDA/012/2024-2026	Provision of Security and Guarding Services	OPEN	1,000,000	27th March, 2025
12	NT/KEPDA/013/2024-2026	Provision of Professional Cleaning Services	WOMEN	NIL	27th March, 2025
13	NT/KEPDA/014/2024-2026	Supply of Wood Fuel	YOUTH	NIL	
14	NT/KEPDA/015/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Oxygen and Other Gases	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
15	NT/KEPDA/016/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Pipes and Fittings	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
16	NT/KEPDA/017/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Airtime	PWD	NIL	27th March, 2025
17	NT/KEPDA/018/2024-2026	Supply And Delivery of Fireproof Cabinets And Shredders	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
18	NT/KEPDA/019/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Bicycles	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
19	NT/KEPDA/020/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Application of Corrosion Proofing for Roofing,Tanks,Pools And Built Surfaces	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025
20	NT/KEPDA/021/2024-2026	Supply and Delivery of Paints,Distemper And Thinners	OPEN	500,000	27th March, 2025


The reasons for termination/cancellation is predicated on section 63(1)(a) &(c) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.

CYRELL ODEDE WAGUNDA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY




KenGen Geothermal Consultancy in Eswatini






KenGen's Managing Director and CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga (Right), with Eswatini Electric Company's General Manager for Research and Development, Mphumuzi Maziya, after presenting the final consultancy report on geoscientific exploration that KenGen conducted in Eswatini as part of the company's diversification agenda at Stima Plaza.



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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS ON THE KENYA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS, 2025

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act (Cap. 2A), the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy notifies the public that Regulatory Impact Statements for the following Regulations have been prepared. –

- (a) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Radio Communications and Frequency Spectrum) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 38 (1) of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the efficient and orderly use of radio spectrum which is a limited natural resource.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

- promote and support the orderly development and efficient operation of radio communication systems and services to meet the country's socioeconomic, security and cultural needs;
 - ensure proper planning, utilization and management of the spectrum resource in accordance with the Act, policy objectives and international agreements;
 - promote the efficient use of frequency spectrum resources; and
 - ensure the equitable and fair allocation and assignment of spectrum.
- (b) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Broadcasting) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 46K of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide a framework for the effective provision of broadcasting services in Kenya for the benefit of the public.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

- Provide for licensing procedure for broadcasting service providers;
 - provide for the facilitation, promotion and maintenance of diversity and plurality of views for a competitive marketplace of ideas;
 - promote broadcast of local content; and
 - provide for the carriage of content, in keeping with public interest obligations, across licensed broadcasting services.
- (c) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Electronic Communications Equipment Type Approval) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant section 27 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The objective of the proposed Regulations is to ensure that communication equipment is safe, compatible with existing networks, and conforms to national standards.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

- provide a regulatory framework for the manufacture, possession, connection, installation, distribution, sale, lease, offer for sale, lease, importation, use and disposal of communications equipment;
 - ensure the connection of any equipment to communications network does not cause harmful interference or compromise the integrity and availability of communications network;
 - ensure electronic communications equipment adhere to quality of service levels and meet the set standards for security of network operations, maintenance of network integrity, interoperability, data protection principles and protection of environment; and
 - ensure the safety of end-users, members of the public, communications networks and equipment and to avoid harmful interference.
- (d) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Domain Names Administration) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 83F of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of these Regulations is to organize and manage the assignment and use of domain names within a specific namespace (such as .ke for Kenya) or for the internet as a whole. The proposed Regulations will ensure a structured and reliable system for identifying websites and online resources, preventing conflicts, and protecting intellectual property rights.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

- provide a framework for the administration and management of the Ke ccTLD; and
 - specify requirements for licensing of registrars and the Registry.
- (e) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Electronic Certification Administration) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 83R of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to establish a framework for the issuance and management of digital certificates, ensuring secure and reliable electronic transactions. These proposed Regulations aim to build trust in electronic signatures and other online activities by verifying the identities of individuals and organizations involved.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to provide a framework for the administration and issuance of electronic certification service providers licences.

- (f) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (General Licensing) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to sections 27, 38, 46K, 66 and 83R of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide a licensing framework for broadcasting services, telecommunication services, communication systems, postal and courier services, electronic commerce services, electronic certification services and domain name administration.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to provide for the general requirements for the issuance of a license including the procedures for the application, renewal, revocation and transfer of a license.

- (g) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Infrastructure Sharing) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 85A (3) of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide a regulatory framework for the sharing and access of Information Communication and Technology infrastructure.

Specifically, the Regulations seek to–

- create a framework for better cooperation in infrastructure sharing;
 - eliminate unnecessary duplication of Information, Communications and Technology infrastructure;
 - maximize the use of the existing and future Information, Communications and Technology infrastructure;
 - mitigate on the undesirable impacts on public health, safety and environmental impacts resulting from the proliferation of infrastructure installations;
 - promote competition in the provision of Information, Communications and Technology networks and services;
 - promote orderly and effective planning in terms of Information, Communications and Technology service provision in the country; and
 - promote investment and innovation in the provision of Information, Communications and Technology services.
- (h) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Interconnection) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 27 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The proposed Regulations will ensure fair competition and efficient operations within the communications industry by governing how different networks connect and exchange traffic.

Specifically, the Regulations seek to–

- establish a regulatory framework for interconnection between licensees and their subscribers under the Act;
 - define the role of the Authority in facilitating interconnection negotiations among telecommunications licensees; and
 - promote a conducive environment for interconnection within Kenya
- (i) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Numbering) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 27 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide a structured framework for the control, planning, administration, and management of numbering and addressing within Kenya's communication systems and services.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations require the Authority to establish a National Communication and Numbering and Addressing Plan and in so doing to liaise with the relevant international and local organizations, and stakeholders dealing with numbering, naming and addressing resources.

- (j) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Tariff) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to sections 27, 38, 46K and 66 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to establish a framework for determining the prices (tariffs) of telecommunications services.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to provide a framework for the determination of tariffs and tariff structures for effective regulation of the sector.

- (k) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Consumer Protection) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to sections 27, 38, 39, 46K, 66 and 83R of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of these Regulations is to protect the interests and welfare of consumers across the information and communications sector generally.

Specifically, the Regulations create rights and obligations for consumers; mandates licensees to provide appropriate technical and organizational measures to safeguard the security of its services; and obligates Licensees to establish customer care systems for their customers.

- (l) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications ((Postal and Courier Services) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 59 and 66 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap 411A). The main objective of these Regulations is to guide the development, promotion, and regulation of postal and courier services for the benefit of the general population, industry players and other stakeholders in the sub-sector.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations will provide clarity on–

- designated quality standards of equipment and service for the provision of postal and courier services; and
 - investigation of complaints or disputes arising from postal and courier services.
- (m) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Compliance and Enforcement) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to sections 27, 38, 46K and 66 of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to ensure that licensees in the ICT sector adhere to the Kenya Information and Communications Act, Regulations, and license conditions.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

- provide for compliance and enforcement of the provisions of the Act, Regulations and licence conditions; and
 - ensure the provision of quality-service-standards for communication services and systems.
- (n) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Fair Competition and Equality of Treatment) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to sections 84R (3), 84W (1) and (2) of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap. 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide a framework that promotes fair competition and equal treatment within the communications sector in Kenya.

Specifically, the Regulations seek to–

- provide a regulatory framework for the promotion of fair competition and equal treatment in the communications sector;
 - protect against the abuse of market power or other anti-competitive practices within the communications sector;
 - promote consumer markets which offer choice, quality and affordability; and
 - promote investor confidence in the communications sector by enhancing economic efficiency and free trade.
- (o) the proposed Kenya Information and Communications (Universal Access and Service) Regulations, 2025 have been made pursuant to section 84P of the Kenya Information and Communications Act (Cap 411A). The main objective of the proposed Regulations is to establish a framework for designing and implementing universal access and service in Kenya, and to manage the Universal Service Fund. This proposed framework aims to ensure that a wide range of information and communication services are accessible to all citizens, particularly those in underserved or unserved areas.

Specifically, the proposed Regulations seek to–

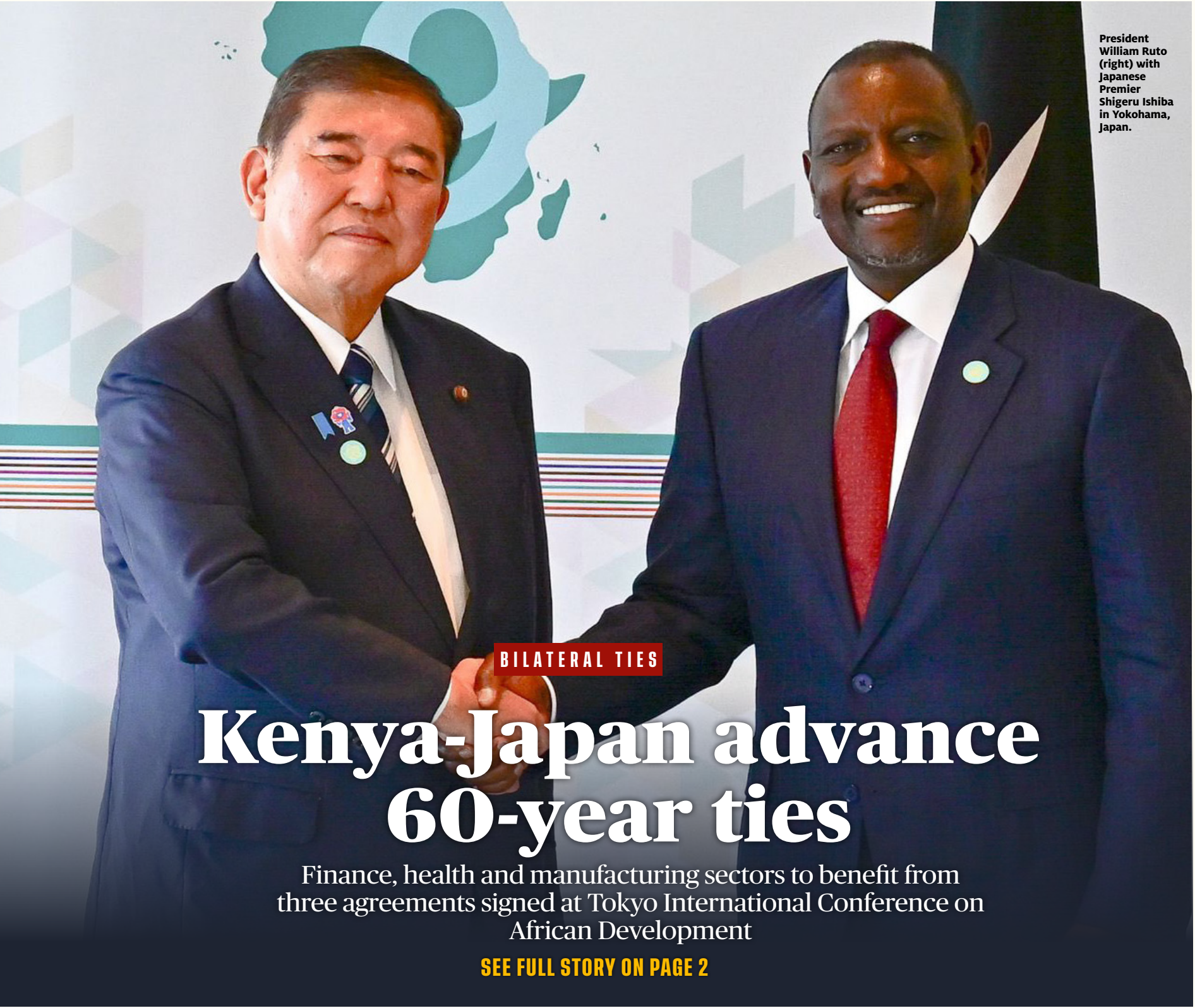
- support widespread access to information and communications technology services;
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- promote innovation in information and communications technology services.

This is to request the public to take note of Gazette Notice No. 11800 (Vol. CXXVII–No. 178 dated 22nd August, 2025). We therefore request the public and all persons likely to be affected by the proposed Regulations to submit written memoranda to reach the undersigned within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Written memoranda should be addressed to:

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The Regulatory Impact Statements and proposed instruments are available on the Ministry's website www.ict.go.ke. Hard copies may also be requested through the Ministry's email address during normal working hours.

William Kabogo Gitau,
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for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.



President William Ruto (right) with Japanese Premier Shigeru Ishiba in Yokohama, Japan.

BILATERAL TIES

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380,684
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Kenya's new pacts with Japan deepen sixty years of bilateral relations

Finance, health and manufacturing sectors to benefit from three agreements signed by the two nations during Tokyo International Conference on African Development



President William Ruto (centre, left) and the President of Japan International Cooperation Agency Tanaka Akihiko (centre, right) together with their teams during a meeting in Japan. Below: Mombasa Port built by the Japanese.

A new chapter in the long-standing Kenya-Japan diplomatic and economic ties, which have been built for over 60 years, kicked off with last week's signing of three strategic agreements.

The pacts signed at the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) held from August 20 to 22, 2025 in Yokohama, Japan, span finance, healthcare and industrial training.

They mark a significant step in Kenya's push for sustainable development financing, Universal Health Coverage and having a well-trained labour force.

President William Ruto, who led the Kenyan delegation at the conference, described the signings as "a new chapter in Kenya-Japan cooperation".

Under finance, Kenya signed a Statement of Intent on the Samurai Bond, a financial instrument issued by foreign entities in the Japanese capital markets.

The agreement was signed between the National Treasury and Japanese firm Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI).

President Ruto said the agreement will actualise Kenya's plan to raise funds through the Japanese capital markets, which has been lingering for long.

"Our plan to access financing in the Japanese capital markets is a leap forward in our innovative policy of diversifying resource mobilisation for priority national development projects," the President, who was hosted in Japan by Prime Minister Ishiba Shigeru, said.

The agreement is, therefore, expected to unlock new avenues for financing development in line with Kenya's Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Kenya has worked to attract long-term capital from global markets through instruments like Eurobond, Samurai and Sukuk bonds to accelerate inclusive growth and reduce reliance on syndicated loans and domestic borrowing.

The State Department for Foreign Affairs noted that from the Samurai Bond, the Government plans to use between Sh10.5 billion and Sh13.1 billion to facilitate the



National Automotive Policy.

Further, Sh5 billion is earmarked for procurement of high-efficiency transformers to reduce electricity transmission costs

And Sh4 billion will go to budget support focusing on projects exempted from environmental impact assessment.

Kenya received a boost in its search for long-term financing on August 22, 2025, when S&P Global Ratings upgraded its long-term sovereign credit rating from 'B-' to 'B', citing reduced external liquidity risks and stronger foreign exchange reserves, which stand at \$11 billion. At TICAD, Kenya and Japan further signed a Letter of Intent and Concept Note to Accelerate Access to Cefiderocol, a crucial antibiotic approved for effective treatment of bacterial pneumonia in Kenya.

The agreement provides a framework for the supply of the medicine with support from the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Foundation.

The Ministry of Health signed the agree-



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ment with Japanese firm Shionogi and Co. Ltd, which specialises in pharmaceutical research, development and manufacturing.

Through the partnership, Kenya seeks to enhance its capacity to combat antimicrobial resistance by facilitating timely access to treatments, particularly for drug-resistant infections.

Shionogi will facilitate the supply of Cefi-

derocol, a novel antibiotic effective against multidrug-resistant pneumonia while the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Foundation will provide technical and logistical support to strengthen Kenya's pharmaceutical delivery systems.

The Memorandum of Cooperation on Human Resource Development signed between Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, marks a strategic step towards the strengthening of Kenya's industrial workforce.

KIRDI, with support from Japan, is expected to implement targeted training initiatives, mentorship programmes and carry out joint research efforts as it taps into Japanese technology and innovation expertise.

This will help build a pool of skilled professionals capable of driving Kenya's industrial transformation and sustainable economic development.

Prime Minister Ishiba said his country is

INFOBOX

Building Bridges

- Japan is building the Mombasa Gateway Bridge, a flagship infrastructure project funded by JICA, which is poised to transform regional connectivity and trade logistics in East Africa.
- The project provides a functional road connection between Mombasa Island and Mombasa Mainland South both separated by the Likoni Channel, which is currently crossed through ferries operated by the Kenya Ferry Service (KFS).
- Once completed, the Mombasa Gateway Bridge will benefit Kenyans as well as serve as a key trade corridor for Kenya and other East African countries.
- All major bridges in the coastal region have been built through support from the Japanese Government.
- The 1-kilometre Bridge starts in Mombasa and terminates in Kwale County, traversing through three sub-counties (Mombasa Island, Likoni and Matuga) and five administrative locations of Majengo, Likoni, Mtongwe, Shika Adabu and Ng'ombeni.
- On the Mombasa Island side, the bridge starts on Lumumba Road near King'orani Prison crossing over the Mombasa Railway Station.
- At Ganjoni, it crosses Liwatoni and Likoni Channel to enter Likoni side.
- The bridge joins the Mombasa Southern bypass at Ziwani on the boundary with Kwale County.

committed to cooperate with Kenya under the Indian Ocean-Africa Economic Zone Initiative, which saw Japan provide aid for the development of Mombasa Port.

He welcomed progress made in supporting Kenya's expansion of manufacturing production through development of human resources in the automotive and other industries, as well as the signing of the "Term Sheet for a Yen loan, backed by NEXI".

While Kenya's relationship with Japan is strong and steady, President Ruto said that there is need to balance trade between the two countries.

Japan exports to Kenya stand at about \$1 billion (Sh130 billion) annually, while Kenya only exports goods valued at \$70 million (Sh9 billion) due to tariffs and non-tariff barriers.

Kenya is, therefore, seeking opportunities to access the Japanese market, including for agricultural products such as avocados, flowers and tea.

The country is also seeking enhanced collaboration with Japan to lift up the nascent e-mobility industry.

President Ruto said the Government is in talk with Japanese automotive manufacturer Toyota Motor Corporation for the provision of 5,000 e-mobility vehicles.

"This initiative will come with 30-40 per cent local content in e-vehicle assembly and eventually manufacturing," the President said.

Japan is the third largest source of official development assistance to Kenya, having provided the country with more than \$5 billion (Sh650 billion) in the past 60 years.

Key projects supported by Japan include geothermal development in Olkaria and the expansion of Port of Mombasa.

At least 120 Japanese companies have invested in Kenya, leveraging the country's strategic location, expanding infrastructure, growing internet network and vibrant financial and capital markets. ■

CS Ruku reaffirms Government commitment to transform Public Service

Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku, has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to enhancing public service delivery.

Speaking on August, 20, 2025, during a Town Hall interview on Citizen TV held at the Kenya School of Government, Lower Kabete, Mr Ruku said the Government will ensure civil servants get fair remuneration to serve citizens better.

Mr Ruku was joined by Public



Service PS, Dr Jane Kere Imbunya, Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo and KSG Director-General, Prof Nura Mohamed, in a discussion on milestones, challenges and reforms in Public Service.

The panel highlighted key achievements of Huduma Kenya in improving access, efficiency and citizen satisfaction, while also addressing challenges such as resistance to change, staffing,

and resources. Dr Imbunya said the Government is working on a new Public Service Transformation Policy 2025, aimed at humanising the Public Service and building a culture of change.

She emphasized that the new policy will place citizens at the heart of service delivery by fostering empathy, accountability, and innovation within the public sector.

Looking ahead, Huduma Kenya will expand digital platforms, strengthen partnerships, and continue driving excellence in service delivery. ■



From left, Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku, KSG Director-General Prof Nura Mohamed, Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo and Public Service PS Dr Jane Kere Imbunya during a Town Hall meeting in Nairobi.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Kenya Yearbook, Huduma Kenya sign MoU to boost service delivery



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto and Huduma Kenya Secretariat (HKS) Secretary/CEO Ben Kai Chilumo when they signed an MoU agreement on August 22, 2025, at KYEB's offices in Nairobi.

Institutions to leverage their expertise to enhance provision of public services, citizen engagement and Government communication

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) and Huduma Kenya Secretariat (HKS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance provision of public services, citizen engagement and Government communication.

KYEB Chief Executive Officer Lilian Kimeto and HKS Secretary/CEO Ben Kai Chilumo signed the agreement on August 22, 2025 at KYEB's offices in Nairobi.

Ms Kimeto said the strategic partnership is founded on a shared commitment to enhance service delivery and amplify the reach of public information.

"Through this collaboration, both institutions will combine their expertise and platforms to better document, promote and disseminate Government initiatives and services," she said.

Mr Chilumo said the partnership marks a significant step in the formalisation of the engagement HKS and KYEB have had over the years. He noted that HKS, through the



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board and Huduma Kenya staff during the signing ceremony.

partnership, will help KYEB enhance the reach of its publications.

"Through our strengthened collaboration, we will open our 59 Centres across the country to KYEB, which they can use to distribute their publications," he said.

Under the MoU, key areas of cooperation include joint resource mobilisation, content development and exchange, co-creation of strategic communication campaigns and mutual promotion of publications and service updates across digital and physical channels.

A special emphasis will also be placed on extending the efforts to the grassroots through the Huduma Mashinani initiative.

The collaboration is expected to play a crucial role in bridging the information gap

between Government institutions and citizens, especially in remote and underserved areas.

Through the partnership, KYEB will harness Huduma Kenya's nationwide footprint to boost provision of services, while HKS will benefit from KYEB's editorial expertise, with the collaboration aligning seamlessly with the Whole of Government Approach.

KYEB is a State Corporation established under Legal Notice No. 187 of 2007 and operationalised in 2009.

It is mandated to enhance Government communication by professionally researching, compiling, editing, publishing and disseminating information on Kenya's development progress. KYEB does this through publishing of Kenya Yearbook, AgendaKenya newspaper,

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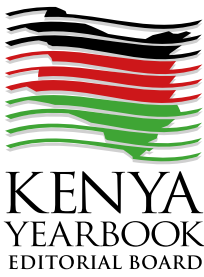
- Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) was created as a State Corporation in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy through Legal Notice No. 187 of 2007.
- The Board is legally mandated to:
 - Compile, edit, and publish the Kenya Yearbook periodically.
 - Document and detail the work of the Government of Kenya in partnership with citizens.
 - Explain government programs aimed at accelerating national development and shaping Kenya's desired future
 - Showcase Kenya's resources and untapped potential through its publications.
- Huduma Kenya Secretariat was established via Kenya Gazette Notice No. 2177 of April 4, 2014.
- It anchored within the Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes.
- It is tasked with:
 - Transforming public service delivery by ensuring citizens access efficient, effective, and citizen-centric services.
- Manage day-to-day operations of the Huduma Kenya Programme.
- Operationalise integrated service delivery platforms across the country.

InfoBytes and sector-specific publications.

On the other hand, HKS coordinates the Huduma Kenya Programme, which was launched in 2013 to enhance public service delivery.

Operating under the State Department for Public Service, within the Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes, HKS oversees 59 Huduma Centres across all 47 counties, offering access to more than 5,000 Government services including National ID and birth certificate applications.

HKS also holds mobile outreach programmes known as Huduma Mashinani, which take services directly to underserved communities. ■

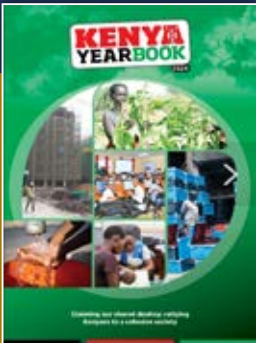


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Information, Communications and the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo (right) engages a digital enthusiast at Belgut Technical Training Institute during a youth empowerment programme.



Education CS Julius Ogamba (right) meets Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke (centre) and other officials during the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of Nyamira University.



Treasury CS John Mbadi (right) when he held a meeting with British High Commissioner Neil Wigan in Nairobi. They discussed the Nairobi Railway City project funded by Britain.



Harambee Stars players acknowledge applause from fans at Kasarani Stadium after their quarter finals match with Madagascar. Stars lost 4-3 in a penalty shoot out,



Environment PS Dr Eng. Festus Ngeno (centre) with other senior Government officials at the inaugural meeting of the Project Steering Committee for the 11th Our Ocean Conference in Nairobi.

Elgeyo Marakwet distributes 30,000 high-yield coffee seedlings to farmers

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

The Elgeyo Marakwet County Government has initiated a targeted coffee production enhancement programme through the distribution of 30,000 Ruiru 11 coffee seedlings to members of the Sambirir Farmers Cooperative Society.

Speaking at the Embo-Kachebii coffee nursery during the launch, County Executive Committee Member (CEC) for Agriculture Edwin Kibor said the initiative aligns with the county's wealth creation and agricultural diversification strategy.

"We are launching the sale of coffee seedlings at subsidised prices to ensure affordability while maintaining quality," Kibor stated. "Sambirir Ward possesses agro-ecological conditions that are optimal for coffee cultivation, and we have deliberately established a local nursery to produce clean, disease-free planting material at reduced cost to farmers."

The CEC explained that in previous years, externally sourced seedlings often underperformed due to environmental incompatibility and untimely planting. "By producing seedlings locally, we not only guarantee varietal purity and site-specific adaptation but also ensure that farmers are ready for



Farmers from the Sambirir Farmers' Cooperative society with some of the coffee seedlings from the Embo-Kachebii coffee nursery.

immediate transplanting," he said.

The Ruiru 11 variety, developed for disease resistance and high yield potential, was selected for its suitability to the mid-altitude zones of Sambirir. The nursery, established with seed sourced directly from the Kenya Coffee Research Institute, can cover 30 acres in the current distribution phase.

Kibor noted that the distribution is being conducted in collaboration with the Sambirir Farmers Cooperative to ensure only prepared and committed farmers participate. "Selling at a nominal Sh 20 per seedling acts as a commit-

ment filter. Farmers must have land prepared before purchase, verified by cooperative officials and agricultural extension officers," he emphasised.

The county government also plans to facilitate benchmarking tours for farmers to observe best practices in coffee husbandry, post-harvest handling, and value addition in

established coffee-growing regions.

Sambirir Ward MCA Paul Suter said the subsidised sale model replaced the previous free distribution system after it was observed that many seedlings were neglected and left to perish.

This year, 40 kilogrammes of seed were propagated into seedlings, and our goal is to reach 100 kilogrammes annually. Within five years, we will achieve full coffee coverage in Sambirir Ward," Suter said.

He further encouraged youth to consider coffee agribusiness as a viable livelihood option, noting that formal employment opportunities are diminishing.

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Liwatoni fish processing plant to create 2,500 job opportunities once complete

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Kenya Fishing Industries Corporation (KFIC) is accelerating efforts to operationalize the ultra-modern Liwatoni Fish Processing Plant.

The project, which is expected to create 2,500 jobs, was initiated in 2021 and entails the construction of a Sh6 billion Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)-compliant tuna fish hub. Work is set to resume after prolonged court cases stalled progress.

According to KFIC CEO Dr. Mikah Nyaberi, the project is being implemented



A front view of the Liwatoni Fish Processing Plant. The facility will have the capacity to employ 2000 youth. PHOTOS BY ANDREW HINGA

in two phases.

The first phase, costing Sh1.5 billion, is progressing well and includes a fresh and frozen processing facility with a capacity of 100 metric tons (MT) of fish per

day, producing 50 MT of loins daily. It also features a cannery capable of processing 50 MT of raw material to produce 25 MT of canned products, and a cold storage facility with a capacity

of 1,000 MT. Phase two, estimated at Sh4.5 billion, will be financed through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) models, transforming Liwatoni into a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). Planned facilities include a circular road, jetty repairs and expansion, a fishmeal and oil processing plant, a 200 MT ice-making plant, a fish market and auction centre, a fishing gear repair facility, a waste-water treatment plant, a solar-powered desalination system, and renewable energy infrastructure.

BRIEFS

State to build 12 new markets in Baringo

BY BENSON KELIO AND JOSHUA KIBET (KNA)

The National government is set to construct a total of 12 modern markets in Baringo County to promote the livelihoods of small scale traders.

Speaking at Marigat Boys high school grounds during an economic empowerment programme for Baringo South Constituency, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki said the markets would be located across major towns and trading centres like Kabarnet, Marigat, Mogotio, Eldama Ravine, Chemolingot, Kabartonjo, Tenges and Barbelo. While announcing that the Marigat market would be one of the largest in the county and that it would cost the government Sh350 million, Kindiki said the ambitious programme was in line with the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). The Deputy President accompanied by Cabinet Secretary for Gender Hanna Cheptumo amongst other leaders

stated that the storey building market which has already been designed shall have a wholesale and retail spaces, a daycare centre, an ICT hub and many more amenities.

He encouraged farmers from the region to venture into extensive agriculture to make good use of the markets for economic prosperity. "We are building these markets because we want to provide our small scale traders, particularly vegetable vendors and hawkers with improved working conditions," the DP said.

Kindiki at the same time highlighted the government's intervention on food security noting that the Kenya Kwanza administration has for the past two and half years subsidized fertilizer from Sh7,000 to Sh2,500 in order to encourage more farmers to contribute in food production which has significantly reduced exportation of maize and other commodities.

New hostel to host 600 students at Kivaywa High

BY MELECHEZEDECK EJAKAIT (KNA)

The Government is set to construct a Sh155 million modern hostel at Kivaywa Boys High School in Lugari Constituency, Kakamega County, under the Affordable Housing Program.

The hostel, with a capacity of 120 cubicles, will accommodate between 320 and 640 students, easing accommodation challenges at the school.

Speaking during the site handover event to the contractor, Lunar-scape, Lugari Member of Parliament Nabii Nabwera lauded President William Ruto for selecting the school as a beneficiary of the Affordable Housing Program, saying the project will significantly uplift its status.

He said: "I want to thank the President for promising this project and keeping his word. This is a big project that can usually only be found in universities. Once complete, it will be a modern hostel fully equipped with hot water showers

for students and a backup generator to provide power during outages."

"However, I have appealed to the housing team to divert the generator installation funds to the ongoing solar power project at the institution so that it can generate adequate power that can even be used in its kitchen for cooking.

"I have also asked them to add a water component to the project so that the school can have an adequate water supply that can be extended to the surrounding communities."

Nabwera reminded his constituents that he is on course to fulfilling his pre-election pledges of generally transforming Lugari, improving the education standards, improving the infrastructure and increasing electricity connectivity to the locals.

Affordable Housing Program Western Region lead Rodgers Wakhungu disclosed that once complete the hostel will have a capacity of 320 beds.