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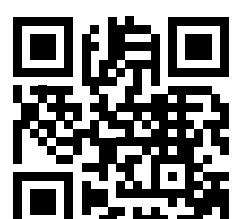


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Experts call regular eye care for children

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU (KNA)

Health experts say that children need specific eye exams at age six months, then at age three and at school entry.

But this is never taken at heart and followed through due to challenges that have been exacerbated by poverty, inadequate infrastructure, and a lack of care workers involved at promoting regular eye screening in schools and even within communities.

Three years ago, Dzeha Jira was excited to start school, but that same year he was sent home because he was struggling to see.

Accessing health facilities and other essential services is difficult. Walking is the family's only option, and it takes hours to negotiate narrow dirt tracks through thick and thorny bushes.

The 7-year-old has now missed three years of school and spends his time playing with his younger sister, Luvuno, on a remote patch of land in Kenya's Kwale County.

Jira is guided by his sister Luvuno around his darkening world; he cannot go anywhere and spends much of his day sitting around and making marbles and cars from the clay he makes from water and dirt.

His vision has continued to worsen, and the family cannot afford any further treatment.

With nine children to look after, while her husband walks to the city of Mombasa to sell produce, Fatima Musinda's days are dedicated to keeping the family from going hungry.

"When I wake up, my work is to fend for my children and cook for the household and with the little we get, usually maize milk, local vegetables and occasionally dried fish from the market, we live a day at a time," she says.

Her hope, though, is that if Jira can only manage to go to school, maybe their struggles might be minimal.

When Jira was born, his mother, Fatima, noticed a yellow colour in his eyes.

She walked about five hours to the nearest hospital, where Jira was given medication for jaundice; however, as time moved on, financial and transport barriers prevented Jira from receiving the help he needed.

Support by the Fred Hollows Foundation could not have come at a better time, as Jira, a while back, was found by Kwale Eye Unit community health worker Robert Ngome during an outreach.

The Fred Hollows Foundation is a non-profit aid organization, which was founded in 1992 by eye surgeon Fred Hollows and focuses on treating and preventing blindness and other vision problems in people and communities

Plans in top gear to modernize postal services for digital era

BY NAIF RASHID AND SAMUEL KIVUVA (KNA)

Kenya joined the global community in commemorating World Post Day with a renewed pledge to transform its postal and courier services into a dynamic pillar of the digital economy.

The celebration, held in Nairobi, highlighted the government's commitment to modernizing the Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) and expanding access to inclusive, technology-driven services.

Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Stephen Isaboke affirmed that the government is repositioning PCK to serve as a national engine for digital logistics, e-commerce, and financial inclusion.

"The Postal Service remains one of the most adaptable public institutions, connecting people, places, and possibilities across generations," he said.

Isaboke noted that the sector's resilience and ability to evolve are evident in its ongoing transition from traditional mail to digital platforms and e-commerce services.

"This year's theme, 'Post for People: Local Service, Global Reach,' aligns with the gov-



Information and Broadcasting Principal Secretary, Stephen Isaboke (C), PostMaster General John Tonui (L) and Director General, Communications Authority David Mugonyi listen keenly to proceedings during the 151st World Post Day celebration in Nairobi. PHOTO: BENEDICT WASICHE/KNA

ernment's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda by ensuring growth and opportunity for every Kenyan from the grassroots to the global stage," said the PS.

In addition, Isaboke reiterated that the government is working with the Postal Corporation to implement far-reaching reforms focusing on institutional autonomy, asset redevelopment, digital integration, service modernization, financial sustainability and strategic partnerships.

"Our goal is to transform Post Offices into engines for local eco-

nomic growth. While the Corporation has faced challenges, this is also an opportunity for renewal. Transformation is no longer an option; it is essential," Isaboke emphasised.

The PS at the same time revealed that the government is rolling out digital hubs in all 1,450 electoral wards and 25,000 free Wi-Fi hotspots countrywide to expand digital access. Government projects that this infrastructure will support e-commerce, digital logistics and financial inclusion, particularly in rural areas.



KENYA VISION 2030 DELIVERY SECRETARIAT

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS) is a Semi – Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) whose primary mandate is spearheading the implementation of the Country's development blueprint and strategy towards making Kenya a newly industrializing upper middle-income Country by the year 2030. VDS seeks to register suppliers for the provision of goods, services and works for the years 2026 and 2027 in various categories.

No.	Tender No.	Description	Submission Deadline
1	VDS/REG/01/2025-2026	Registration of suppliers; provision of goods, services and works for financial years 2026-2027	27th October 2025

Interested and eligible applicants may view and download complete set of registration documents from the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat Website www.vision2030.go.ke and Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) <https://tenders.go.ke>

Duly completed registration documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with the Tender and Category Number shall be addressed and delivered to:

The Director General
Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat
7th Floor, Britam Centre, Mara/Ragati Rd Junction, Upper Hill
P.O. BOX 52301-00200 NAIROBI
Email: info@vision2030.go.ke

Note:

Applicants eligible under AGPO are only required to complete the AGPO supplier registration form indicating the categories they are interested in and enclosing the required documents as requested.

All applicants **must** provide their **e-GP system registration number**.

The deadline for submission of registration documents is 27th October, 2025. However, the registration process will be continuous and the supplier list updated periodically in line with Section 57 of the PPDA.



**MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS,
CREATIVE ECONOMY AND SPORTS**

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SPORTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND THE MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has launched the process for developing the FY 2026/2027 and medium-term budget. This undertaking is governed by a robust legal framework, primarily the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Consistent with this framework, Article 201 (a) of the Constitution specifically requires openness, accountability, and public participation in financial matters.

The State Department for Sports and its Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs) have developed the draft budgetary requirements for the Sports Sub-Sector for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027 and the medium term. The sub-sector's identified priorities fall under sports development, facilities development, and the coordination of sports programmes.

The key outputs and proposed budget requirements are detailed in the Sub-Sector's Programme Based Budget (PBB) Report for the 2026/2027–2028/2029 Financial Years. The full report is accessible on the Ministry's website: www.moyasa.go.ke (Downloads section) or www.sports.go.ke (Resources Section).

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports invites members of the general public and sports stakeholders to submit their views and memoranda on the proposed budget for the Financial Year 2026/2027 and the Medium Term. Submissions may be sent via email to mtefbudget2026@sports.go.ke or by sending hard copies to the address provided in clearly marked envelopes "Public Participation on FY 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Budget."

Principal Secretary
State Department for Sports
Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports
7th Flr Talaanta Plaza, Upper hill
P.O Box 49849-00100
Nairobi, Kenya.

All views should reach the Principal Secretary not later than **21st October, 2025**



Sh5b NYOTA project to empower 800,000 youth

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI
(KNA)

Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Youth Affairs, the Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya, says the Sh5 billion National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) programme is a bold intervention that will foster social stability in the long run.

CS Mvurya said the project, spearheaded by the National Government and funded by the World Bank, is potentially a "panacea to widespread youth unemployment" and the associated social problems in the country.

He noted that the national project seeks to tackle the significant challenge of youth unemployment through skills training, entrepreneurship support, mentorship, and linking young people to employment opportunities.

Mvurya pointed out that the project aims to address high levels of youth unemployment and widespread poverty while fostering social stability through skills acquisition and entrepreneurship.

He said the initiative will create sustainable job opportunities for young people by delivering practical, industry-relevant skills.

The transformative youth empowerment programme seeks to improve youth employability



Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat addresses the press on the NYOTA project at the Kwale Cultural Centre.

by expanding employment opportunities, supporting youth savings through the NSSF's Haba Haba Informal Sector Savings Product, strengthening youth employment systems, enhancing youth entrepreneurship, and providing e-commerce platforms (marketplaces) to ensure the sustainability and scalability of businesses.

Mvurya, who was accompanied by the Principal Secretary

(PS) for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Abdulrazak Shaukat, spoke in Kwale during the launch of the nationwide grassroots leaders' NYOTA Sensitization Forum.

The forums aim to enlighten leaders and stakeholders on the 820,000 opportunities available for vulnerable youth aged 18–29 years across all 1,450 wards, enabling them to connect with existing initiatives in business

development, entrepreneurship training, and on-the-job experience—all aimed at transforming youth livelihoods.

The active participation of grassroots leaders ensures that vital information and opportunities are cascaded to the community level, reaching youth in every ward.

The application window for the second round of business support will run from 6th to 12th

October 2025. *Dial 254# to apply and stand a chance to access Sh50,000 in business support and training.

NYOTA applications are being rolled out via a digital platform (254#) that is transparent and accessible. Women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable and marginalized groups are encouraged to apply.

The NYOTA sensitization forum was also attended by Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani, County Commissioner Stephen Orinde, local Members of Parliament Kassim Tandaza (Matuga), Feisal Bader (Msambweni), Gonzi Rai (Kinango), Mangale Chiforomodo (Lunga Lunga), and several Members of County Assembly (MCAs).

"The overarching objectives of the NYOTA project are to increase employment opportunities, raise earnings, and inculcate a saving culture among the youth," Mvurya said.

He noted that NYOTA will create synergy between skills acquisition and entrepreneurship by empowering youth with practical skills to exploit economic opportunities—leading to increased job creation and economic growth.

The project targets 820,000 vulnerable youth aged between 18 and 29 years, and up to 35 years for persons with disabilities, across four education levels.



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10TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

Rongo University wishes to inform all candidates who qualified for conferment of Degrees, and award of Diplomas and Certificates in the 2024/2025 academic year, and members of the public that the 10th Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, 27th November 2025**, starting at 8:00 A.M at Rongo University Grounds, Kitere. The Graduation Ceremony will be face-to-face; however, it will be streamed live on; www.rongovarsity.ac.ke/livestream, www.facebook.com/rongovarsity and www.youtube.com (Rongo University official platforms)

1. CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

The prospective graduand lists will be available at the Rongo University website (www.rongovarsity.ac.ke). All prospective graduands should confirm both the spelling and order of their names by filling and submitting the Name Confirmation Form, attaching copies of the National Identity Card and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination certificate/result slip with the Admissions Office or sending scanned copies of the National Identity Card and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination certificate/result slip to regaa@rongovarsity.ac.ke by **31st October, 2025**.

2. CONFIRMATION OF FEE BALANCES AND GRADUATION CHARGES

- All prospective graduands should check their fees accounts status **ONLINE** or with Students Finance before **31st October, 2025**;
- Prospective graduands with outstanding fees and or have not paid their graduation fee must clear all the balances before **31st October, 2025** to qualify for graduation.

For further information please contact:

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STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINING

(PRESS NOTICE)

USE OF FIREWORKS DURING DIWALI AND HINDU NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This is to inform the general public that Diwali and Hindu New year celebrations will be held from **Friday 17th October to Monday 20th October 2025**. These festivities are traditionally celebrated with fireworks in authorized venues.

Consequently, the Hindu community is requested to ensure that fireworks displays are carried out within the requirements of the Explosives act Cap 115 Laws of Kenya. Fireworks displays should be carried out in an orderly manner so that the general public are not inconvenienced. In this regard, the parties carrying out displays shall ensure that:-

- The necessary permits to hold fireworks are obtained from State Department for Mining, County Mining offices;
- Fireworks are used only at the authorized venues such as clubs, hotels, temples, sports grounds, school compounds or any other venue as may be authorized by an Inspector of Explosives;
- The displays are held between **1900hrs** and **2300hrs** only during the authorized dates;
- Display shells are limited to a maximum of four-inch caliber in all venues in urban and built-up areas except as may be exempted by an Inspector of Explosives and
- Only qualified, experienced and sober persons shall be allowed to fire aerial shells and other aerial display fireworks.

Firework Dealers shall ensure that:-

- Fireworks are **not** sold to any child who is below age Thirteen (13) years as doing so is an offence under Explosives Act, Cap 115;
- Aerial display fireworks (Shells, Rockets, Roman Candles and Cakes) are sold to holders of permits to display fireworks duly signed by an Inspector of Explosives.

We take this opportunity to wish the Hindu Community a Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New year.

Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY



East African's longest over-water bridge ushers in new era of trade

BY MOHAMED HASSAN (KNA)

The Sh45 billion Dongo Kundu Bypass in the coastal city of Mombasa has been hailed as a game changer set to redefine the region's socio-economic landscape. The 18-kilometre highway connects Miritini on the mainland west to Ng'ombeni on the south coast, bypassing the congested Likoni Ferry crossing. Providing a direct route that improves connectivity and economic activity across the coastal region, the bypass is 98 per cent complete and is already in use by motorists pending official commissioning.

The highway is gradually boosting socio-economic activities by facilitating the seamless movement of goods, services, and people. Stakeholders say the road will enhance security and connectivity across the coastal counties of Mombasa, Kwale, and Kilifi, enabling safer and faster travel.

Also known as the Mombasa Southern Bypass Highway, the project features three bridges – including the longest over-water bridge in East Africa – and aims to significantly reduce travel time to Diani and the south coast, boost regional trade, promote tourism, and spur the envisioned development of the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

The bypass serves as an important transport corridor for traffic destined for Kenya's interior and beyond, while also promoting trade facilitation and socio-economic development. The project straddles Kwale and Mombasa counties, starting at



1. A view of the Sh45 billion Dongo Kundu bypass in Mombasa County, which is set to redefine the coastal region's socio-economic landscape.

2. A view of the Mteza Bridge, one of the three bridges on Dongo Kundu bypass which is now the longest bridge

Mteza Bridge and terminating at Kibundani along the Mombasa-Lungalunga Highway.

over water in the country and region straddling 1,440 metres.

3. A view of the Dongo Kundu which has brought relief to motorists to reach the mainland south from Mombasa island and onward to neighboring Kwale and Tanzania.

It also provides a vital connection to Moi International Airport and the Standard Gauge

Railway (SGR) terminus, enhancing tourism and the hospitality industry in the coastal region.

The completion of the bypass has drastically reduced dependence on the Likoni Ferry channel, which serves an estimated 300,000 people and 6,000 vehicles daily using ferries such as MV Jambo, MV Kwale, MV Likoni, MV Kilindini, MV Nyayo, and MV Harambee.

Ferry services, which began in 1937, have long been the only link to the south coast prior to the advent of the Dongo Kundu Bypass. While ferries provide a crucial service, they have also been a "nightmare" for passengers and motorists due to chronic mechanical issues, delays, congestion, and safety concerns affecting both locals and tourists.

Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the President, Eliud Owalo, described the Dongo Kundu Bypass as a critical transport corridor linking major infrastructure routes, including the Mombasa-Nairobi Highway, thereby enhancing overall transport efficiency.

Owalo said the project is enhancing infrastructure, creating employment opportunities, and facilitating the movement of goods and services, thus boosting economic growth in the coastal region.

"It will also provide a connection from Moi International Airport and the SGR terminus, thereby improving tourism and hospitality in Kwale," he said during an inspection tour of infrastructure projects in the region.

The Deputy Chief of Staff added that the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone Development Project is one of the Vision 2030 flagship initiatives.

The SEZ, covering approximately 3,000 acres adjacent to the Port of Mombasa in Likoni Sub-County, is being developed at a cost of Sh30 billion. It occupies a strategic location with high development potential and competitiveness in logistics and facilities, being in close proximity to the port, the Southern Bypass, the SGR, and Moi International Airport.

The master plan for the ambitious project was developed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Government constructs world class kidney transplant facility in Nairobi

BY BERNADETTE KHADULI (KNA)

The Government is constructing a kidney transplant and dialysis treatment facility in Nairobi, an institution set to relieve Kenyans the burden of seeking kidney treatment abroad.

The world class 4-storey East Africa Centre of Excellence in Nephrology and Urology (EAKI) facility, which is adjacent to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), will focus on kidney transplant surgery, dialysis, training and research.

Briefing a team from the National Government Development, Regional Implementation Coordination and Management Committee (NGD-RICMC) led by Nairobi Regional Commissioner Gilbert Kitiyo, who had toured the facility to inspect on-going works, the Project Manager Dr. Hossan Ajuk said the Level 6-B facility is expected to be complete by end of No-



East Africa Centre of Excellence (EAKI) in Nephrology and Urology facility Project Manager, Dr. Hossan Ajuk (L) showing Nairobi Regional Commissioner, Gilbert Kitiyo (C), Acting Head of Government Delivery Unit, Sitati Olando (3rd L) dialysis machines at the newly constructed Kidney Centre. PHOTO: ARON KINYAMASYO/KNA

vember this year.

Dr. Ajuk said the facility is among seven centres of excellence in the East Africa Community that are distributed in various countries to deal with non-communicable diseases that are a growing challenge in

the region.

"This institution will serve Kenyans and clients from the whole of the East Africa Community. The management will ensure that patients are not neglected and staff responds to patients very fast," he stated.



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Agricultural Development Corporation
P.O. Box 47101-00100 NAIROBI

or drop at Development House, 10th floor

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Note: Only shortlisted candidates and successful candidates will be contacted.

Kisumu partners with NSSF to put up a housing project worth Sh2.4 billion

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU AND MILTON ONYANGO (KNA)

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) is collaborating with the Kisumu County Government to construct 164 modern housing units at Milimani Estate at a cost of Sh2.4 billion.

The project which will encompass 102 two-bedroom units and 62 three-bedroom apartments with servant quarters (SQs) is expected to take nine months to complete and will employ the latest technology and design to construct homes that are ideal for the modern family.

The project comes complete key infrastructure improvements, including upgraded water and sewer systems, paved walkways, and enhanced security installations.

This comes also hot on the heels of another agreement the county recently signed with UN-Habitat to construct low-cost housing worth Sh2.7 billion in Kibuye and Muhoroni.

Speaking during the ground-breaking ceremony for the project in Milimani area, Kisumu County Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o said the project is part of a broader plan to regenerate old estates and transform Kisumu into a model modern city.

He noted that the ripple effect will be immediate and substantial because jobs will be created, opportunities for skilled artisans and even manual labour will be created and this should go to the people of Kisumu. The governor noted that suppliers too must be sourced from Kisumu.

"This project shows we can achieve great milestones through strategic partnerships. Developing this parcel of land creates an integrated community that will enhance the city's skyline and improve the quality of life for Kisumu residents, and we have streamlined our approval systems for various services such as water and sewer in a bid to streamline service delivery to the residents," Prof. Nyong'o



stated.

The Governor observed that project is part of the larger vision of a vibrant lake front with efficient infrastructure and thriving blue economy.

NSSF Managing Trustee and CEO Mr. David Koross on his part termed this project as a landmark of partnership.

He noted that Real estate and construction now account for over 14 per cent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), a testament to the power of strategic collaboration and the impact of devolution.

"This ceremony is much more than the start of a property development; it is a vibrant celebration of partnership, a living symbol of what is possible when government institutions join forces as true collaborators," Koross remarked.

He opined that this innovative agreement to exchange land as a way of resolving longstanding obligations goes beyond tradition, signaling a new era in how we approach development and public finance in Kenya and this milestone sets a precedent for other counties and

institutions to embrace creative, mutually beneficial solutions.

"This spirit of partnership is not unique to Kisumu, in Nairobi, NSSF investments have been instrumental in transforming cityscapes, generating employment opportunities, and spurring economic growth. Our vision now extends to counties across the nation, demonstrating each time that when we unite our efforts, the outcomes are far greater than what any single institution could achieve alone."

The CEO indicated that investment is at the heart of NSSF's mission and their commitment is to grow the Fund by continually seeking alternative investments that will deliver sustainable returns.

"When I joined the Fund two years ago, I set to grow the Fund's value to 600 billion shillings. I am proud to announce, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and that the Fund has just surpassed the Sh600 billion mark," said Koross.

The CEO pointed that the milestone so far achieved by NSSF is not just a number but reflects the dedication

of a united team, prudent stewardship, and a shared belief that the wealth of their members can, and must be grown through bold actions and sound governance.

"Our Plan charts a clear path forward: to grow the Fund by an additional 400B shillings during this cycle, to invest wisely, and to extend our reach to every Kenyan, whether urban or rural, formal or informal" divulged Koross. "What we are doing in Kisumu goes far beyond bricks and mortar, it is a beacon of progress. This ground-breaking signal that NSSF is truly "building Kenya," he added.

SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY (SEKU)

12TH GRADUATION CEREMONY ANNOUNCEMENT

South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU) is delighted to announce its **12th Graduation Ceremony**, which will be held on **Friday 31st October 2025**, at the Main Campus, Kwa Vonda, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The ceremony will celebrate the achievements of graduands who have successfully completed their studies in various programmes offered across the University's Schools and Campuses. The event will be presided over by the university chancellor.

GRADUATION FEES AND CLEARANCE

All prospective graduands are required to ensure that they have met all academic and financial obligation. Only those who have been cleared by their respective Schools and the Finance Department will be included in the graduation list.

THE GRADUATION FEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

AWARD	GRADUATION FEE (KSHS)
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Diploma	5,500
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ACADEMIC GOWNS AND REHEARSALS

Graduands are expected to collect academic gowns from their respective Schools beginning **Monday, 27th October 2025**, upon presentation of the official payment receipt. The gowns must be returned in good condition within **seven (7) days after the ceremony**.

Rehearsal for all graduands will take place on **Thursday, 30th October, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Main Campus graduation square. Attendance at the rehearsal is **mandatory** for all graduands who wish to participate in the ceremony.

SEKU warmly welcomes parents, guardians, alumni, friends, and the general public to join in celebrating this milestone in the University's journey of academic excellence and service to society.

For further details, visit the University website: www.seku.ac.ke

or contact:

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Or call, 0748605997/ 0758526947.

Government pushes for timely completion of Horn of Africa gateway project

BY NELLY KOSGEY (PCO)

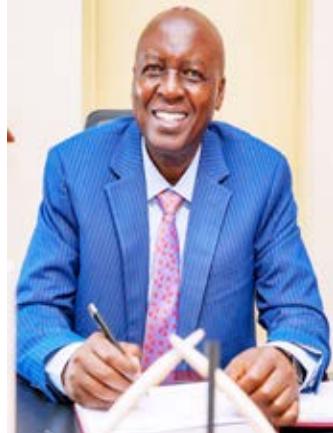
Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, has urged implementing agencies of the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP) to fast-track project delivery and strengthen cross-border cooperation.

The USD 750 million project, funded by the World Bank, is one of Kenya's largest infrastructure programmes, designed to enhance connectivity, regional trade, and economic growth across Northern Kenya and the wider Horn of Africa region.

Speaking during a quarterly review meeting at the Works Building in Nairobi, Eng. Mbugua emphasized the need for accelerated disbursements and visible results as the project approaches its June 2028 completion date. He noted that the initiative must deliver tangible benefits to communities in Northern Kenya.

"We must focus on high-impact interventions and ensure this project leaves a lasting legacy of growth, access, and opportunity across the Horn of Africa," said Eng. Mbugua.

He commended the multi-agency approach driving the project, noting that its in-



State Department for Roads, Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua

tegrated design is fostering progress in transport, digital infrastructure, and regional integration.

According to the latest review, the project's disbursement rate has risen to 32 percent (USD 253.5 million), up from 26 percent last quarter, signaling steady momentum.

Major achievements include ongoing road works along the Isiolo-Mandera corridor, completed designs for 1,000km of fibre optic cable, and awarded contracts for 395km of highways between Isiolo-Modogashe and Wajir-Elwak.

Senators call for expansion of Busia One-Stop Border Post

BY SALOME ALWANDA (KNA)

The Senate Committee on Trade has called for the expansion of the Busia One-Stop-Border Post (OSBP), to help reduce congestion and promote cross border trade.

Speaking after visiting the OSBP, Senators led by Kwale Senator, Issa Boy Juma, said the visit has provided an insight of the challenges experienced at the border post.

"We have met stakeholders and the users of the border point and they are complaining of bad roads, and being harassed from our neighbor's side. We cannot have better business here when we have a shallow road, we must expand it. The long queues experienced here slows down business." Juma underscored the need to have a modern parking yard that will accommodate more trailers, compared to the one available which has a capacity of only 40 trucks.

"We have been told by KRA that the land is available. We are going to ensure that a modern yard has been constructed to provide a better parking facility. We have a department that looks at the health issues at the border point, but we are also going to look at how we can better the departments, so that the counties at the borders



Senators holding a meeting with the stakeholders at the Busia One-Stop Border Point. They are calling for the expansion of the border post as well as upgrading of the facilities to enhance efficiency.

PHOTO: SALOME ALWANDA

across the country are not adversely affected during a pandemic outbreak," he said.

Uasin Gishu County Senator, Jackson Mandago, challenged the County Government to ensure they build facilities that will help them generate revenue from the border businesses.

"The County Government of Busia, should ensure they finish the trailer park, so that they can generate their own revenue. We should remember that the business at the border counties mostly involves many countries. We have the East African system and agreement on taxes that we should abide by as a nation. We cannot go beyond what we should collect. Our country is

the biggest beneficiary from the businesses conducted through this border," he said.

Nandi Senator, Samson Kiprotich Cheragey, said the infrastructure at the border point needs to be improved for better service delivery.

"The concerns we have witnessed include, a parking area which has a capacity of only 40 trucks. The waiting time for clearance is 30 minutes, something that should not be the case in this era. We have more than 22 agencies and this has caused delays in clearance and this is impeding free trade in Africa. We also hope there will be improvement in disease surveillance and control," he said.

Kiambu launches mapping of informal settlements to improve service delivery

BY ANDREW MWASARU (KNA)

The Kiambu County Government has embarked on a comprehensive mapping exercise of all informal settlements within the county as part of its commitment to enhancing data-driven planning and inclusive service delivery.

The initiative, under the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP) Phase 2 – Component 3: Institutional Capacity Development for Slum Upgrading – was officially launched when the County Directorate of Housing and Community Development welcomed a consultant tasked with implementing the project.

Julius Mwololo, Director of Housing and County KISIP Coordinator, led the county project coordination team in receiving the consultant.

The meeting set the stage for what officials described as a crucial step towards understanding the true extent and nature of informal settlements across Kiambu County.

The mapping exercise is expected to provide comprehensive data on the location, population, existing infrastructure, and service gaps in informal settlements throughout the county.

This information will be instrumental in formulating targeted interventions and ensuring that development planning addresses the needs of all residents, including those in underserved areas.

KISIP, the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project, is a government initiative, aimed at improving living conditions in informal settlements through infrastructure devel-

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Kiambu county officials attending the KISIP meeting.

opment, security of tenure, and capacity building for local authorities.

"Living conditions in informal settlements like ours have been challenging for years," said Mary Wanjiru, a resident of one of Kiambu's informal settlements.

"We lack proper roads, drainage systems, and sometimes even clean water. If this mapping exercise leads to real improvements in our living standards, it will be life-chang-

ing for our community. We hope the government will use this data to bring us the services we desperately need," she said.

John Kimani, a community leader in another informal settlement, expressed cautious optimism about the project.

"We have seen many surveys and assessments before, but the real question is implementation. We welcome this initiative and are ready to cooperate fully with the consultants.

However, we expect that after

the mapping is done, concrete action will follow. Our people need better housing, sanitation, and access to basic services," he said.

The county has assured residents that the mapping exercise will be conducted transparently and will involve community participation to ensure accuracy and inclusivity. The data collected will inform the county's urban planning strategies and resource allocation for slum upgrading programs.

State installs Sh40 billion LPG storage facility in Kitui

BY JOY MWANGANGI
AND DENNIS KITHUKA
(KNA)

The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum is installing a 40,000-metric-tonne ultra-modern Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage facility for use by Kitui County residents.

This was revealed yesterday by Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi during an inspection tour of Kitui Teachers Training College, where the LPG storage facility installation project is underway.

Speaking during the tour, Wandayi reiterated that the project aims to ensure that every household, school, and public institution across the vast Kitui County can easily access affordable and safe cooking gas.

"Affordability and accessibility are at the heart of our strategy. By building infrastructure and encouraging competition, we will lower prices and increase supply. This is how we plan to secure clean energy for all Kenyans while protecting our forests and environment," said Wandayi.

The Ministry of Energy and Petroleum is also set to distribute over 24,000 gas cylinders to the county residents across



Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum Mr Opiyo Wandayi (standing right) inspecting an ultra-modern Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) facility at Kitui Teachers Training College, in Kitui Township, Kitui County.

PHOTO: JOY MWANGANGI

all the county's eight constituencies. The CS, who was accompanied by a team of senior government officials from his ministry inspected ongoing preparation of clean energy exhibitions activities, as the country prepares to mark 'Energy Week' set to begin next week, starting on Monday 13 to Friday 17, to be held at the KTTC.

"The 'Energy Week' coincides with this year's Mashujaa Day Celebration theme, which is 'Clean Energy' and as well a curtain raiser for the Mashujaa Day Celebrations, that will also be held in Kitui county and presided

over by the president Dr William Ruto," the CS Opiyo Wandayi said.

During his visit, Wandayi said that his Ministry is jointly working with various agencies including Kenya Power and Lighting, (KPLC), KETRACO, Kenya Pipeline among others, who are also spearheading this year's Mashujaa Day Celebration, and working towards improving livelihoods of Kenyans.

"In courtesy of the Kenya Pipeline Company, Kitui Teachers Training College (KTTC), is now going to get an ultramodern water borehole that is solarized," Wandayi noted.

Gov't plans to include student leaders in security committees

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MYGOV)

The Government is considering incorporating student leaders, deans of students, and campus chief security officers into the county and sub-county security and intelligence committees to ensure that students' concerns are heard and addressed promptly.

According to Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo, the move is part of the government's broader plan to strengthen student participation in security structures and ensure that learning institutions remain safe spaces for all.

"We must include our student leaders in these structures so that we can identify issues in good time and intervene before problems escalate," he said, urging institutions to partner with the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) to facilitate regular countering violent extremism (CVE) dialogues.

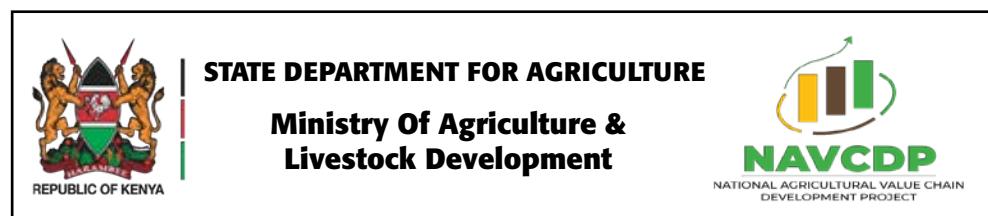
"Our goal is to create an ecosystem where learning thrives free from fear, manipulation, or harm. Security begins with awareness, partnership, and shared responsibility – and our students must be part of that equation."

"This is part of our broader effort to foster stronger partnerships between student leaders and security agencies,

and to create awareness on the role of the youth in promoting peace," the PS said.

Speaking when he chaired the Jukwaa La Wasomi series held at the University of Nairobi, Dr. Omollo noted that the Ministry has partnered with the Universities and Colleges Students' Peace Association of Kenya (UCSPA) to strengthen engagement between students and security agencies across the country.

He said, "We continue to organize bountiful meetings between student leaders and county security committees so that we can enhance youth peace and security both at the county level and nationally."



PREQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project- NAVCDP
Credit No.:	70640
Project ID:	P176758
Assignment Title:	Prequalification of Individual Consultants

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for prequalification of individual consultants.
2. The pre-qualification exercise includes shortlisting of individual consultants for different thematic areas.
3. The State Department for Agriculture ("the Client") now invites eligible consultants ("Consultants") to express/indicate their interest in the prequalification exercise of individual Consultants. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services in any one of the listed thematic areas.

category	Description	S/No.	Description
1	Credit Access and Financial Inclusion.	8	Agriculture Extension and Research
2	Social and Environmental Safeguards.	9	Urban food systems.
3	Agricultural Marketing and Agripreneurship	10	Digital Agriculture Development
4	Private Sector partnership in agriculture	11	Agriculture Policy Development and Regulations
5	Agriculture Value Chain Accelerators	12	Community Institution Development. (Credit & commodity cooperation)
6	Monitoring, Evaluation, reporting and Communication	13	Agriculture Infrastructure Development and Processing.
7	Farmer Led Irrigation Development	14	Agricultural processing

The shortlisting criteria are:

The Consultant /specialist should have the following minimum qualifications and experience

- A minimum of Master's Degree relevant to the field of interest as listed above and from Institution / University recognized in Kenya.
- A minimum of 5 years of general experience (working experience) in the field of interest.
- A minimum of 3 years of specific experience in related/specific field of interest.
- 4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's **"Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers"** First Published July 2016 and revised Fifth Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 5. A Consultant will be prequalified based on the above criteria.
- 6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 hours East African Time (EAT).

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- 7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form clearly indicating the category / categories applied for to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **28th October, 2025 at 1100 hours EAT.** The delivery by person must be deposited in the tender box clearly marked State Department for Agriculture located at Kilimo house main reception – Ground floor, Cathedral Road Nairobi, Kenya or delivery by e-mail must be sent to **info@navcdp.go.ke** and clearly marked "Prequalification of Individual Consultants:

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**Head Supply Chain Management
For: Principal Secretary**



Livestock farmers urged to adopt superior breeds to maximize profits

BY JOY MWANGANGI AND ISAAC WAMBUA (KNA)

Livestock farmers across the country have been urged to adopt improved, high-yielding breeds to unlock better market returns and boost Kenya's competitiveness in the global livestock trade.

Speaking in Kitui Town during the opening of a three-day training workshop on capacity building and market linkages for forward-based cooperatives, Principal Secretary for Livestock Development Jonathan Mueke emphasized that quality breeds and sound animal health practices are essential to transforming the sector into a commercially viable and resilient industry.

The PS also expressed concern over the exploitation of farmers by unscrupulous middlemen who purchase animals at throwaway prices, leaving producers with minimal profits.

He urged farmers to join livestock cooperative societies to strengthen their



bargaining power and access fair, reliable markets.

Mueke noted that most livestock marketing in Kenya remains frag-

mented and individually driven, limiting producers from leveraging economies of scale and consistent supply chains.

1. Principal Secretary for Livestock Development Jonathan Mueke addressing local livestock farmers during a three-day training held at the Kitui Agricultural Training Centre in Kitui Town.

2. Farmers from across Kitui County attending the workshop on cooperative strengthening and market linkages for goat and indigenous chicken meat.

PHOTO: JOY MWANGANGI

The workshop was organized by the State Department for Livestock Development through the National Livestock Development and Promotion Service (NLD&PS) and the DRIVE Project, in partnership with Strathmore University.

The PS explained that cooperatives offer farmers access to essential services such as training, improved breeds, affordable inputs, vaccines, and veterinary care. They also enable collective negotiation, aggregation, and better pricing for both local and export markets.

Kitui County is the second-largest producer of Galla goats and a leading source of indigenous chicken in Kenya yet; its livestock value chains remain underdeveloped and fragmented.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to uplifting livestock farmers through development, promotion, and trade facilitation of livestock and related products.

Mueke highlighted the pivotal role of the newly established NLD&PS in

coordinating breeding programmes, feedlot systems, trade services, and sector-wide aggregation.

He said the agency aligns livestock priorities with national development frameworks including Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), and Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2020 on National Livestock Policy.

The PS underscored that livestock contributes 12 percent to Kenya's GDP, 42 percent of agricultural GDP and employs over half of the agricultural labour force. It supports the livelihoods of more than 10 million households, especially in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs), which make up 80 percent of the country's landmass.

In these regions, over 60 percent of households depend primarily on livestock for food, income and social well-being.

Despite its importance, Mueke acknowledged that livestock marketing remains constrained by poor access, unorganized trading systems, and inefficient off-take practices.

AG rolls out free legal consultation services in Machakos County

BY ANNE KANGERO (KNA)

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has officially launched the first legal aid clinic in Machakos County to serve the less fortunate and provide free legal consultation to citizens while enhancing service delivery.

The launch was presided over by Solicitor General Shadrack Mose at the Attorney General's office in Machakos. He noted that State Counsel and support staff have been deployed to the clinic to offer free legal aid and consultation services to those who cannot afford or easily access legal assistance.



Shadrack Mose the Solicitor General after cutting a ribbon and launching the free Legal aid clinic at the Attorney General's office in Machakos.

"Our Constitution stands as a bold proclamation of the quality of human rights and justice, specifically Article 48 ensures that the state shall guarantee access to justice for all persons."

"It also brings life to the goal of the legal aid Act 2016 whose purpose is to provide free legal services to the vulnerable and marginalized," said the SG.

He disclosed about plans to ensure legal aid is spread to all counties and expressed confidence in the OAG in advancing the justice system where justice

is not only served in Nairobi and to citizens who are moneyed, but is spread equitably in all parts of Kenya as it aims to bring services closer to the people.

Mose emphasized on the goal of the legal aid in easing the backlog of court cases that have dragged for several years and with the launch of a legal aid office in every county, it would ensure cases have been resolved and provide alternative dispute resolutions that foster positive relationships and personal growth.

Mose highlighted that access to justice is not just a legal agenda, but a shared national commitment.

He noted that the services the legal aid clinic would be offering were land matters, succession issues, criminal matter, children matter, civil Litigation, public trustee and registration of societies among others.



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

No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date
GLOBAL FUND- KEN-M-TNT			
1.	GF ATM MAL GC7/OIT01/2025-2026	SUPPLY OF ANTI MALARIA MEDICINES	4th November, 2025 at 10.00am
2.	GF ATM MAL GC7/OIT02/2025-2026	SUPPLY OF MALARIA RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST KIT	4th November, 2025 at 10.00am

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

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2. Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge from website: <http://www.kemsa.go.ke/tenders> and PPIP Portal: tenders.go.ke. Tender Documents obtained electronically will be free of charge.
3. Tenderers must register their bid documents at the Procurement Office or via email at procurement.programs@kemsa.go.ke (Refer to registration form in the tender document) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
4. The bid documents must be deposited in the **Tender Box No.2 marked Global Fund** at the reception on the Ground floor- Office Block, KEMSA, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi on or before the **dates indicated in the table above**.
5. There will be a Pre bid conference at KEMSA's Tender Opening Hall, Office Block -Ground Floor, National Supply Chain Centre, Embakasi Off Airport North Road, Nairobi, Kenya on **23rd October, 2025 at 10:00am**.
6. Late bids shall be rejected and returned unopened.

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DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY AND BILL ON ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – VARIATION OF DATES AND VENUES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS

The Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service, through the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit (MMAU), and a Technical Working Committee, has developed the Draft National Policy and Bill on Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities. It has explored the demographic, economic, and socio-political dynamics among Kenya's ethnic groups to inform strategies for inclusive governance. The Policy and Bill seek to shift Kenya's development from historical exclusion to equitable inclusion, recognizing that sustainable growth and national cohesion depend on the full participation of all communities.

This aligns with the Kenya Kwanza Administration's transformative plan to Legislate on ethnic minorities and marginalized communities anchored in Articles 10, 56 and 260 of the Constitution.

In line with the constitutional imperative of ensuring wide consultation and public participation, the technical team invites institutions, organizations, and individuals to submit their comments on the **Draft of The National Policy and Bill on Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Communities, 2025**. The stated Policy and Bill have been hosted for public access on the website of the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service; <https://www.headofpublicservice.go.ke>. This includes the Template for Submission of Comments/ Memoranda. Comments and submissions can either be hand-delivered to the following address or sent to the email address provided hereunder:

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
THE MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED AFFAIRS UNIT**

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The call for written submissions on the prescribed template will run from the 21st October to 27th October, 2025.

Template for Submission of Comments/Memoranda

Members of the public are advised to submit either hard or soft copies of the Memoranda in the following format. The template below can be downloaded, filled and submitted via the email address provided or hand delivered at the address given.

DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES,2025

NAME OR INSTITUTION:

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GENERAL COMMENTS IF ANY

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GENERAL COMMENTS IF ANY

In addition to the above, the public is notified that the Technical Team will be holding county-based citizen engagement meetings at the venues and time indicated herein below. Participation by all stakeholders is encouraged including: Members of the public; National and County Government representatives; Private sector; Civil Society Organisations; Non-Governmental Organisations; Professional bodies; Persons with disabilities; Faith-based organisations; Women, the Youth and all other persons with a view on the proposed Draft Policy and Bill. **The venues and dates communicated in the earlier notice are hereby vacated.**

No.	Counties	Venue	Dates
1.	Mombasa	Tononoka Social Hall	21 st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kwale	CDF Hall-Mvindeni	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Taita Taveta	Deputy County Commissioner's Office-Mwatate	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
2.	Kilifi	Nidhamia Social Hall -Malindi	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Lamu	County Commissioner's Office-Mokowe	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Tana River	Hola Social Hall – Laza	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
3.	Garissa	County Commissioner's Office-Garissa	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Wajir	County Commissioner's Office -Wajir Town	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Mandera	County Commissioner's Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
4.	Marsabit	County Commissioner's Office Saku	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Isiolo	Isiolo Social Hall	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Meru	Meru Social Hall-Meru Town	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Tharaka Nithi	Marimanti CDF Social Hall-Marimanti	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
5.	Laikipia	Doldol Chief's Office	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
		Rumuruti Catholic Social Hall	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Samburu	County Commissioner's Office - Maralal	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
6.	Uasin-Gishu	Eldoret Municipal Hall	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Baringo	KEFRI Hall (Marigat)	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Elgeyo-Marakwet	County Commissioner's Office-Iten	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Trans-Nzoia	County Commissioner's Office-Kitale	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
7.	Nakuru	Regional Commissioners Office-Nakuru City	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Narok	County Commissioner's Office-Narok Town	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Nandi	County Commissioner's Office-Kapsabet Town	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kericho	Kericho Green Stadium (Kiprugut Chu-mo)	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
8.	Turkana	Loyopo Hall-Lodwar	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	West-Pokot	Mtelo Hall-Kapenguria	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
9.	Busia	County Commissioner's Office-Busia Town	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Bungoma	County Commissioner's Office-Bungoma Town	22nd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Vihiga	Tambua Divisional Headquarters Hall in Hamisi Sub-County, Vihiga County.	23rd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Kakamega	Regional Commissioner's Office - Kakamega	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
10.	Kisii	County Commissioner's Office-Kisii Town	21st October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Migori	Migori Teachers College	22nd October 2025 (9:00A.M-1:00 PM)
	Homabay	Deputy County Commissioner-Suba Central (Sindo)	23rd October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kisumu	Regional Commissioner's Office-Kisumu City	24th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
11.	Nairobi City	Kibra Social Hall	27th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kajiado	Maasai Training Technical Institute-Kajiado Town	27th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Makueni	Assistant County Commissioner's Office Kibwezi	27th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)
	Kiambu	County Commissioner's Office-Kiambu Town	27th October 2025 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 PM)

Dated the 14th Day of October, 2025

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Mombasa Kwa-Jomvu Interchange set to open soon, discloses KeNHA

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

It is a relief for motorists and travelers along the busy Mombasa-Kwa Jomvu highway as construction of the long-stalled Kwa Jomvu Interchange nears completion.

The 900-meter interchange, which had been delayed for more than eight years due to land compensation disputes, is now 95 percent complete.

The National Land Commission (NLC) was allocated Sh5.2 billion to compensate Project-Affected Persons (PAPs), clearing the way for the resumption of works at the Jomvu Kuu junction, where progress had been halted.

The interchange marks the final phase of the Sh11 billion Mombasa-Kwa Jomvu dual carriageway project, which began in 2017 with funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The project entails reconstruction of the existing pavement using Continuous Reinforced

Concrete Pavement (CRCP) and Stone Mastic Asphalt Concrete (SMA), construction of three new interchanges with overpasses and underpasses, and expansion of the existing two- and four-lane sections into a six-lane dual carriageway.

"We expect that in the next two weeks, the contractor will open up this area for vehicles to use temporarily for secondary compaction to improve density before the blacktop surface is laid," stated KeNHA Coast Region Director, Eng. Simon Omuono.

He added that the securitization of the Road Maintenance Levy Fund had provided the government with resources to compensate PAPs, paving the way for project completion.

"The importance of this road in facilitating trade cannot be gainsaid. It forms part of the Northern Corridor, easing cargo movement from the Port of Mombasa and boosting regional and domestic trade. It also enhances tourism, enabling faster travel to and from the Coast,"



Construction going on at the Kwa Jomvu Interchange, whose works were delayed due to land compensation challenges. The interchange is now 95 per cent complete. PHOTO BY SADIK HASSAN

explained Eng. Omuono.

The resumption of work has created employment for the local youth and one Gregory Ogweno, a trader, says the completion of the road will significantly improve their businesses.

Motorists urged KeNHA to ensure the road is completed on time to open up the area which currently experiences traffic gridlock. Meanwhile, the construction of the 30.4-kilometre Mombasa Port Access Road project, which starts at the Kwa Jomvu interchange and goes up to the Mariakani weighbridge, is rapidly taking shape

KeNHA rolls out 'Safari Salama' campaign to curb road accidents, promote wellness



From Left: NTSA South Nyanza Regional Manager Adan Adow, Go Beyond Limited Managing Director Damaryce Mbira, Richard Shigali County Traffic Officer, KeNHA Regional Director Eng. Julius Mak'Odero and Cleophas Juma, Homa Bay County Base Commander during the launch of Safari Salama campaign in Homa Bay.

BY SITNA OMAR (KNA)

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) has launched a campaign dubbed "Safari Salama" aimed at promoting road safety and mental health awareness among road

users. Speaking during the launch of the campaign in Homa Bay, KeNHA Regional Director Eng. Julius Mak'Odero emphasized the need for the public to take responsibility for both their mental wellbeing and safety while using the roads. "This ini-

tiative is part of our commitment to ensuring safe journeys and saving lives. Road safety goes beyond infrastructure, it involves addressing behavioural challenges and mental health issues that affect road users," said Eng. Mak'Odero. He noted

that KeNHA is conducting road safety audits and identifying conflict zones and danger spots to enhance user safety. The authority is also incorporating features for non-motorized traffic such as footpaths, service lanes and pedestrian crossings in its designs to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

"In Homa Bay, we are constructing a five-kilometre dual carriageway from Got Rabuor to Kona-Kodoyo, which will include two lanes on either side, pedestrian walkways, street lighting, and safe crossings. This is about ensuring physical safety for all road users," he added.

The engineer reiterated that KeNHA intends to roll out the campaign across the country as part of its broader mission to ensure safe roads and promote the wellbeing of all Kenyans.

It brought together key stakeholders, including the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), Kenya Red Cross, Go Beyond Limited, the National Police Service and the boda boda community.

NTSA South Nyanza Regional Manager Adan Adow highlighted the growing concern over road accidents, noting that 4,748 fatalities were recorded in 2024, with between 10,000

and 12,000 people sustaining injuries. "These figures could be higher because some cases go unreported. Over 80 percent of road crashes are caused by human error, not mechanical failure or poor road design.

We must therefore change our mindset and take collective responsibility for road safety," said Adow. Kenya Red Cross County Coordinator Sanya Henry echoed the connection between mental health and road safety, saying one's state of mind determines how quickly they respond to road situations.

"Stress, depression and intoxication impair judgment and decision-making, increasing the risk of accidents," he said.

Go Beyond Limited Managing Director Damaryce Mbira also called for a mindset shift among road users, adding that mindset shift and behavioural change are directly linked to mental wellness.

She said her organization is partnering with various stakeholders through communication and public engagement strategies to promote behavioural change. "Through Safe Mind, Safe Spaces project, we are promoting Safari Salama for mental wellness as a foundation for safer roads," Mbira explained.

Kenya recognized for advancement in technology at APSCA Awards

BY ANTHONY NYONGESA
(KNA)

Kenya has been recognized for its outstanding technological advancements and commitment to improving public service delivery and road safety at the annual Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards (APSCA) held on Thursday evening in Cape Town.

“Less human interaction between clients and our staff not only enhances efficiency but also reduces opportunities for compromise and corruption—ultimately leading to citizen centric service delivery as well as increased revenue for the government,” Mr. Njao stated in his acceptance speech.

The awards underscore Kenya’s growing reputation as a regional leader in leveraging technology to improve governance and deliver impactful public services.

Last year, NTSA was awarded by the President for digitizing its services and being one of the most sort after institutions on the eCitizen platform. The Authority received the Award under the All-Time Highest Transaction in the Corporate Category trouncing hundreds of parastatals.

NTSA is a trailblazer in digitizing over 30 services by making all its services conveniently available online it has enhanced the transport sector regulatory environment,” it was announced as the DG George Njao received the presidential recognition during eCitizen’s first anniversary after all public institutions were directed to move to the platform.

Unlike in previous years, where long queues could be experienced at NTSA offices, things have changed. They only walk in with an appointment to collect the documents or for a given service. Kenyans can now apply and get their services from NTSA at the press of a button of their laptops or smart mobile phones. The said services include applications for motor vehicle transfer, inspection, RSL and PSV applications. The modernized motor vehicle inspection (MVI) centers and Driver Testing Units (DTU) are also rolling out.



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND THE MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET

The Government of the Republic of Kenya initiated the process of development of Budget for the FY 2026/2027. The Process is anchored in the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Specifically, Article 201 (a) of the Constitution which reiterates the need for openness, accountability and public participation in financial matters.

The State Department for the Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs and its SAGAs developed the draft budget requirements for the GJOS Sub Sector for FY 2026/2027 and the medium-term. The subsector identified priorities under the Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs Programmes.

The key outputs and proposed budget allocations are contained in the Programme Based Budget (PBB) Programme Based Budget (PBB) and Sub Sector Report (SSR) Report for the Financial years 2026/2027 - 2028/2029. The report can be accessed through the Website (www.statelaw.go.ke).

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs is calling for public views on the budget proposals from members of the general public and stakeholders. Your views/memoranda may be emailed through ps@ag.go.ke. By 21st October 2025.

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FOR A NATION FREE FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR: 2025-2026

National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) invites eligible and interested candidates in the various listed categories for registration under goods, works, and services for the Financial Year 2025-2026.

This registration process is open to all interested and qualified firms wishing to be considered for the supply of goods, provision of services, or execution of works on an as-and-when-required basis.

CATEGORIES		
Category No.	Tender Description	Eligibility
A.	Hiring Services for Tents and Conference Chairs	Open
B.	Supply and Delivery of Office Stationery and Supplies	Open
C.	Supply and Delivery of Office Stationery and Supplies	Youth
D.	Supply and Delivery of Branded Merchandise, IEC material, Uniforms and Garments	Youth
E.	Provision of Conference Services in Nairobi, Naivasha, Machakos and Mombasa	Open
F.	Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture and Equipment	Youth
G.	Provision of Insurance Service for Authority's Assets	Open
H.	Supply and Delivery of Computer Hardware and ICT related items	Open
I.	Supply and Delivery of Computer Hardware and ICT related items	Youth
J.	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Network Equipment and Firewall Securities	Women
K.	Provision of Publishing and Printing Services	Open
L.	Supply and Delivery of Cleaning and Detergent Material	Open
M.	Supply and Delivery of domestic Utensil, Appliances and Clothing Materials	Open
N.	Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Equipment	Open
O.	Provision of Plumbing and Piping Works	Youth
P.	Supply, Delivery and Installation of CCTV	Youth
Q.	Supply, Delivery and Installation of CCTV and Solar Devices	PWD
R.	Supply and Delivery of Water Storage Tanks	Youth
S.	Supply and Delivery of Motor Vehicle Tyres	Open
T.	Repair and Maintenance of Motor Vehicle Services	Open
U.	Repair and Maintenance of office Furniture and Equipment	Open
V.	Repair and Maintenance of Computers and ICT Equipment	Open

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Interested applicants are required to provide copies of the following documents accompanied by an application letter for each category, clearly indicating the Category No. applied in the reference. The mandatory documents are:

- i. Evidence of Registration on the Electronic Government Procurement (EGP) platform.
- ii. Copy of Certificate of Registration / Incorporation
- iii. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate/ Tax Exemption certificate
- iv. KRA PIN Certificate
- v. CR 12 Certificate for limited Companies and CR13 for Sole proprietor firms
- vi. Valid AGPO Certificate for tenders under Youth, Women or PWD
- vii. Current Single Business Permit
- viii. Copies of Identification card (ID) or passport for the Directors as it is on CR12/ CR13.
- ix. NCA Certificate and practicing License for Category No. O.
- x. Valid ICT Authority certification category for End User Computing Devices for Category No. H & I
- xi. Valid ICT Authority certification category for ICT Networking for Category No. J
- xii. Letter of registration with State Department of Transport- Mechanical Department as authorized to operate motor vehicle garage for Category No. T

Interested applicants shall submit their applications for registration in a sealed envelope clearly indicating the category number.

The Chief Executive Officer
National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse
P.O Box 10774-00100 Nairobi

Or

Deliver the application to Supply Chain Management Office located at NSSF Building, Block A, 18th floor, Western Wing, Bishop Road.

The application should be received on or before **Thursday, 23rd October 2025 at 4.00PM**. Opening will be immediately thereafter. Late Submission of the applications will be considered as continuous registration as per section 71 of the Act, which will be accepted after the opening and kept for consideration in the subsequent opening that will be done after seven days from the date of previous opening.

N/B Applicants must clearly indicate the category number for which they seek registration on the Reference line on the application letter

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NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION OF KENYA PIPELINE COMPANY (KPC) LIMITED

Privatization Commission is a body corporate established under the Privatization Act, 2005 to implement Kenya's Privatization Programme.

Following the approval of the Privatization Method for the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) Limited (hereinafter referred to as the Company) by the Cabinet, the subsequent tabling of the requisite Report in the form of a Sessional Paper before the National Assembly by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, and the approval thereof by the National Assembly on 1st October 2025, and in accordance with the provisions of **Section 30** of the **Privatization Act, 2005**, the Privatization Commission hereby gives notice of the approved transaction.

Rationale for the privatization

The key objectives for the privatization of the company are as follows:

- (i) Presents a strategic opportunity to unlock the company's full potential while ensuring broad national benefits;
- (ii) Is to enable the government raise funds budgeted for the 2025/2026 budget required to implement economic and social objectives;
- (iii) Will empower ordinary Kenyans to own a stake in one of the country's profitable and strategic enterprises, promote inclusive economic growth and strengthen transparency and corporate governance through stock exchange listing and regulatory oversight;
- (iv) Will enhance operational efficiency and innovation;
- (v) Proceeds from the transaction will support critical development priorities, reduce reliance on borrowing and deepen Kenya's capital market; and
- (vi) Balances economic empowerment, national interest, and institutional modernization in a manner that will benefit both the public and the economy at large.

Brief Profile of the Company Approved for Privatization: -

The Company was incorporated on 6th September 1973 under the Companies Act (Cap 486) and started commercial operations in 1978. KPC's core business is to safely and efficiently transport Motor Spirit Premium (MSP), Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), Jet A-1, and Illuminating Kerosene (IK). As such, KPC plays a critical role in fostering development and growth in the region by ensuring a sufficient and reliable supply of petroleum products. Apart from the domestic market, the pipeline system serves the neighbouring countries of Uganda, Rwanda, the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Northern Tanzania, Burundi, and Southern Sudan.

The company is currently wholly owned by the Government of Kenya (GoK), with 99.9% shareholding held by the National Treasury and 0.1% by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.

Approved Privatization Method

In compliance with **Section 25** of the **Privatization Act, 2005**, the National Assembly has approved the privatization of Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) Limited through an **Initial Public Offering (IPO)** of shares on the **Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)**.

The expected closing date for the transaction is **31st March 2026**

Faisal Abass
Chairman
Privatization Commission

State orders major audit of KTDA factories amid low bonus complaints

BY DOMINIC CHERES AND HILLARY KEMEI (KNA)

The Government has announced plans to conduct a comprehensive audit of all Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) factories to determine how farmers' funds are being utilized.

Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Dr. Kipronoh

Ronoh, said the audit will be carried out through the Tea Board of Kenya following widespread complaints from farmers over this year's low bonus payments.

Speaking at the Kericho Technical Training Institute (TTI), Dr. Ronoh assured tea farmers that the government remains committed to safeguard-



Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh (middle) addressing the press at the Kericho Technical Training Institute. PHOTO: HILLARY KEMEI

ing their interests and promoting transparency in the management of the tea sector.

"As the national government, we have put in place several programmes to support tea farmers. Through these initiatives, by 2032 we project to sell tea at Sh100 per kilo," he added.

The PS noted that the government had already reclaimed the money amounting to Sh2.7 billion, that had earlier been lost through unclear transactions and released to farmers through KTDA.

He also revealed that Sh2 billion was refunded to farmers for fertilizer, and another Sh3.7 billion were issued recently, to improve tea factory operations.

However, PS Ronoh noted that despite the government's ongoing interventions, challenges continue to persist in the management of KTDA factories, as he expressed concern over the conduct of some factory directors, particularly in the West Rift region, who reportedly held over 165 meetings in a single year.

Gov't seeks global funding to remove asbestos roofing

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI (KNA)

The government is seeking tens of millions of shillings from international financiers, including the World Bank and the European Union, to facilitate the safe removal of harmful asbestos (pictured) roofing from public housing units across the country.

This follows a recent Cabinet decision approving the removal of decades old and cancer-linked asbestos materials from government housing.

The ageing roofs, widely used in construction from the 1960s through to the 1990s, will be replaced with modern, environmentally friendly materials as part of the government's broader green housing initiative.

Principal Secretary for Housing, Charles Hinga, said the exercise requires substantial funding and specialised expertise, making international support essential.

"The removal of cancer-linked asbestos roofs demands significant resources and highly specialised handling procedures and we are engaging international partners such as the World Bank and the European Union to support this national health and safety effort," said Hinga.

According to the PS, his docket has more than 120,000 housing units across the country which contain asbestos roofing, posing long-term health risks to residents and construction workers if not handled properly.

According to recent



asbestos exposure has been globally linked to diseases such as lung cancer and mesothelioma.

Speaking on Friday in Naivasha during a tree-planting exercise at Naivasha Boarding Primary School, Hinga reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing affordable, safe, and sustainable housing for all Kenyans.

He noted that over 257,000 housing units are currently under construction nationwide, employing more than 300,000 Kenyans daily under the Affordable Housing Programme (SDGs).

During the tree-planting event, the PS led students and government officials in planting over 1,000 trees, underscoring the government's broader climate resilience agenda.

He lauded President William Ruto's directive to establish 300 tree nursery sites across the country, supported by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS).

These nurseries, Hinga said will contribute to the government's ambitious plan to grow 15 billion trees by 2032, aimed at restoring degraded landscapes, enhancing biodiversity, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

"Climate change is a real and urgent threat and we have witnessed its devastating impact through prolonged droughts, floods, and the loss of lives and livelihoods", said the PS.

NOTICE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION				
Name	Party Colours	Party Symbol	Slogan	Founder Members
National People's Voice (NPV)	Grey, Blue and Gold	A voice icon from a person 	Our Voice, Our Strength	1. Ocharo Shem 2. Ann Wanjiru Mwangi 3. Joan Mbodze Ziro 4. Bosco Mutegi Kiura 5. Edwin Chesiro Chemoiywo 6. Jeremiah Nyakundi 7. Job Orina Otachi
National Restoration Movement (NRM)	Light Green, Red, White and Yellow	Remote 	Upendo na Amani	1. Sarah Abdulahi Ilmi Bodle 2. Collis Nyatichi Mogire 3. Duncan Bosire Paul
People's Renaissance Movement (PM)	Deep Blue, Bright Red and White	Hummingbird 	The Change We Need	1. Doufold Ndenga Livanze Odanga 2. Margaret Sesi 3. Bervaline Akoth Ogaga 4. Sarabhai Emmanuel 5. Paul Mutungi Kalungu
Freedom and Opportunity Party (FOP)	Turquoise green, navy blue, red	Compass 	Together we rise, together we prosper	1. Dean Anindo 2. Emily Misheni 3. Maureen Ndirangu 4. Richard Mathai 5. Lucia Loko 6. Job Munene 7. Jacob Bwana
Prosperity Alliance Party (PALL)	Ultramarine blue, cherry red, black	Switch 	Uongozi wa Maendeleo	1. Catherine Cheptoo Matingwony 2. Margaret Mwende Ngundo 3. Brian Warui Wangechi 4. Kipkirui Ronoh

Particulars of the above-listed proposed political parties have been provided on the ORPP website www.orpp.or.ke.

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

Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP),
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Nairobi. Email: info@orpp.or.ke / registration@orpp.or.ke

Sophia Sitiati
Ag. Registrar of Political Parties

Mudavadi urges counties to boost own revenues to avoid reliance on treasury

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

The Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, has challenged county governments to focus more on raising their own revenue instead of relying entirely on allocations from the national government.

Speaking in Busia during the launch of a capacity-building program for county governments on economic planning, Mudavadi emphasized that the true strength of devolution will be realized when counties harness locally available revenue streams to fund the majority of their operations.

"Several counties have abandoned efforts to grow their own sources of revenue and are becoming totally dependent on the national share. Data shows that in some counties, the revenue collected is even less than what was being collected during the days of local councils. Those figures point to serious laxities that need to be addressed," he said.

On border counties, the CS called for a review of the budgeting model for counties that share borders with Uganda. "Uganda is our largest trading partner, yet Busia and other bordering counties benefit least

from the revenues generated from that partnership. We need to explore ways to ensure that people living along the border also benefit from these revenues," he said.

Mudavadi also urged county governments to maintain accurate resource management records, including those relating to land tenure systems.

"Ensure there is clarity on the lease period between an investor who wants to set up a company and the time taken to grant the necessary clearances. Let's create an enabling environment that attracts investors to our counties rather than being hostile to them," he said.

Vihiga County Senator, Godfrey Osotsi, said that the disbursement of funds from the national government to the county government have caused delays in development in counties.

"We want county governments to be receiving their funds on every 15th day of the month. Sometimes we have witnessed delays up to 3 to 4 months and this is what is causing pending bills and derailing the development plans in our counties," Osotsi lamented.

Osotsi asked the National treasury to ensure it disburses the funds on time to the counties.

"We want the national treasury to ensure that if there are delays, they should not go beyond one month so that the counties can be able to plan for their projects and finance their projects well. Borrowing of loans to sustain itself has caused counties to spend much interest in repayments of the loans," he said.

He lamented that the pending bills had been a result of poor planning, calling for budgetary discipline to ensure the issue is dissolved,

"If we have budgetary discipline in our counties, we will not have pending bills in future. We need to address the issue of budget control in our counties. We are also calling on the office of the controller of budget to ensure that their system is able to process requests on time so that counties can use the money," he said

Osotsi at the same time challenged members of county assemblies to be more proactive in overseeing their own source of revenue targets.

Nairobi Senator, Edwin Sifuna, urged the national government to follow the disbursement schedules that are passed by the senate.

"The national government has not been fully following the disbursement schedule for the rev-



The Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign & Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, speaking during the launch of capacity building for county governments on Economic Planning in Busia.

enue to the county government. Sometimes counties have gone 3 months without receiving their disbursement and this has caused a challenge for the counties to conduct their businesses

resulting to many pending bills to counties." he said

Sifuna further stated that the government should prioritize the counties on revenue to promote devolution.

"We have seen the national government prioritizing its projects. But if we really mean to protect and promote devolution, let the county government be given the priority when it comes to revenue distribution," he said.

If we have budgetary discipline in our counties, we will not have pending bills in future.

Government secures private partner to revitalize Rivatex

BY FREDRICK MARITIM AND EKUWAM SYLVESTER (KNA)

The Government has officially onboarded Arise Integrated Industrial Platforms (Arise IIP) as the new strategic partner to manage Rivatex East Africa Limited under a 21-year lease agreement.

Speaking to the media at Rivatex in Eldoret, State Department for Industry Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana said the decision followed a transparent international tendering process that began in February this year.

Dr. Mukhwana confirmed that Arise IIP emerged as the most qualified bidder to operate the factory on behalf of the government, assuring Kenyans that the textile firm remains fully state-owned.

"This is a lease, not a sale. Rivatex remains government property," he said, adding, "The factory will be operated efficiently by a private investor, who will pay rent and share profits with the government. All liabilities, including pending

staff salaries and benefits, have been settled, and all employees have been paid up to October."

The PS explained that Rivatex had been operating at below 10 percent capacity before its closure, resulting in losses due to inefficiencies and challenges in sourcing raw materials.

He expressed optimism that the partnership would revitalize the factory, create jobs, and strengthen the textile industry.

"The government invested close to Sh7 billion in this facility. Through this new partnership, we expect Rivatex to reach its full potential and support thousands of livelihoods," he said.

On his part, Rivatex Chairman Dr. Cleophas Lagat reiterated that the tendering process was open, transparent and in full compliance with procurement laws.

"We advertised widely in both local and international newspapers. All procurement procedures were followed and there were no shortcuts. We also conducted public participation in various cotton-growing re-



Industry PS Dr. Juma Mukhwana (center), accompanied by Arise IIP Kenya Chief Executive Officer George Olaka (left) and Rivatex Chairman Dr. Cleophas Lagat (right), addressing the media at Rivatex in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County. PHOTO: EKUWAM SYLVESTER

gions, including Busia, Kisumu and Eldoret, to ensure that all stakeholders were involved," said Dr. Lagat.

He reaffirmed that Rivatex remains 100 percent government-owned, noting that the partnership will enhance transparency and accountability while strengthening the cotton value chain.

"This facility will continue to serve as a national textile industry. Cotton farmers will now have a reliable market, which will help them support their families and improve their livelihoods," he added.

Arise IIP Kenya Chief Executive Officer George Olaka

described the partnership as a milestone in Kenya's industrial transformation, saying the company's goal is to restore Rivatex to full productivity and beyond.

"Rivatex is not being sold or privatized, it remains a Kenyan asset. What changes is the opportunity to breathe new life into a national treasure through private sector efficiency and

Over the next three years, we will invest in modernization and capacity expansion

operational excellence," said Olaka. He affirmed that Arise IIP, which operates similar facilities across Africa, will work closely with the government to modernize Rivatex, rehire and retrain former employees and strengthen linkages with cotton farmers.

"Over the next three years, we will invest in modernization and capacity expansion and plan to build a 200-tonne-per-day integrated textile plant in Kenya," he said, adding that at full operation, Rivatex will directly and indirectly support about 5,000 jobs across the cotton-growing regions.

Olaka added that the partnership will be guided by transparency, accountability and independent audits, emphasizing that Arise IIP's role is to partner, perform and demonstrate that public-private collaboration can deliver true transformation.

He noted that the partnership is not transactional but transformational, reaffirming that Rivatex is not closing down but rising again.

In terms of staffing, Rivatex had a total of 625 employees at the beginning of the year, comprising both contract and permanent staff. By August, contracts for 347 employees had expired, leaving 278 permanent and pensionable staff.

Treasury's new programme to train counties on evidence-based planning and resource allocation

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI (KNA)

The National Treasury has launched a comprehensive capacity-building programme aimed at equipping county governments with essential skills in economic planning, to enhance coordination and integration between county and national development plans.

Speaking during the launch in Busia, Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi said the initiative is part of ongoing reforms to ensure an evidence-based and harmonized approach to national development. He emphasized the importance of strengthening linkages between the two levels of government to promote efficient resource allocation and implementation.

"We want to correct the planning process to achieve integrated plans between county and national levels. We need an evidence-based balance, and this cannot be achieved without clear and accurate planning," Mbadi stated. "We must train our officers in data capture and ensure that monitoring and evaluation frameworks are in place to guarantee value for money in public spending."

The CS noted that the Treasury is transitioning from a system dominated by the public sector to one that strategically facilitates and encourages private sector participation. "This is a necessity. With rapid urban growth and rising financial constraints, we must adopt alternative strategies. Infrastructure provision must now be a shared responsibility—a genuine partnership between the public and private sectors," he said.

Mbadi highlighted the lack of



Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi speaking during the launch of the capacity building programme for county governments on economic planning in Busia.

standardized investment conditions across counties as a major impediment to attracting private partnerships.

"This inconsistency creates uncertainty and discourages project financing. We are therefore proposing an efficient, standardized negotiation framework integrated into the planning approval process to diversify infrastructure delivery methods," he added.

According to the CS, the goal

of the proposed integrated planning approval system is to create a predictable, transparent, and equitable framework for infrastructure cost distribution, which in turn will attract private investors. "The role of the private sector is no longer supplementary. It is central to enhancing efficiency, accelerating project delivery, and improving community living standards," he emphasized.

Mbadi further called on

county governments to embrace privatization models that can bring financial relief and operational efficiency.

We must train our officers in data capture and ensure that monitoring and evaluation frameworks are in place

"The current national financial system is failing our continent. Private capital remains largely inaccessible for transformational projects, our domestic financial markets are underdeveloped, and sovereign debt levels are unsustainable for many countries," he observed.

He underscored the need for catalytic interventions to unlock private investments, particularly in emerging sectors such as the green economy. "Energy transition presents a major opportunity for large-scale private investment. We must also promote adaptive finance models that reduce dependence on public funds, support small and growing businesses to create jobs, stimulate innovation, and ensure sustainable debt management to address the high cost of capital," said Mbadi.

The CS also emphasized the development of new carbon markets as a key strategy to build sustainable revenue models. "We must develop innovative financing approaches to strengthen our resilience and create long-term economic sustainability," he added.

Busia County Deputy Governor Arthur Odera lauded the initiative and called for simplification of planning frameworks to ensure inclusivity and better understanding at all levels. "We need accurate data and more skills at the grassroots to enable counties to plan effectively. Our plans must be meaningful and accessible to people who are not economists," he said.

The programme, spearheaded by the Treasury, is expected to be rolled out in all 47 counties as part of a broader agenda to enhance fiscal responsibility, promote accountability, and drive inclusive development.

Gov't calls for investment in drylands, terms them national strategic assets

BY NAIF RASHID AND DARLENE KURIA (KNA)

The Government has called for increased investment to build resilience and inclusivity in pastoralist and dryland communities, urging policymakers and development partners to view these regions as national assets rather than marginalized areas. Principal Secretary for the State Department of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, Kello Harsama, emphasized that Kenya's drylands remain central to the country's growth.

"Kenya's ASALs cover 80 percent of our landmass, support millions of livelihoods, and are home to rich cultures and ecosystems. These landscapes are not marginal; they are strategic national assets," Harsama said. In a speech read on his behalf by Acting Secretary in the State



Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, speaking during the forum on pastoralism and resilience in Nairobi. Photo by Naif Rashid.

Department for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, Ambrose Lorre during a forum on pastoralism and resilience in Nairobi, Harsama explained that pastoralism, rooted in dryland communities, is a dynamic and forward-looking system contributing significantly to food security, economic growth and ecological balance.

He noted that last year's pastoralist policy dialogue in Wajir marked a turning point in Kenya's approach, with bold commitments made on restoring rangelands, safeguarding pastoralist values and addressing land degradation.

"This forum is not just another meeting in a city hotel, but a platform for deep reflection, collaboration and co-creation of solutions that are locally-led and globally relevant," he said, adding that its outcomes will align with global discussions such as the 2026 International Year of Drylands and Pastoralism and the UNCCD COP17 in

Mozambique. Harsama urged participants to ensure no community is left behind and no rangeland lost to degradation, stressing that inclusive dryland investment remains a government priority under the Sectoral Policy Framework.

The PS further suggested that future meetings should be held in locations of pastoralist communities rather than in capital cities. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, underscored the importance of shifting perceptions about pastoralist communities.

"For IGAD, pastoralism is central because much of our landmass is arid or semi-arid. These regions are where peace, security and regional integration converge," said Ware.

He challenged governments and partners to change the narrative from viewing pastoralists as marginalized or conflict-prone to recognizing them as resilient and resourceful.

The 15-billion trees initiative on course

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

The Government has stepped-up efforts to ensure achievement of the 15 billion Trees Initiative by 2032.

Speaking at Kabuyefwe Comprehensive School in Trans Nzoia County where she led residents to commemorate Mazingira Day, Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Deborah Barasa, exuded optimism the Initiative will be at the end be achieved, as she revealed 1.06 billion trees have so far been planted across the country in the last two years.

Drawing a comparison to what was achieved by the previous regime in five years where 38 million trees were planted, Dr. Barasa stressed commitment of the government to ensure realization of the dream, adding that the efforts invested are so far yielding desired results.

As she rallied for public support to help combat effects of climate change, Dr. Barasa said the 15 Billion Trees Initiative would be easily achieved, if all Kenyans were to embrace and support climate change mitigation measures.

"Going by what has so far



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Deborah Barasa (Left), leads Trans Nzoia residents to commemorate Mazingira Day at Kabuyefwe Comprehensive School. On the right is Kiminini Legislator, Maurice Kakai Bisau.

been achieved, as a government, we are optimistic by the year 2032, 15 Billion trees would have been planted. Let Kenyans whom we recognize as a key pillar in this town and support the drive, as it will ensure money in

their pockets and a healthy environment", she said.

Meanwhile, under Integrated Natural Resource Program, the CS revealed the national government has set aside Sh33.8 billion to help forest conserva-

tion in ten counties across the country, Trans Nzoia County included.

Prior to the exercise, Dr. Barasa revealed that more than a hundred thousand fruit tree seedlings had been given out to

672 schools across Trans Nzoia for planting.

Her sentiments were echoed by the Principal Secretary (PS), State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, who said realization of the 15 Billion Trees drive, would be a game changer in mitigation of the effects of climate change, which she said is a reality.

Urging residents to support government programmes tailored to benefit the public, for example reforms in the health sector, Dr. Imbunya urged Kenyans to ignore critics whom she said, are hell bend to see the government fail.

As she urged leaders to unite for the good of the public, Dr. Imbunya stressed that it's only when leaders are united that meaningful development can be realized.

Present during the function were Kenya's Permanent Representative to UN Habitat, Susan Nakhumicha, Legislators Robert Pukose (Endebess), Ferdinand Wanyonyi (Kwanza), Maurice Kakai Bisau (Kiminini), KEBS Chairperson Chrisanthus Wamalwa, Trans Nzoia County Commissioner Gideon Oyagi among others.

Ministry waives land rates on settlement scheme



Principal Secretary for Lands and Physical Planning, Generali Nixon Korir, shares a moment with Laikipia North MP, Sarah Korere, during a public baraza at Posta Centre, Laikipia North.

BY CATHERINE MUINDI (KNA)

The Government has waived accrued interest on land allocation charges for the Suguta Ex P&D and Luoniek Settlement Schemes in Laikipia County, offering relief to hundreds of residents who were struggling with outstanding land-related debts.

Principal Secretary for Lands and Physical Planning, Generali Nixon Korir, made the announcement during a public baraza at Posta Centre in Laikipia North.

He stated that the waiver had been approved by H.E. President William Samoei Ruto as part of the

Government's broader commitment to addressing historical land injustices and unlocking land ownership for communities.

Korir emphasized that a technical committee will soon be formed to resolve long-standing land disputes in the region, particularly cases involving land irregularly acquired by cartels.

"I assure you, all land that was taken by cartels without your knowledge will be returned to its rightful owners. The Government is determined to restore justice and dignity to affected families," said Korir.

He commended the

President for fostering peace in Laikipia, a region previously plagued by frequent land and resource-based conflicts.

The PS also encouraged residents to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to access affordable and improved healthcare services.

Laikipia North MP, Sarah Korere, welcomed the announcement, noting that the technical committee would play a crucial role in fast-tracking land adjudication and ensuring that community members secure valid ownership documents.

She said the waiver would ease the burden on families and empower

them to invest more confidently in their land.

The MP added that residents were grateful to the Government for restoring calm in an area once known for persistent cycles of conflict.

Laikipia Woman Representative, Jane Kagiri, also attended the meeting and expressed her support for the Government's intervention, describing it as a timely solution to challenges that have hindered socio-economic development in the county.

The PS, who was accompanied by Mr. Kennedy Njenga, Director of Land Adjudication and Settlement, reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to accelerating land titling across the country.

The announcement is part of the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning ongoing reforms aimed at enhancing land governance, securing tenure rights, and promoting social stability in line with the Kenya Kwanza

Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The Suguta Ex P&D scheme, established in 2002 in Laikipia North, covers approximately 56,634 acres and comprises 1,023 parcels of land.

The Luoniek settlement scheme in Laikipia West spans about 50,972 acres and was primarily allocated to Pokot and Turkana squatters. To date, 200 parcels have been discharged, 800 remain active, and 96 files are still pending.

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Kenya to harness technology to boost regional trade within COMESA region

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

Kenya will leverage its technological advancements and innovations to support regional value chains and drive trade within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki said that intra-Africa trade through regional trading blocs like COMESA is the engine that will drive Africa's economic transformation, bridge infrastructure gaps, create jobs, and shape the continent's future.

Speaking in Nairobi during the 18th COMESA Business Forum, Kindiki noted that this year's theme, "Leveraging Digitalisation to Deepen Regional Value Chains for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth," aligns with Kenya's aspirations for radical national transformation, particularly in boosting intra-regional trade and economic integration.

He added that the Summit also complements Kenya's digital transformation agenda, capitalizing on the country's leadership in mobile money technology, digital governance, and fintech innovation.

Kindiki emphasized that by harnessing digitalization, the Summit is expected to address the integration of agri-tech and digital solutions into the agricultural sector.

"Kenya has assumed the chairmanship of our organization, COMESA. This is not a light responsibility. Kenya will leverage this role to champion a new era of regional integration that uses digitalisation to deepen value chains for sustainable and



Vice President Prof. Kithure Kindiki (center) Investments and Trade CS Lee Kinyanjui, (left) Chairperson, COMESA Council of Ministers Burundi DR. Hassan Kibeya (2nd left), officially open the 18th COMESA Business Forum & Exhibition at Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC). Photo/Norah Bochere.

inclusive growth," said Kindiki.

According to Kindiki, digitalization catalyzes reduction of non-tariff barriers to trade by introducing digital solutions to trade facilitation and modernizing customs and border procedures for seamless trade within COMESA member states.

"Digitalization is also a key enabler to innovation and competitiveness. Digital transformation creates a more dynamic business environment, including promoting initiatives like the system of Electronic Certificate of Origin (ECO) and smart border concepts to facilitate the flow of goods and services," said the DP. He disclosed that the goal is to move beyond the

export of raw materials and create more sophisticated, higher-value products that can be traded within the region and globally. This approach also seeks to create more opportunities for SMEs and businesses led by the youth and women within the agricultural value chains.

"I am confident that by working together, we shall achieve these aspirations as a bloc and build a more integrated, resilient, and prosperous COMESA for all our people," said Kindiki.

Investments, Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary (CS) Lee Kinyanjui, reiterated the Kenyan government's commitment to advancing digital trade, agricultural modernization, and

strategic partnerships.

"We are not just building digital infrastructure; we are creating ecosystems where technology catalyzes trade and job creation. We are transforming agriculture into a resilient, high-value sector that not only feeds our people but also fuels our industries," said Kinyanjui.

COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe underscored the significance of digital tools already deployed across the region, such as the Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO), Regional Payment and Settlement System (REPSS), and Digital Yellow Card, all of which enhance trade facilitation and reduce non-tariff barriers.

Lamu empowers local mediators to bridge justice gap in border regions

BY AMENYA OCHIENG (KNA)

A cohort of 50 certified mediators is set to begin resolving long-standing community conflicts in Lamu, following a comprehensive training programme aimed at enhancing access to justice in the remote and marginalized areas within the coastal county.

The training, conducted by the Mediation Training Institute of East Africa in collaboration with the Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) organization, equipped members of the Court Users Committee (CUC) and local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with professional mediation skills.

According to members of the Lamu Court Users Association, the initiative serves as a direct response to the significant judicial challenges Lamu residents faced in accessing formal courts,

a problem exacerbated by the county's vast geography and its location at the Kenya-Somalia border.

"Lamu being a border county, which is also marginalized, has always faced challenges with the location of courts which are far away from many places and it's very costly to travel," stated Rahma Gulem Abbas, Executive Director for MWARP, adding that it is also a hard and tedious affair arranging mobile courts sessions especially in Lamu East.

She further highlighted the severe consequences of this justice gap, noting that many cases, especially in Lamu East have remained unsolved for long, leading to killings of people and longtime grudges that made people live in fear and hatred. Rahma observed that with the trained mediators, legal and judicial stakeholders intended to solve such conflicts and reduce cases of injustices.



1. **Mediation expert Mr. James Mangerere from Mediation Training Institute of East Africa during a training session of the 50 mediator trainees' course held in Lamu Island at the Lamu TVET Institute aimed at enhancing justice delivery in the county**

2. **The 50 mediation trainees being trained at the Lamu TVET in Lamu Island by the Mediation Training Institute of East Africa in collaboration with the Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) organization.** PHOTOS: AMENYA OCHIENG

EPRA unveils regulations to streamline energy sector

BY LUCY MWENDE (KNA)

Kenya's energy and petroleum sectors are poised for a major transformation following the rollout of new regulations by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency, and sustainable growth.

EPRA Director General (DG) Daniel Kiptoo noted that the new framework represents a significant milestone in modernizing the country's energy governance to meet rising demand and attract investment.

"These regulations are strategic interventions designed to govern Kenya's growing energy needs, align sector priorities with national goals, and ensure that every Kenyan has access to reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy," he explained.

Further, Kiptoo directed that Kenya's progress in expanding energy access and diversifying its energy mix must now be matched with smarter planning and efficient energy use.

The DG was speaking in Nairobi during a media roundtable hosted by EPRA, to discuss the newly gazetted Energy and Petroleum Regulations in the past one year, where he stressed that with the country's rapid economic growth, urbanisation and industrialisation, there is a need to plan better and embrace cleaner, more efficient solutions that will guarantee a resilient and inclusive energy system.

Among the key highlights at the event was the introduction of the Energy Net Metering Regulations 2024, which allow consumers generating renewable power, referred to as prosumers, to feed excess electricity into the national grid and earn credits.

Kiptoo described the initiative as a game changer, saying it opens the door for small-scale investors, to participate in power generation, while supporting Kenya's transition to a low-carbon economy.

Similarly, he added that the Energy Solar Water Heating Regulations 2025, a rework of earlier rules, are meant to enhance safety and quality standards in solar water heating systems, a move he observed, will reduce reliance on electricity for heating, while cutting costs for homes, institutions and businesses.

Ministry to train 60,000 youth on procurement

BY POLYCARP OCHIENG
AND GEOFFREY MAKOKHA
(KNA)

The Government has announced plans to train 60,000 youth across the country on accessing government procurement opportunities, as part of its wider effort to promote youth empowerment and inclusion in public contracting.

Speaking during the Mazingira Day celebrations at Wasio Comprehensive School in Suna

East, Migori County, Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Public Investment and Assets Management, Mr. Cyril Wagunda Odede, said the training forms part of the larger youth empowerment programme that will also offer in-job training for 90,000 youth and recognition of prior learning for another 20,000.

Mr. Odede said the initiative aims to equip young people with the knowledge and skills, to mean-

fully participate in government procurement processes and take advantage of the 30 percent of public contracts reserved for youth, women, and persons with disabilities, under the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) Policy.

"In every State Department and Government Agency, 30 percent of procurement is set aside for youth, women, and persons with disabilities. However, for you to bene-

fit, you must register your company on the Electronic Government Procurement (EGP) system," he said.

The PS decried the low awareness among young people on how to access tenders, saying many approach leaders for tenders, without understanding how the system works.

"Whenever I come here, I hear youth asking for tenders, but most of them have not even registered on the EGP system. Please do not follow anyone promising tenders, until

you have registered officially on the platform," he advised.

He urged youths to take advantage of the planned training, describing it as a transformative opportunity to improve their livelihoods and participate meaningfully in the economy.

The PS revealed that through the NYOTA programme, which is a partnership between the Government of Kenya and the World Bank valued at Sh 5 billion, are targeting

10,000 youth nationwide, with 70 youths per Ward across 1,450 Wards in the country.

"The Nyota Project was rolled-out last week, and I was here on October 6, to sensitise leaders on the same. However, statistics show that Suna East is still lagging in registration," Mr. Odede said, urging Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs to mobilise eligible youth aged between 18 and 29 years, to enroll before the registration deadline on October 12.



DEPOSITOR PROTECTION TO FOSTER A STABLE BANKING SYSTEM

Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) is a Resolution Authority established under the Kenya Deposit Insurance Act, Cap 487C, whose mandate as a risk minimizer is to provide a deposit insurance scheme for customers of member institutions, enhance risk management and promptly resolve any troubled bank.

The Corporation manages the Deposit Insurance Fund which is used to reimburse depositors and facilitate timely resolution of troubled banks, in line with its public objective of promoting confidence and contributing to a sound banking system. As a "risk minimiser", the Corporation has developed a framework for risk assessment, early detection, and timely intervention of troubled banks. This is a proactive mandate to protect depositors from losses attributed to bank failure.

A. Deposit Insurance Scheme

"Deposit insurance" is a system established to protect depositors against the loss of their insured deposits in the event a bank fails. The scheme is established by the government to protect depositors against losing their deposits during a bank failure. The deposit insurance framework adopts a multi-layered approach to protect depositor, ensuring resilience in the financial system and promoting public confidence

1. Guaranteed Deposit Protection:

Under this layer of protection, depositors are guaranteed protection of their deposits up to a maximum of KES 500,000 which is reimbursed from the scheme fund immediately a bank fails and is placed under liquidation.

2. Early Detection and Timely Intervention:

Under this layer of protection, KDIC proactively monitors the performance of banks through an early warning system (EWS) for early detecting the risks and timely intervening through various interventions.

3. Prompt Resolution:

KDIC embraces alternative resolution tools to resolve troubled banks including the realization of assets on a timely basis. This layer of protection enables depositors to maximize recovery of their deposits from failed banks above the guaranteed deposits of KES 500,000. The amounts above the guaranteed are paid to depositors upon recovery of debts and realisation of assets of the failed bank.

To benefit from this KDIC protection, a bank must be a member of the Deposit Insurance Scheme. Currently, the scheme comprises 52 member institutions, including 37 commercial banks, 1 mortgage finance institution, and 14 microfinance banks. The categories of deposits covered under this scheme include:

- All Current Accounts
- All Savings Accounts
- All Fixed Deposit Accounts
- All Foreign Currency Deposits with a known account number fully supported with a signing mandate.
- All Trust Accounts (Declared and designated as a trust account with known beneficiaries).

B. Who bears the cost of this protection?

The cost of protection is borne by member banks in the form of annual premiums paid to the Scheme. Depositors do not bear any cost for this protection.

C. How does KDIC contribute to the country's financial stability?

The principal public policy objective of Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation is to protect depositors' money at the bank thus contributing to financial stability. Kenya's Vision 2030 agenda highlights the need to establish "a vibrant and globally competitive financial sector which will enhance job creation and promote a saving culture among Kenyans to finance the country's overall investment needs." As banks provide intermediation service to the public, KDIC ensures that the interest of depositors is protected to enable them to continue providing resources thereby minimising disruption to the country's financial system. A comprehensive deposit insurance system reduces the incentive for depositors to withdraw their deposits or "run down a bank" when it shows the first sign of trouble or distress.

D. Public Awareness

To achieve its public policy objective of fostering public confidence and contribute to financial stability, KDIC has continued to partner with banks to sensitize depositors on the importance and benefits of the scheme. The Corporation issues the Deposit Protection Certificates and membership stickers to member banks as part of its wider campaign for member identification. It also engages banks and general public on the multiple media platforms including print, television, radio and social media to update them on role deposit insurance and its benefits.

E. Your role in depositor protection

The information used in compensation and reimbursement of depositors is obtained from the bank, and where appropriate corroborated with third party information. The depositor is required to maintain an up-to date information such as contact details (registered phone, email address and postal address) and

next of KIN details where applicable. Further, as a depositor you should ensure that accounts opening documents are complete, comprehensive and accurate. Where you operate an account with a trust relationship, you should provide proper documents including the trust deed or agreement for the trust accounts.

As a depositor, you are encouraged to look out for the KDIC Certificate of Deposit Insurance and membership stickers displayed in the banking hall or designated business areas whenever you visit your bank.

MEMBERSHIP TO DEPOSIT INSURANCE SCHEME

The Corporation provides a Deposit Insurance Scheme for member as provided for by law. Pursuant to section 24 (3) of the KDI Act, Cap 487 C, we hereby notify the general public that the following are our members covered under the Deposit Insurance Scheme for the Financial Year ending June 30, 2026.

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4. Bank of Africa Kenya Limited	31. Prime Bank Limited
5. Bank of Baroda (K) Limited	32. SBM Bank Kenya Limited
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12. Development Bank of Kenya Limited	
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KDIC continues to safeguard the interest of depositors and creditors as provided by law. September, 2025.

Hellen Chepkwony,
Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation

IEBC to enhance continuous voter registration



A Kenyan registers as a voter. IEBC has announced plans to enhance the ongoing continuous voter registration with a special attention to the youth.

BY EMMANUEL MASHA (KNA)

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has announced plans to enhance the ongoing continuous voter registration with a special attention to the youth.

IEBC Chief Executive Officer, Marjan Hussein Marjan, acknowledged very few youths had so far turned-out to register as voters since the launch of the continuous voter registration, and said the enhanced continuous voter registration exercise, would be tailor-made to attract more youthful voters.

Speaking at the Magarini IEBC offices, Thursday, Mr. Marjan said by close of business, Wednesday, only about 20,700 new voters had been registered country-wide out of the targeted 6.03 million new voters.

"The greatest challenge is that the youth are not coming out to register as voters. To attract them, we shall carry out an enhanced continuous voter registration after the by-elections, because we are aware that the youth do not have money to travel long distances to the constituency IEBC offices, where the current exercise is taking place," he said.

Mr. Marjan, who was flanked by IEBC Commissioner, Prof. Francis Odhiambo Aduol, said this after witnessing the clearance of candidates for the upcoming November 27th, Magarini by-election.

He said the enhanced continuous voter registration, would include mobile registration centres to reach youth in remote areas.

"We're strategizing to go to the grassroots," Marjan said. "It will be a mobile exercise, and we expect to register many young persons."

In addition to physical outreach, IEBC will tap into digital platforms, to connect with tech-savvy youth, adding that social media campaigns and targeted messaging, will be used to raise awareness about the importance of registering as voters.

"We shall also hire voter educators at the ward level, who will talk to people on the need to register," Marjan adding that the media also has a responsibility to educate people.







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14TH OCTOBER 2025

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CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND EQUIPPING AT KORIEMA IN MARIGAT WARD IN BARINGO COUNTY, JIRIME IN MARSABIT CENTRAL WARD IN MARSABIT COUNTY AND AT MAOI IN MARIGAT WARD IN BARINGO COUNTY	11.00 hours on 19th November 2025
PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD/SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/01/2025-2026	
PROVISION OF INTERNET CONNECTION SERVICES AT PROJECT MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION UNIT(PMCU) NAKURU	11.00 hours on 14th November 2025
PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: MOA&LD/SDLD/KELCOP/NCB/02/2025-2026	
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP EXPERT TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF THE CABINET SECRETARY	11.00 hours on 30th October 2025
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2. The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) is a six-year project jointly funded by: Government of Kenya (GoK), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Heifer International, and Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) and Beneficiary communities. The Project came into force on 05 March 2021 with a Completion date of 31 March 2027 and Loan Closing date of 30 September 2027. The Project Goal is to contribute to the Government's agriculture transformation Agenda of increasing rural small-scale farmers' incomes, food and nutrition security. The development objective is to increase incomes of 110,000 poor livestock and pastoralist households, especially youth and women, in an environmentally friendly manner, in selected project areas of the 10 participating counties. The Project areas are Semi-Arid counties (Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo), Arid counties (Marsabit and Samburu) and other areas are Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Siaya, Nakuru and Trans Nzoia.

3. This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website, KeLCoP website, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website and The Star Newspaper (MyGov publication) on 16th September 2025.

4. The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the above mentioned procurement activities. More details on these works, goods and related services and consultancy services are provided in the bidding documents.

5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement.

6. Bidding will be conducted using the methods, the evaluation procedure for which are described in the bidding documents, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement and Public Procurement and Disposal Act 2015. The bidding process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

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8. All interested bidders are required to **continually check every Tuesday** the mentioned websites for any bid addendums or clarifications that may arise before the submission date.

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13. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any deadline date and time specified later. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

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Yours sincerely,
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TREE PLANTING

A billion trees and counting

President William Ruto says over a billion trees planted as he directs Kenya Forest Service and National Youth Service to collaborate to boost access to seedlings

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TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is documenting development milestones in Kitui as the county prepares to host Mashujaa Day national celebrations on October 20.

KYEB team visited various projects, including Ithookwe Stadium and Kwa Ngendu Affordable Housing Units, and on behalf of CEO Lilian Kimeto, also paid a courtesy call to County Commissioner Kipchumba Ruto, who said the county is ready to host the event.

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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



Nyeri COUNTY

759,164

Population of as per 2019 Census.



President Ruto takes over COMESA leadership

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Over a billion trees planted as State changes tack in campaign

President William Ruto says over a billion trees planted as he directs Kenya Forest Service and National Youth Service to collaborate to boost access to seedlings



Broadcasting PS Stephen Isaboke at Bogesaka Primary School in Nyamache Sub-County, Kisii County, on Mazingira Day.

The campaign to grow 15 billion trees in a decade continues to gather steam as the country rallies behind one of the most ambitious reforestation efforts in the continent.

From school yards to church grounds, public institutions and homes, citizens planted millions of trees as they commemorated Mazingira Day last week, with the day serving as a powerful symbol of Kenya's unity in the fight against climate change and environmental degradation.

Kenyans support of the campaign has turned tree planting into a national movement, with many taking it not just as an environmental duty but as a patriotic act.

The tree planting activities on Mazingira Day reinforced the message that everyone has a role to play in restoring our environment.

From the President to his Cabinet, local chiefs, Mama Mboga and schoolchildren, the collective energy is breathing life into degraded landscapes and nurturing the promise of a climate-resilient future.

President William Ruto, who led the country in marking Mazingira Day, announced that some 1.06 billion trees have so far been planted since the start of the campaign in December 2022.

The number is a major step towards achieving the overall target and in Kenya's fight against climate change.

More importantly, the campaign aims to increase the national tree cover to 30 per cent from the current 12 per cent.

"We call on every Kenyan to make their contribution to the national tree-planting drive as we work towards our ambitious goal

FACTS & FIGURES

30%

The tree cover the Government wants to achieve in 10 years.

of 15 billion trees by 2032," the President said.

He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensuring the campaign is a success and is inclusive, making tree planting a unifying national cause that bridges generations, communities and regions.

"The more trees we plant, the more rain

we are going to have. We will harvest the water and store it in our dams. We are not just planting trees; we are looking after our food security," he said.

President Ruto has expressed concern over the escalating impacts of climate change, which have significant posed threats to the country.

The President, who chairs the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), notes that across the globe, greenhouse gas emissions are still on the rise.

"Pollution patterns are veering in an alarming direction and biodiversity is confronted with escalating threats along with the risk of an accelerating rate of loss," he said recently at the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, UNEA-6, at Gigiri

in Nairobi.

The President acknowledges the existing challenge in accessing tree seedlings and reassured that the Government will continue to provide them across the country through a new strategy.

This involves a multi-agency approach, where he directed Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and National Youth Service (NYS) to partner to deliver seedlings.

Sustained supply of seedlings is critical to maintaining the campaign's momentum and empowering communities to take ownership of their local reforestation efforts.

"KFS, in collaboration with the NYS, will mobilise 15,000 NYS personnel to revive 300 nurseries in all our forests and establish 17 mega nurseries to produce two billion seedlings every year for Kenyans to plant," he said.

In the collaboration, KFS brings decades of forestry knowledge, nursery management and ecological planning, while NYS contributes a disciplined, youthful workforce capable of executing large-scale operations across the country.

The nurseries, besides delivering seedlings, serve as key points for technical training and community engagement.

In the campaign, the Government is pushing for the planting of a variety of trees depending on regions.

These include indigenous species like mukau (*Melia volkensii*), croton and acacia, suitable for arid and semi-arid lands due to their resilience and ecological benefits.

The Government is also promoting the planting of fruit trees like mango, avocado and guava, particularly in schools and homesteads, to enhance food security and provide economic opportunities for families.

Environment and Climate Change Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa said in the fruit tree campaign, the Government targets to grow 100 million trees in primary schools, linking environmental conservation with food security and education.

The approach further ensures that young learners grow up with a tangible connection to nature and an understanding of its role in sustaining communities.

"I am happy to have taken part in planting fruit trees on Mazingira Day. Trees protect our environment, I will keep on growing more," Grace Museu, a Grade 4 pupil in Nairobi, said. The first phase of the tree campaign, which runs until 2027 and targets to plant five billion trees, has recorded measurable success so far.

The second phase, which ends in 2032, will see up to 10 billion trees planted to achieve the overall target.

The tree initiative is anchored in Kenya's National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) 2023-2027 and the second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which outline bold targets that include a 35 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. To monitor progress of tree planting, the Government has embraced digital tools, in particular Jaza Miti App. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook documents Government initiatives in Kitui as county readies to host Mashujaa Day

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) is documenting development milestones in Kitui as the county prepares to host Mashujaa Day national celebrations on October 20.

The initiative is part of the Board's broader mandate to enhance public communication by showcasing the impact of the work of Government across the country.

The KYEB team visited various projects in the county, including Ithookwe Stadium, Ithookwe Airstrip, Kwa Ngendu Affordable Housing Units, road infrastructure, County Aggregation Industrial Park

at Kanyonyo and an ICT data centre, witnessing the ongoing transformation.

The team, on behalf of CEO Lilian Kimeto, also paid a courtesy call to County Commissioner Kipchumba Ruto, who said the county is ready



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to host the event.

"We are happy and excited. This is the first time the county is hosting such celebrations and we feel honoured," he said.

He noted that security has been beefed up in Kitui Town, the venue of the event, and across the county.

"We welcome all visitors and assure them of their security. Come sample what the county offers and enjoy your stay," he said.

The documentation will feature in the upcoming edition of "AgendaKenya" newspaper as well as the Kenya Yearbook 2025.

Ms Kimeto has emphasized the



Kitui County Commissioner Kipchumba Ruto (third right) with Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board team, which paid him a courtesy call at his office.

importance of accurate storytelling in governance, noting that the documentation of projects not only celebrates

progress but also showcases what the Government is doing for inclusive development.

CS Ruku lauds Huduma Kenya staff for dedication to service delivery

The Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development Geoffrey Ruku has commended Huduma Kenya staff for their resilience and professionalism.

Mr Ruku said the staff have shown dedication as frontline ambassadors of Government service delivery.

He spoke as he launched Customer Service Week 2025 at the Huduma Centre GPO, Nairobi.

Mr Ruku observed that Huduma Mashinani, one of Huduma Kenya's

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service delivery platforms, was an important innovation aimed at ensuring no Kenyan is left behind, particularly those in remote areas. The CS encouraged citizens to take advantage of the services provided and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to people-centered service delivery.

Meanwhile, across the country, Huduma Centres organised various activities to appreciate

staff and customers for their continued support and commitment to delivering quality public services.

Huduma Kenya CEO Ben Kai Chilumo, who attended Dagoretti South Huduma Mashinani outreach event held at the Deputy County Commissioner's compound, lauded the initiative.

The event brought together several Government agencies to offer a wide range of government and medical services to the public as part of the Customer Service Week celebrations. ■

REGIONAL TRADE

Kenya lays out digital plan for COMESA trade

President William Ruto outlines his vision on digitalising trade in the region as he takes over the leadership of the trading bloc

Kenya's ascension to the chairmanship of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) marks a crucial moment in its regional leadership, with the country expected to drive the digitalisation of the market to boost efficiency.

President William Ruto took over the leadership of COMESA from President Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi last week in Nairobi during the 24th Summit, outlining his vision to digitalise the market in his acceptance speech.

"To transform our common market, we are urging Member States to invest in digital infrastructure, data governance and human capacity building to empower our citizens to thrive in the digital economy," the President said.

He noted that digitalisation will help optimise resource use, improve energy efficiency and enable construction of modern electrical smart grids.

"It will also enhance cross-border trade efficiency, streamline logistics, strengthen financial inclusion and create new platforms that enable small and medium enterprises to access regional and global markets. This will translate into jobs, opportunities and greater competitiveness," he said.

INFOBOX

About COMESA

- * The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is one of Africa's largest regional economic communities, aimed at fostering economic integration among its member states.
- * It was established in December 1994, replacing the Preferential Trade Area (PTA) formed in 1981.
- * It comprises of 21 African countries including Kenya, Egypt, Zambia and Ethiopia.
- * The trading bloc was created to promote regional integration through trade and investment.
- * Create a free trade area and eventually a customs union.
- * Enhance cooperation in transport, energy, agriculture, and monetary affairs.



President William Ruto addresses the COMESA Summit in Nairobi last week. Below: President Ruto with various African leaders who attended the Summit.



Despite the promise of regional integration, COMESA's market has over the years been hampered by outdated systems, fragmented data flows and manual trade processes that slow down transactions and inflate costs.

The absence of a robust digital infrastructure has created bottlenecks in customs clearance, limited access to financial services and stifled innovation. These inefficiencies, President Ruto said, have not only discouraged cross-border commerce but also undermined the region's competitiveness in global markets.

With Kenya at the helm, COMESA is expected to enter into a new era of innovation-driven cooperation, where digital transformation drives trade and industrial competitiveness among Member States.

Leaders at the Summit, who included Presidents Ndayishimiye (Burundi), Azali Assoumani (Comoros) and Emmerson Mnangagwa (Zimbabwe) and Prime Ministers Ahmed Abiy (Ethiopia), Russell Mmiso Dlamini (Eswatini) and Mustafa Madbouly (Egypt) agreed to work together to increase intra-African trade from the current 14 per

cent to 50 per cent, matching other regions that trade at between 60 per cent and 70 per cent.

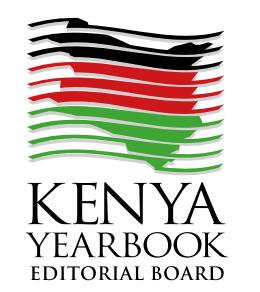
They noted this will unlock trade for the 1.4 billion Africans in the continent.

President Ruto further called for removal of visa restrictions that block the free movement of people, ideas and talent. "We must also dismantle tariff and non-tariff barriers that have turned our borders into obstacles instead of bridges and stop exporting raw materials and instead add value here at home."

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Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku flags off Huduma Kenya staff to kick off Customer Service Week celebrations.

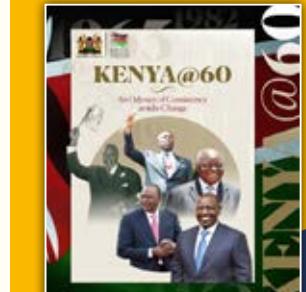
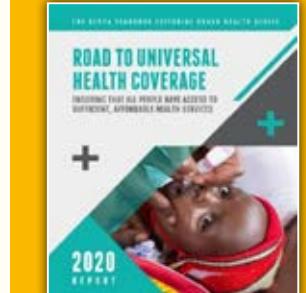
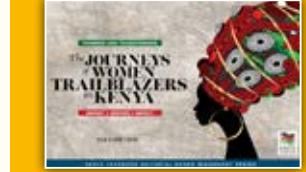
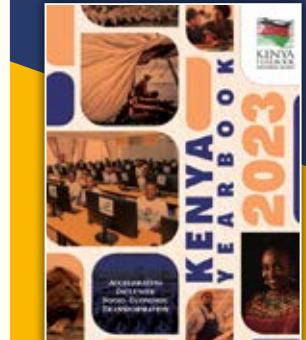


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 PICTURESPEAK


The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (second right) with his team during a meeting with officials from Romania led by the Secretary-General of the Government of Romania Stefan-Radu Oprea. The two teams discussed ways of strengthening the Kenya-Romania partnership in cybersecurity, digital innovation, and secure digital transformation building on the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between Kenya's National Computer and Cybercrimes Coordination Committee (NC4) and Romania's National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC).



Prime CS and CS for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (right) and Interior and National Administration CS Kipchumba Murkomen during a ceremony in Vihiga County in honour of National Police Service Commission Chairperson Dr Yuda Komora.



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board CEO Lilian Kimeto plants a tree with learners at Koitugum Primary School on Mazingira Day last week as part of "Rudi Primo" initiative.



Kenya's Ryan Ogam (left) celebrates with teammates after scoring in their 1-0 win against Burundi. Kenya will play Ivory Coast this week in their next fixture of World cup qualifiers.



Internal Security PS Raymond Omollo (right) when he visited the Government Chemist, Kenya's only public reference laboratory for forensic, toxicology and DNA analysis.

Kenya Power turns the corner, records Sh35.38b pre-tax profit

BY DARLENE KURIA AND NAIF RASHID (KNA)

The Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) has recorded a pre-tax profit of Sh35.38 billion for the financial year ended June 30, 2025, reflecting steady performance despite a decline in revenue and foreign exchange recoveries. Speaking during the release of the company's financial results in Nairobi, Board Chairperson Joy Brenda Masinde said the results marked the culmination of a journey of resilience, reform, and renewed financial discipline that has transformed the company from instability to sustained profitability.

"When I joined the board in 2022, the company was running on blood, sweat, and tears. Today, we can confidently say that God has helped us — we are no longer surviving on emotion but on real numbers and tangible progress," said Masinde.

She attributed the turnaround to stronger corporate governance, improved system reliability, enhanced operational efficiency, and the commitment of over 10,500 employees, whose dedication has significantly boosted service delivery and overall performance.

Masinde further noted



From left to right: Eng. Isaac Kiva, Secretary for Renewable Energy at the State Department for Energy, Joy Brenda Masinde, Chairman of the Board, Kenya Power, Dr. (Eng.) Joseph Siror, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Power and Stephen Vikiru, General Manager, Finance during the announcement of Kenya Power's Financial Year Results for the year ended June 2025 in Nairobi.

that Kenya Power's governance structures have been strengthened to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency. She disclosed that the board continues to exercise robust oversight through its committees, maintaining a clear separation between board and management functions.

"We have enhanced our policy frameworks, improved data protection, and strengthened ethics com-

pliance. The company has remained profitable while expanding electricity access to support national priorities, including digital inclusion and the just energy transition," stated Masinde.

We are no longer surviving on emotion but on real numbers and tangible progress

The Chairperson also reported that the reforms had been validated through independent assessments, with the Capital Markets Authority rating the company's governance performance at over 80 percent, while the State Corporations Advisory Committee (SCAC) gave a rating of over 90 percent. The company also received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General.

PS now calls for immediate disbandment of informal courts in sexual violence cases

BY WANGARI MWANGI (KNA)

Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe has called for the immediate disbandment of all kangaroo courts used to settle Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases in communities.

Ms. Wang'ombe decried the continued use of informal courts in some areas to handle such sensitive cases, saying the practice denies survivors justice and enables perpetrators to continue committing the crimes.

"We are saying there is no room for kangaroo courts where there is violence, where



Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang'ombe makes her remarks at the Nyeri National Polytechnic.

PHOTO: WANGARI MWANGI

there is no room for negotiating outside courtrooms," she said.

The PS commended the Judiciary for the progress made in handling SGBV cases but urged faster resolution of pending ones.

"We are happy with the progress so far; we are only asking that you go an extra mile," she added.

Ms. Wang'ombe spoke at Nyeri National Polytechnic on Monday during the launch of the grassroots leaders' sensitization programme under the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) initiative.

She expressed concern over the rising cases of SGBV and

suicide in the county, noting that they were at an all-time high.

According to the PS, the county has recorded 46 SGBV cases in the past three months, the latest involving a 76-year-old man accused of repeatedly defiling a nine-year-old girl. Additionally, 106 suicide cases have been reported in the past 11 months, with the majority of victims being men. "Last week alone, the statistics that I got for suicide were 101 with 77 being men and 24 being women. When I came today, just one week later, I am being told that the cases have gone to 107. Within one week, we have lost 6 people to suicide. This is quite alarming," said the PS.

BRIEFS

Kenya Seed Company steps up fight against substandard seeds

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH

Kenya Seed Company has committed to producing sufficient quantities of high-quality certified seeds to eliminate the use of substandard and uncertified seeds among farmers across the country. Speaking during the Agitech Grand Expo held in Mitithi, Mwea, Kirinyaga County, Kenya Seed Company Chairperson Wangui Ngirici assured farmers that all necessary measures are being implemented to meet the country's seed demand and curb the circulation of fake seeds.

Ngirici noted that a shortage of certified seeds in the market has created a loophole exploited by unscrupulous traders, who distribute counterfeit seeds to unsuspecting farmers severely affecting food production and security. "I would like to tell Kenyans that what results into bad seed getting into the market mostly is the opportunity taken by the unscrupulous people who, when the supply is low, make fake seeds and supply to the market," Wangui

noted.

She also urged farmers to embrace crop diversification, advising that if certified seed for one crop is unavailable, they could opt for alternatives that were in supply.

"I'm asking the farmers not to go for the cheap because cheap ends up becoming very expensive by causing very low yield or no produce at all," the chairperson said.

To further combat counterfeit seeds, Ngirici announced that the government, through the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), has introduced a verification system with each packet of certified seed now comes with a scratch-off code. Farmers could send this code via SMS to 1393 (free of charge) to verify the seed's variety and species.

The Agitech Expo, which aims to empower farmers with knowledge and innovation, brought together key agricultural stakeholders. Many cited fake seeds as one of the greatest threats to food security in Kenya.

Kenya Ports Authority's Green Initiative shines on global forum

BY MOHAMED HASSAN (KNA)

The Kenya Ports Authority's "Mangrove Restoration for Ocean Protection and Increased Forest Cover Project" has won the 2025 International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Sustainability Award.

The announcement was made during an awards ceremony at the IAPH World Ports Conference in Kobe, Japan, following a meticulous evaluation by IAPH's independent jury of industry experts and a well-coordinated public vote campaign by KPA to rally support for the project. The KPA initiative emerged as the winner in the Environmental Care category, surpassing two other finalists from a record-breaking pool of 500 global submissions.

The award recognizes KPA's innovative collaboration with coastal communities to restore degraded

forest ecosystems.

Mangrove Restoration for Ocean Protection impressed the judges after demonstrating how ports' collaboration with local communities and other government agencies can help empower communities and support the conservation of the environment and marine biodiversity for sustainable port operations.

Under the programme, KPA has collaborated closely with the communities in the coastal region to rehabilitate degraded mangroves.

Mangroves are salt-tolerant trees and shrubs that grow in intertidal zones along tropical and subtropical coastlines.

They are vital to coastal ecosystems, acting as a buffer against storms and erosion, supporting rich biodiversity as nurseries for marine life, and combating climate change by storing large amounts of carbon.