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Ministry to shoulder exam fees despite budget cuts

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BYDICKSON MWITI, KNA

Education Cabinet Secretary (CS) Julius Migos Ogamba has allayed fears that parents will pay for their children's examination fees following the budget cuts for the Ministry.

Speaking during a graduation ceremony at Kiirua Technical Training Institute, Ogamba said that the government was determined to ensure that no child was left behind in terms of payment of examination fees and that they were working towards ensuring that the

exam money is included in the budget.

"Parents will not pay for examination fees and we are discussing with The Treasury and other parties to ensure that we get the correct figure that is efficiently going to be used in a manner that there is no wastage," said CS Ogamba.

He added that the figure for the exams was omitted from the budget but discussions were underway to ensure it was included.

CS Ogamba added: "Last

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Teachers carrying national examination materials to exam centres. Photo Courtesy.

**2.3B**

Funds disbursed by KDC through SACCOs and financial intermediaries in partnership with Treasury and World Bank

1.8B

Current value of assets of Savings and Credit Co-operative Organizations (SACCOs) in the country

20,000

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3.5B

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Water projects the Government is implementing in 23 Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) counties at a cost of Sh 300 million.

Sh 2.3b disbursed, 17,000 jobs created in Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Recovery (SAFER) initiative

**BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MYGOV)**

The Kenya Development Corporation (KDC), in partnership with the National Treasury

and the World Bank, Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Recovery (SAFER) programme has disbursed Sh 2.3 billion through SACCOs and other participating financial in-

termediaries.

The SAFER programme was an initiative launched to catalyze financial access and support enterprise recovery following the economic shocks of the

COVID-19 pandemic.

In its first year of implementation, the SAFER has supported more than 33,000 beneficiaries including women, youth and grassroots entrepreneurs

access financing, leading to the creation of approximately 17,000 new jobs across 19 regions in Kenya.

Speaking at the event, Albert Mwenda, Director General for Budget, Fiscal and Economic Affairs at the National Treasury, lauded the programme's alignment with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), while reaffirming the government's unwavering support for initiatives that empower en-

terprises and drive inclusive economic growth.

"SAFER has aligned seamlessly with the BETA agenda. It is opening up economic opportunities from the bottom up, exactly where Kenya's transformation must begin," said Mwenda.

Qimiao Fan, World Bank Director, praised the programme's progress, noting that "The uptake of SAFER demonstrates Ken-

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Ministry to shoulder exam fees

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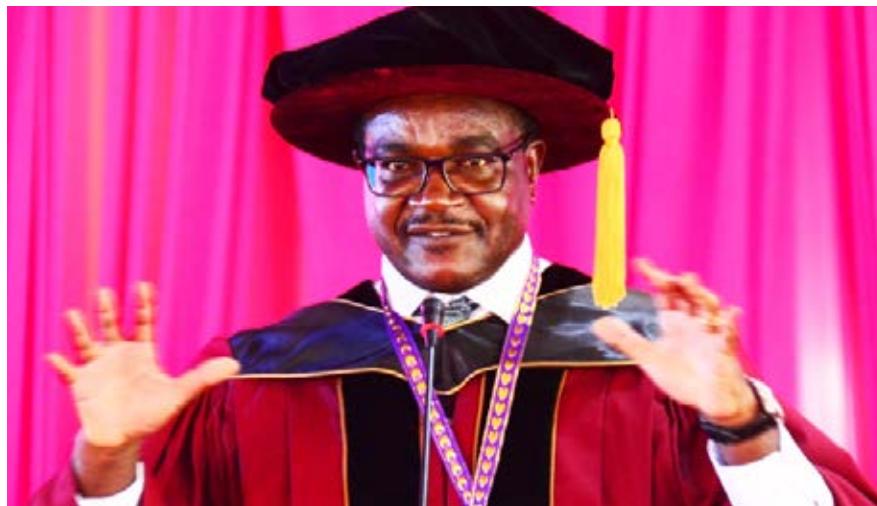
year also, there was no funding for the examination but we were able to get it in the subsequent supplementary budget and this is normal in the sector," he noted.

Concerns and confusion hit the public after reports revealed that national exams, including the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), might be interrupted following a Sh62 billion shortfall in the education sector.

Besides KCSE, other examinations affected by the lack of funding include the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KEPSEA) and Junior Secondary School (JSS).

Members of the National Assembly raised the alarm over the lack of budget allocation for examination preparation and invigilation in the 2025/26 national budget.

The budget cuts have impacted several critical areas, including quality assurance, which received no allocation; junior school capitation, facing a Sh14.7 billion shortfall; and the Free Primary Education



Education CS Julius Migos Ogamba speaking during a graduation ceremony at Kiirua Technical Training Institute. (Photo by Dickson Mwiti)

programme, which has a deficit of Sh1.2 billion.

On Technical and Vocational Education Training, the CS said the Ministry has embarked on a journey of the modularisation of the Competency-Based Education and Training curricula.

"Firstly, modularisation enhances flexibility and accessibility. Not every trainee can afford to commit years to a full course due to financial or personal constraints," he noted.

"With a modular approach, trainees can acquire

specific, industry-relevant skills in manageable segments and return later to build on them. This "learn and return" model supports lifelong learning and accommodates diverse trainees," CS Ogamba said.

Secondly, he added, the industry needs are rapidly evolving and employers are not just looking for qualifications, but competencies.

"By structuring our curriculum into skill sets, we ensure that trainees gain tangible, measurable abilities that are imme-

diate applicable in the workplace. This also allows employers to upskill or reskill their workforce efficiently," he said.

He further said that the Ministry has also requested for resources in the 2025/26 financial year budget in order to employ 5,800 trainees for TVETs.

"We are also in the process of amending the Act based on the Presidential Working Group recommendations in order to have a TVET council in place," Ogamba said.

17,000 jobs created in SAFER initiative

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ya's strong capacity for impact-driven innovation in financial inclusion. Now is the time to work on the policy issues that will make it even easier for businesses to run and grow."

Dr. Sakwa Bunyasi, KDC Chairman, emphasized the program's deep reach to the grassroots, "The SAFER Project is finding a deep reach down to the user. The results we see today are a powerful foundation for future growth."

Dr Bunyasi pointed out that through strong collaboration with SACCOs, the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA), and community networks, KDC has successfully committed Sh 3.225 billion to participating financial institutions.

"This extensive engagement with grassroots financial players has been vital in reaching beneficiaries who are often excluded from mainstream financing systems."

"The significant unmet demand, with over Sh 3.15 billion in applications still

under review, signals the need for continued capital mobilization and expanded partnerships," said Dr Bunyasi.

The Chairman noted that the SAFER initiative has also spurred innovation in financial product development, with 12 new tailored products introduced to address the unique needs of micro and small-scale enterprises.

He said that out of the total financing, 35% has gone to women-led enterprises underscoring a strong commitment to gender inclusion and empowerment.

Norah Ratemo, Director General of KDC, reiterated the Corporation's commitment to expanding the program's impact. "We are scaling up SAFER, mobilizing more capital, and deepening partnerships to reach even more deserving entrepreneurs across Kenya."

As it enters its next phase, Ratemo, said that SAFER remains a flagship effort in post-pandemic recovery empowering thousands of Kenyan enterprises and supporting a more inclusive and resilient national economy.

INVITATION TO TENDER



INVITATION FOR INITIAL SELECTION WORKS (DESIGN AND BUILD CONTRACT) KENYA

SEVEN FORKS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) POWER PROJECT KGN-BDD-007-2025 Open International Competitive Bidding [ICB]

Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) is a state corporation in the Republic of Kenya whose mandate is to generate electricity for the country.

KenGen has received funds from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD") towards the cost of the Implementation of the Seven Forks Solar Photovoltaic Power Project. The Employer intends to initially select a maximum of Seven (7) firms for Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of a Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), High Voltage (HV) Substation and Transmission Line and Local works for a Design and Build Contract.

Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from the address below during office hours:

General Manager, Supply Chain
Email: tenders@kengen.co.ke ; imaina@kengen.co.ke; jmunyasya@kengen.co.ke

Interested bidders can view and download the full set of the Initial Selection documents in English language from our website <https://tenders.kengen.co.ke>

Applications for initial selection should be submitted in clearly marked envelopes and delivered to the address below not later than **29 July 2025 at 1000 hours EAT**. The initial selection documents will be opened on the same day in public at **1030 hours EAT**. Late application may be rejected.

The General Manager, Supply Chain,
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
9th Floor, KenGen Pension Plaza II,
Kolobet Road, Parklands,
P O Box 47936, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel: +254 711036000.

The interested parties may request for clarifications on this Initial Selection Documents up to **Forteen (14) days** prior to the submission date. Bidders are advised to regularly check the website from time to time for any uploaded information through clarification/addendum.

Any Clarification will be published on the KenGen website.

GENERAL MANAGER SUPPLY CHAIN



OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) is a state corporation established and regulated under the Tourism Act 2011. Our mandate is to develop, implement and co-ordinate a National Tourism Marketing Strategy.

Magical Kenya is the flagship tourism brand created and managed by the KTB. Magical Kenya captures the essence of Kenya's diverse offerings, promoting the country as a must-visit destination for local, regional, and international travelers.

The Board is seeking eligible firms for provision of the following services:-

TENDER NO.	TENDER NAME	BID SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
KTB/T/0022/2024-2025	Provision of Film production services	Kshs 250,000.00	18/06/2025 at 12.00 noon Kenyan time



Interested eligible candidates can obtain the document from our website: www.magicalkenya.com/tender or the Public procurement information Portal (PPIP) website: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website **must** forward their particulars immediately to procurement@ktb.go.ke for record purposes and any further tender clarifications and addenda. The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with Tender Number and Tender reference name shall be addressed to :

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA TOURISM BOARD
P.O. BOX 30630- 00100
NAIROBI, KENYA
TEL:+254 20 2749000

and deposited in the tender box on 7th floor, Kenya Re Towers, Ragati Road, Upper Hill by or before the closing date and time indicated in the table above. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' or their representatives who choose to attend.

Tenders that will be delivered after **12.00 Noon on 18/06/2025** will not be accepted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



State invests Sh 300m water projects in drought stricken counties

BY WANGARI MWANGI
(KNA)

The Government is implementing 31 water projects in 23 Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) counties at a cost of Sh 300 million.

According to the Principal Secretary in the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Kello Harsama, the projects are being undertaken in drought affected counties including Marsabit, Turkana, Mandera, Wajir, West Pokot, Baringo, Tana River; where he noted the food security situation was dire due to inadequate rainfall.

Terming them as strategic projects, Harsama said they were being implemented with the aim of strengthening the communities' drought resilience by improving their access to clean water and boosting food security especially in ASALs in line with the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"These are very strategic projects as some of them are situated in the

severely arid and semi-arid counties. Most of these counties have suffered serious drought impacts. For instance, between 2021-2022, many of these areas experienced very severe drought," stated the PS.

"Our focus is on strengthening drought resilience and food security through sustainable investments in water infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, and livelihood diversification."

The PS spoke during the commissioning of the Kabati water project in Kieni, Nyeri County. The Sh 21.2 million borehole project was undertaken through a strategic partnership between the Kabati community, National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and the County Government of Nyeri.

The 220-metre borehole project comprises a solar powered pump-house and a 225,000-litre concrete storage tank. With its 2.9 kilometers distribution pipeline, the borehole water project will supply safe and reliable water to more than 350 households,

four primary schools and a health facility situated in the location.

PS Harsama said that infrastructure will significantly reduce the burden of water collection for women in the area who previously used to trek close to five kilometers in search of water. He noted that the project will also support irrigation farming leading to improved nutrition and food security.

"With this project, there will be easy access to water for the 350 households which have been experiencing severe water shortage. Women in Kabati have been trekking for three kilometers to fetch water for domestic use. Because of the completion of this project, sufficient water for domestic use will be available, they will also have the privilege and opportunity to irrigate small parcels of their land and produce food for domestic and commercial use," stated Harsama.

The positive impact of the water project has already started to be felt by the locals who hailed it as a game changer. About 1.5 kilometers from the main borehole, we meet with Margaret Wakarindi, a dairy farmer who said that the project has not only ensured that she enjoys a reliable supply of clean water but has also reduced the cost of production for dairy farmers like in Kabati.

"Before my household was connected to the water project, I used to spend Sh 1000 daily to buy 2,000 liters of water for my dairy cows and goats. The worst farming season for me was during the dry season where I would be forced to source for the



Samuel Kabui one of the beneficiaries of the Kabati water project at his capsicum farm in Kabati Kieni constituency in Nyeri.

commodity five kilometers away in Naru Moru.

However, the commodity is now readily available in my tap, saving me the hustle of looking for water," said Wakarindi.

Her testimony is similar to that of Samuel Kabui a farmer who specializes in horticultural crops namely capsicum, courgettes and potatoes and one of the beneficiaries of the project.

Thanks to the borehole water, Kabui said he has managed to put nearly two acres of his farm under drip irrigation.

When KNA visited him, he had just finished

harvesting potatoes cultivated using water from the water project. Kabui said that availability of borehole water will also curb their reliance on rain fed agriculture and allow farmers like him to shift to irrigation farming.

"I have started to reap the benefits of the water project as I am comfortably using the water to practice drip irrigation on my farm. Through this project we are now guaranteed that we can practice agriculture throughout the year even during the dry season," he said.



HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD INVITATION TO TENDER NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The Higher Education Loans Board is a state corporation whose mandate is to source for funds and provide loans, scholarships and bursaries to Kenyans studying in recognized institutions of higher learning.

HELB invites interested, reputable firms with experience for the submission of sealed tenders as follows:-

Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender closing date	Eligibility
HELB/OT/09/2024-2025	Provision of Security Information and Event Management System (SIEM) Licensing, Advisory and Support	Tuesday 10 th June 2025 at 11:00 a.m	Open
HELB/RFP/10/2024-2025	Provision of Creative and Digital Production support	Tuesday 10 th June 2025 at 11:00 a.m	Open

Interested and eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents at the Procurement office on 18th floor of Anniversary Towers, University Way, Nairobi during normal working hours or view and download the respective detailed tender adverts and tender documents from our website www.helb.co.ke/procurement/ or <https://tenders.go.ke>. All bidders interested in participating in the tenders must notify HELB of their participation in the tender by emailing their contact details to procurement@helb.co.ke in case of any further tender addendum.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

The University of Embu invites interested and eligible bidders to submit bids for the tender described below:

TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION
UoEm/Tend/15/2024 – 2025	Proposed Engineering Laboratories Block for the University of Embu (Phase 1)
UoEm/Tend/16/2024 – 2025	Supply and Delivery of 80 Desktop Computers for Computer Laboratory 4 to the University of Embu.
UoEm/RFP/04/2024 – 2025	Civil and Structural Engineering Consulting Services for Proposed Expansion of the Department of Health Services for the University of Embu.
UoEm/RFP/05/2024 – 2025	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Consulting Services for Proposed Expansion of the Department of Health Services for the University of Embu.
UoEm/RFP/06/2024 – 2025	Quantity Surveying Consulting Services for Proposed Expansion of the Department of Health Services for the University of Embu

The documents can be downloaded FREE of Charge from the University Website www.embuni.ac.ke or in the Public Procurement Information Portal.

Duly completed documents should be submitted in a Plain Sealed Envelope clearly marked "Tender No. & Tender Name" and addressed to The Vice-Chancellor, University of Embu, P.O. Box 6 - 60100 Embu, should be sent OR deposited in the Tender Box at University of Embu - New Administration Block Reception so as to reach him on or before Wednesday, 11th June, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

The tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidder representatives who choose to attend in the Procurement Boardroom, located on the first floor of the New Administration Block.

NOTE: University of Embu does not charge any fees or levies to award tenders

Tel: 0714243682 (Procurement Office)

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PSC wants appointment of University of Nairobi VC concluded

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL
(MYGOV)

The Public Service Commission has weighed in on the controversy surrounding the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor at the University of Nairobi, urging parties to the issue to speedily resolve any disagreements that may further delay the process.

In a press statement, the Commission's Vice Chairperson, Mary Kimonye expressed fear that the current stand-off regarding the appointment of the institution's head may derail its operations, further muddying its otherwise immensely respected image.

She expressed the Commission's commitment to ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of quality services with maximum professionalism, and within the shortest possible time.

Mrs Kimonye's statement comes days after the University of Nairobi Council Chairperson, prof. Amukoa Anangwe, announced the appointment of former Information, Communication and Technology Principal Secretary, Prof Bitange Ndumo as the new Vice Chancellor.

However, the appointment was immediately dismissed by the Ministry of Education for alleged lack

of requisite consultations in line with the procedures regarding such appointments.

Subsequently, Prof Ndumo announced his withdrawal from the process, saying he was not willing to participate in a process that raised questions about procedures.

In her statement, Mrs Kimonye noted that the Commission had spear-headed the recruitment process in line with its mandate, and had not anticipated any disagreements regarding the outcome and appointment.

"The Public Service Commission's attention has been drawn to recent media reports regarding the recruitment of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, in which the Commission was involved, in line with its mandate," she said in her statement.

She warned that the deadlock obtaining at the university was not only regrettable and not in the interest of the country, but was a threat to efficient delivery of services and academic programs at what has been Kenya's most iconic institution of higher learning.

The Vice Chairperson cited sections of the Universities Act that outline procedures for appointment of Vice Chancellors and Deputy Vice Chancellors of public universities, emphasizing that the Act mandates

PSC to conduct merit-based recruitment process, ensuring that the process fully complies with the law.

"In exercise of this mandate, PSC successfully carried out a competitive process for the recruitment of the Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi following declaration of vacancies in those positions," she stated.

She said that after the mandatory advertisements, shortlisting and interviews, the top candidates were ranked according to their performance, and the list forwarded to the University Council Chairperson for appointment in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, in line with Section (35) (1) (a) (v) of the Universities Act, Cap 2010.

Noting that the PSC had successfully cleared nineteen pending recruitments of top managers at various public universities since the arrival of new commissioners in January, Mrs Kimonye said it was only at the University of Nairobi that disagreements had been witnessed regarding the appointment of the Vice Chancellor.

The disagreements, she emphasized, must be ironed out speedily to ensure public service delivery through the university is not unnecessarily disrupted.



EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY

INVITATION TO TENDER

Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) is a statutory body established in 1990 through an Act of Parliament (The EPZA Act Cap 517, Laws of Kenya) with the main objective of promoting and facilitating export-oriented investments and to develop an enabling environment for such investments. It is responsible for facilitating the implementation of new investment projects, providing after care services for new and existing investments.

The Export Processing Zones Authority wishes to invite eligible National candidates to tender for **Tender Nos. EPZA 01 to 03/2024-2025** as detailed in the tender documents.

Interested, eligible and competent firms may view and download the tender documents for free from the website, www.epzakenya.com and Government Public Procurement Information portal www.tenders.go.ke. Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to info@epzakenya.com to facilitate any further clarification or addendum. The hard copies of tender documents detailing the requirements may be obtained from **Export Processing Zones Authority's Procurement Office on 01st Floor, Administration Building, Athi River EPZ, Viwanda off Nairobi-Namanga Highway during normal working hours (8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m)** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs. 1,000.00 through Paybill No. 222222, Account No. EPTD55.

No	Description	Bid Bond (Kshs)	Closing Date and Time	Applicants
1	Tender No. EPZA 01/2024-2025 Provision of Medical Insurance Cover for the Financial Year 2025/2026	500,000.00	Wednesday 11 th June, 2025 at 11.00 a.m	Open to Public
2	Tender No. EPZA 02/2024 - 2025 Provision of Security Services for the financial Year 2025-2026	300,000.00	Wednesday 11 th June, 2025 at 11.00 a.m	Open to Public
3	Tender No. EPZA 03/2024-2025 Registration/prequalification of Suppliers for the financial years 2025-2026/2026-2027	-	Tuesday 17 th June, 2025 at 11.00 a.m	Open to Public

Completed Tender documents (**Original and a Copy, Properly Tape Bound**) in plain sealed envelope clearly marked "**Export Processing Zones Authority Tender Number**" as per instructions in the Tender document and addressed to:-

Chief Executive Officer
Export Processing Zones Authority
P.O. Box 50563 – 00200
NAIROBI

Should be deposited in the Tender Box on Ground Floor, Export Processing Zones Authority Administration Building, Athi River EPZ on or before the Date and Time indicated in the table above. Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the Conference Room on Ground floor, **Export Processing Zones Authority, Administration Building, Viwanda Road, Off Nairobi - Namanga Highway Athi River EPZ** in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend.



TENDER NOTICE

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

Sports Kenya invites eligible and competent firms to submit Tenders pursuant Public Procurement and Disposal Act 2015 for goods, works and services as below:-

TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE&TIME
SK/011/2024-2025	The Proposed Construction of Migori Stadium in Migori County	Open	30 th May, 2025 11:00 AM
SK/002/2025-2026	Provision of Security Services at Sports Kenya	Open	6 th June, 2025 11:00 AM
SK/001/2025-2026	Provision of Cleaning Services at Sports Kenya	Open	3 rd June, 2025 11:00 AM

The Addendum / Clarifications can be downloaded free from www.sportskenya.org or supplier.treasury.go.ke

All bidders are advised that the closing date has been extended as indicated above except for Cleaning Services.

DIRECTOR GENERAL



National Transport and Safety Authority

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS

The National Transport and Safety Authority (Operations of Public Service Vehicles) Regulations, 2014, set out explicit obligations to be fulfilled by every licensed operator of a Public Service Vehicle (PSV), particularly under paragraph 7 (j, l, m, n, o and p).

The Authority has observed widespread non-compliance with these regulatory provisions, especially among commuter Public Service Vehicles. A notable number of vehicles have been modified through the application of graffiti and other unauthorized artistic enhancements, resulting in the inability to clearly identify the name of the Sacco or Company under which the vehicle operates, its designated route, or the mandatory continuous yellow line that distinguishes licensed PSVs.

Such contraventions violate the letter and spirit of the regulations and undermine public confidence in the PSV sector by creating ambiguity as to the licensed operator. Furthermore, a number of these motor vehicles have failed to conspicuously display the official NTSA operational sticker, or any other identifying mark issued by the Authority, rendering regulatory verification and enforcement ineffective.

Considering the foregoing, all licensed **Public Transport Operators** are hereby directed to conduct an immediate and comprehensive audit of their fleets to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Regulations.

The Authority hereby gives **NOTICE** that all Public Service Vehicle operators are required to take immediate corrective action, failure to which regulatory measures will be instituted at individual motor vehicle owner and operator level, including but not limited to vehicle impoundment, suspension and revocation of the license.

A detailed Public Notice containing further directions to the Public Transport Operators is available and can be downloaded on the NTSA Website. (www.ntsa.go.ke). For more information and support, Public Transport Operators may contact the Authority through info@ntsa.go.ke or visit the nearest NTSA office.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

USALAMA BARABARA!

Nairobi's leap into London-style underpasses: A glimpse into the future of urban mobility

BY MYGOV TEAM

Construction on the Green Park underpass at the intersection of Uhuru Highway and Haile Selassie Avenue are at advanced stage and soon Nairobians will start enjoying the facility.

Nairobi, known for its vibrant energy and rapid growth, is about to undergo a transformative shift in urban mobility. With a focus on reducing congestion, enhancing accessibility, and elevating the commuter experience, Nairobians will soon experience a transport solution akin to London's highly successful underpass systems.

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Performance and Delivery Management, Eliud Owalo, was seen leading a team from the Government delivery unit and engineers from KENHA and the China Road and Bridges Corporation on tour of the facility that is more than three quarter way complete.

"This Greenpark underpass is not just any construction project - it's the embodiment of a vision to modernize Nairobi's urban landscape," Owalo said as he toured the development that runs underground connecting pedestrians from Uhuru Park, the Railways station area and Haile Selassie Avenue, ensuring that they can cross onto the city center without having to cross the road.

At a cost exceeding KSh 2 billion, this critical junction is undergoing a transformation, one that promises to alleviate the perennial traffic jams and improve the flow of both pedestrians and vehicles. Currently, the project is 88% complete, with significant strides having been made towards its final stage.

The design of the Greenpark underpass draws inspiration from some of the most sophisticated underground transportation systems in the world, notably London. In the British capital, underpasses and tunnels are integral to managing the city's dense traffic and pedestrian flow, and Nairobi is set to mirror these features in its own context.

What makes London's underpasses so efficient is their seamless integration of mobility and accessibility. The Greenpark underpass will incorporate many of these elements. Imagine walking through an underpass that feels more like a modern hub rather than



Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Delivery Management, Eliud Owalo (in red jacket) and other officials during an inspection tour of the Nairobi Green Park underpass.

just a passageway. Nairobi's Greenpark underpass will feature state-of-the-art security systems, ensuring that both commuters and pedestrians are safe at all times. In addition, there will be well-lit, clean public spaces with 50 retail shops offering everything from coffee to convenience items - just like London's iconic underground spaces, where the hustle and bustle of city life is matched only by the convenience of grabbing a quick snack before catching a train.

The project also introduces innovative design elements tailored to ensure accessibility for all. With seven elevators strategically placed throughout the underpass, people with disabilities will have easy access to this key transport route. Public toilets, a rarity in some of Nairobi's busiest areas, will be installed for commuter convenience, ensuring that Nairobi can keep up with the standards of global cities.

What's even more exciting is the underpass's future impact on both motorists and pedestrians. Traffic congestion at the Uhuru Highway-Haile Selassie Avenue intersection is notorious, but once complete, the Greenpark underpass will provide a smooth, uninterrupted flow for vehicles, cutting down on wait times and ultimately reducing the overall time spent on the road. For pedestrians, this means safer and faster crossings, with designated walkways ensuring that foot traffic doesn't mix with vehicle traffic. The result? Less bottlenecking, fewer accidents, and a more pleasant commuting experience for



INVITATION TO TENDER

Nuclear Power and Energy Agency invites interested and eligible bidders to bid for the following tenders;

No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Commencement Date	Tender Closing Date
1	NuPEA/OT/DHRA/002/24-25	Provision of Car Hire Services	28 th May 2025	11 th June 2025
2	NuPEA/OT/DHRA/003/24-25	Provision of Conference Facilities	28 th May 2025	11 th June 2025
3	NuPEA/OT/DHRA/004/24-25	Supply, Installation, Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment	28 th May 2025	11 th June 2025

Tender document detailing the requirements of the above Tenders may be obtained from the Nuclear Power and Energy Agency website (www.nuclear.co.ke) and www.tenders.go.ke from the date shown above.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



KENYA ACCREDITATION SERVICE

TENDER NOTICE

The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) is a State Corporation established under the Kenya Accreditation Service Act, 2019. It is mandated to accredit and exercise oversight over organisations carrying out conformity assessment activities including testing, certification, inspection, calibration, medical, proficiency testing and validation and verification. We maintain a recognized international accreditation system.

The Service seeks to advertise the following tender to the general public:

TENDER NAME	TENDER NUMBER
PROVISION OF PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, DEPLOYMENT, TESTING, TRAINING, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ACCREDITATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.	KENAS/03/2024-2025

The details of the tender can be accessed from www.kenas.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke for free. All applications should be deposited in the Tender Box at KENAS Office and be received on or before 10th June 2025 at 11:00 am.

Completed tender documents shall be sealed and marked as instructed in the tender document and addressed to:-

**Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Accreditation Service,
No.06 Masaba Road, Upper Hill,
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Junior school learners urged to embrace STEM pathway

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA AND DANIEL KIPCHUMBA, KNA

As the country prepares to fully adopt the Competence Based Education (CBE), stakeholders have been challenged to encourage more learners to take up Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pathway in Senior school.

The call was made during a one-week STEM outreach and mentorship programme organized by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTE) in Trans Nzoia County.

The STEM outreach programme which targeted five junior schools, saw learners being taken through practical activities where locally available materials were used in learning concepts in Integrated Science, Mathematics and pre-technical studies.

During the outreach, CEMASTEA National Trainer Richard Jakomanyo, challenged teachers to involve practical activities in learning of STEM subjects in a bid to make more learners

develop interest in pursuing the STEM pathway.

"This STEM outreach program focuses on equipping junior school learners with skills and knowledge on STEM as they prepare to transit to senior school. We are here to challenge all stakeholders to help our learners develop an interest in the STEM pathway," he rallied.

The five junior schools covered in the five-days outreach exercise were A.I.C Konoin, Sinokon, Waitaluk, Kaplamai and Timaa.

The heads of the mentioned institutions welcomed the initiative terming it as a game changer in the education sector, as it left learners with unforgettable experiences.

African Inland Church (AIC) Konoin Junior school head Francis Toili Wamalwa applauded CEMASTEA saying that it not only equips students with scientific skills but also enhances their creativity in technological advancements and environmental conservation.

He added that the indelible one-on-one experience the learners went through at

the hands of the CEMASTEA facilitators was one of a life time.

Toili expressed satisfaction that more learners have been encouraged to navigate the STEM pathway as they prepare to transit to senior school.

However, he urged the government to help schools in setting up modern science laboratories and computer labs which will help equip learners with science and technological skills.

Learners and teachers who participated in the exercise were also not left behind in acknowledging CEMASTEA for the programme.

Beryl Cherono, a Grade 9 learner at Sinoko Junior School, said the outreach exercise gave her the platform to absorb new ideas in Mathematics and Integrated Science.

Her sentiment was echoed by Linet Nekesa a teacher of integrated science at Konoin Junior School who added that CEMASTEA had given them knowledge required to teach and mentor students on STEM as a career pathway.

Construction of modern markets aimed to boost economy at grassroots, says Kindiki

BY BERNARD MUNYAO AND PURITY MUGO, KNA

The Government is undertaking an ambitious programme of constructing over 400 modern markets across the country, aiming to strengthen local economies and provide vital infrastructure for small-scale traders.

According to Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, these markets are at various stages of completion, reflecting the government's commitment to uplift grassroots economic development.

Speaking during a women's and boda boda riders' empowerment event held at Kigumo Bendera grounds, the Deputy President underscored the transformative potential of the markets saying more markets are slated for construction so as to provide small-scale traders with a conducive environment for conducting businesses.

He emphasized that the initiative is designed not

only to create vibrant commercial hubs but also to address the practical needs of traders and their families.

"These markets will be more than just trading spaces. They will include well-structured stalls, ICT hubs to support digital trade and online works, cold rooms for storage of fresh produce, and even daycare facilities for mothers with young children," stated Kindiki.

"We want to ensure that our traders, especially women, have a safe, clean, and supportive environment to grow their businesses," he said.

In relation to Murang'a, the Deputy President said the government is already constructing 15 modern markets some of which are at completion level.

"We have Kangari, Muthithi, Kambirwa, Gakoe and Gatunyu among other markets which the government is already doing in Murang'a. 12 other markets will be constructed in the next financial year," he added.

He observed that agriculture is a source of livelihoods for many Kenyan households hence the markets would provide venues for selling and buying of agricultural produce.

Kindiki also emphasized the importance of improving road networks to support the markets, ensuring that traders could easily transport their goods to and from the markets.

"We are investing heavily in roads and infrastructure to link these markets to the rest of the country, reducing transportation costs and connecting our farmers and traders to larger markets," he noted.

The markets are expected to significantly reduce operational costs for traders, improve the quality and shelf life of perishable goods, and create a conducive environment for local innovation.

With proper planning and continued government support, these markets could become vital economic engines for rural and urban communities alike.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

THE CROPS ACT (CAP 318)

THE DRAFT CROPS (FIBRE CROPS AND CROP FIBRES) REGULATIONS, 2025

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE DRAFT CROPS (FIBRE CROPS AND CROP FIBRES) REGULATIONS, 2025

Pursuant to section 5(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A Laws of Kenya, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, hereby notifies the public that the Crops (Fibre Crops and Crop Fibres) Regulations, 2025 have been prepared as proposed Statutory Instruments (Draft Regulations) under the Crops Act, Cap 318 Laws of Kenya.

The draft Regulations are proposed by the Cabinet Secretary under the provisions of section 40 of the Crops Act, Cap 318. The proposed Regulations are to operationalize section 40 of the Act. Therefore, this public notice requests that all persons likely affected by the Draft Regulations submit a written memorandum on the Draft Regulations to reach the undersigned within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication in the format below.

Part in the Regulation	Section in Draft Regulations	Current Provision in Regulations	Proposed Recommendation	Justification and Rationale
E.g Part I				

Hard copies of the written memoranda may be submitted to the **Office of the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture, Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, P.O. Box 30028-00100, Nairobi**. Soft copies can also be submitted via email to directorpolicy@kilimo.go.ke / psagriculture.research@kilimo.go.ke.

The Draft Regulations are available on the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development website: www.kilimo.go.ke and the Agriculture and Food Authority website: www.afa.go.ke.

Further, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development invites members of the public to a virtual/in-person public meeting on **Tuesday, 17th June, 2025** at **Sarova Panafric Hotel Nairobi** from **9.00 a.m.** A link will be shared on the Ministry website and social media platforms before then.

**SEN. MUTAHI KAGWE, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**



MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI)

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE

Office of the Principal Secretary

NOMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF KENYA CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kenya consumer protection advisory committee (KECOPAC) is a statutory committee established by section 89 of the Consumer Protection Act No.46 of 2012. Its main aim is to oversee the protection of the consumer and prevent unfair trade practices in consumer transactions at all levels. We have four vacancies of members to be filled as below:

Pursuant to section 89 d (i), we are calling for the submission of the names of nominees, one each from accredited consumer rights organizations to be considered and/or appointed to be members of the Kenya consumer advisory committee for the next three years by the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry to replace the outgoing committee members (4 Members)

The outgoing members are also eligible to be appointed again if nominated by their organizations.

The basic qualifications for appointment are:-

- (i) Must have a first degree
- (ii) Is knowledgeable in matters related to consumer rights and has an experience of not less than 3 years dealing with matters related to consumer rights and advocacy
- (iii) Satisfies chapter six of the constitution of Kenya

The names and complete details of nominees should be submitted to:-

**The Principal Secretary,
Department of Trade,
Teleposta Towers
P.O. Box 30430, NAIROBI
on or before 23rd May, 2025**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE**



Kenya's Sacco movement hits Sh1.8 trillion in assets

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A,
KNA

Savings and Credit Co-operative Organizations (SACCOs) in the country registered an average growth of 10 percent in 2024 to hit a record Sh1.8 trillion in assets with members enjoying an average of 10 percent returns in form of dividends.

The Commissioner for Co-operatives Development David Obonyo said that currently, the Sacco loan book stands at over Sh1.1 trillion and the savings at over Sh1.2 trillion.

"The Sacco movement holds around 30 percent of Kenya's savings and I want to assure all Kenyans who have savings in the Saccos that we have an elaborate legal framework, policy and guidelines that ensure that the funds are safe and secure," assured Obonyo.

Speaking in Nairobi when the Co-operative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) launched the pre-Ushirika day events, Obonyo said that as government, they have established the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA) which undertakes inspection and regulation of Saccos in the country to ensure that the institutions operate within the guidelines in efforts to guarantee the safety of members' savings.

The Commissioner highlighted that early this year, Saccos in Nairobi had paid out over Sh35 billion to members in form of interest and dividends.

Obonyo said that for Saccos to be competitive, they need to embrace technology and as a Ministry, they have done a paper where they want to have a central liquidity and shared platform as part of the legal framework to enable the cooper-



The Commissioner for Co-operatives Development David Obonyo speaking in Nairobi. Photo by Joseph Ng'ang'a.

atives to come together and share technology and lend money to each other.

Co-operative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) Chairman Makenza Malonza said that as the Sacco movement, they have registered tremendous

growth and they needed to advance to the next level and they were advocating for the new bill which would allow them to get into the payment system and start offering other services like issuing bankers cheques.

"We want to enhance our financial inclusivity where we can reach out to the marginalized in society which is in line with our theme for this year's Ushirika Day celebration which is "Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for a Better World," explained Malonza.

He said that they were investing a lot in ICT and research in efforts to know what the customers want which would enable them to compete with other players in the financial sector.

"We are also conducting capacity building for our Sacco leaders through the African Confederation of Cooperative Savings and Credit Associations (AC-COSCA). Some of our Saccos are growing big and we forecast that in the next three years, we will have some with assets of over Sh100 billion and therefore

we need well trained managers to oversee the institutions," said Malonza.

CAK Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Marube said that the United Nations (UN) proclaimed 2025 as the year of cooperatives which is an achievement for the movement where they have been recognized for its ability to positively change people's social economic wellbeing.

Marube said that the co-operative movement has played a crucial role in food production, financial inclusion, provision of decent and affordable housing, providing clean water and improving the environment.

"In preparation for the Ushirika Day this year, we will conduct several activities including a blood donation drive, a tree planting exercise, exhibitions among other activities," said Marube.



NOTICE ON REGISTRATION OF CONSULTING FIRMS, PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS FOR THE PERIOD 2025/2026-2026/2027

The National Irrigation Authority (NIA) is a state agency established under the Irrigation Act, No. 14 of 2019. The Authority invites applications for the registration of interested and eligible consulting firms, professional individual consultants, contractors, service providers and suppliers for the period 2025/2026-2026/2027 in various categories with category numbers as indicated in the registration documents and summarized as follows:

S.No.	Registration Category	Category Description	Application Submission Deadline
1.	Category A	Consulting Firms	9th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m. local time)
2.	Category B	Professional Individual Consultants	10th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m. local time)
3.	Category C	Contractors (NCA registered)	11th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m. local time)
4.	Category D	Service Providers	12th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m. local time)
5.	Category E	Suppliers	13th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m. local time)

A complete set of registration documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge from National Irrigation Authority's website www.irrigationauthority.go.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal at www.tenders.go.ke as from 30th May 2025. Applicants who download the registration document must forward their particulars immediately to purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.

Duly completed and properly marked "*Original*" Registration Documents should be enclosed in a plain envelope clearly labelled '**REGISTRATION CATEGORY, CATEGORY NUMBER AND THE RESPECTIVE CATEGORY DESCRIPTION**' must be deposited in the Tender Box located in the Reception Office on the Ground Floor of NIA Head Office, Irrigation House, Lenana Road, Hurlingham and should be addressed to:

**Chief Executive Officer/CEO
National Irrigation Authority (NIA)
Irrigation House,
Lenana Road, Hurlingham, Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: +254-711061000
E-mail: ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke;
purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke**

The registration documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of applicants or their representatives who wish to attend at the Nile Bain Board Room, Irrigation House, Lenana Road, Hurlingham, Nairobi.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CEO
NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY**



KENYA REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

INVITATION TO TENDER

Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following items as detailed in the respective tender documents:

TENDER No.	DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY (KSHS.)	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE
International Tender			
KRC/2025/2493/140	Consultancy services for the establishment of Kenya Reinsurance Corporation subsidiary in Dar es salaam Tanzania	N/A	17 th June 2025
National Tenders			
KRC/2025/2523/137	Expression of interest for provision of tree planting service project	N/A	10 th June 2025
KRC/2025/2539/142	Request for Proposal – Consultancy for Sharia Supervisory Board	N/A	10 th June 2025

Prospective bidders may download the tender documents from the Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited website www.kenyare.co.ke free of charge or Public Procurement Portal www.tenders.go.ke.

Tender documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly bearing the correct **tender number** and name should be deposited in the tender box located on the 16th floor of Reinsurance Plaza Aga Khan Walk NAIROBI or be sent to:-

**Group Managing Director
Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited
Reinsurance Plaza, Nairobi
Aga Khan Walk
P.O. Box 30271 - 00100 NAIROBI**

To be received before or on as detailed in the invitation to tender. Tenders will be opened the same day and time in the Corporation's Boardroom in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend. Tenders that are delivered after the submission deadline will be rejected.

Prices quoted **MUST** be expressed in Kenya Shillings or as detailed in SECTION II – TENDER DATA SHEET inclusive of Kenyan Government taxes (VAT, WITHHOLDING TAX) and should remain valid for a period of **120 days** from the closing date of the tender.

Bidders who download the tender documents from the Corporation website or the Public Procurement Portal **MUST** forward their particulars immediately via email to procurement@kenyare.co.ke. This is for record and any further tender clarifications and addendum where necessary. The particulars should include: Name of Firm, Postal Address, Telephone Number, Email Address, Tender Number and Tender Name. The said e-mail may be used for clarification.

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State, KVDA launch projects to conserve environment

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER, KNA

The Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) Through the State Department for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development is conducting Schools' Greening programme across the six counties of West Pokot, Turkana, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, and Samburu counties to plant 1 million tree seedlings to conserve the environment and support communities' livelihoods.

Speaking during the launch of water projects and tree seedlings distribution exercise to schools and communities in Soy and Kapseret sub counties in Uasin Gishu County, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development, Kello Harsama underscored that the initiative was a big milestone towards the President's directive to plant 15 billion seedlings by 2032.

He indicated that the schools and communities' boreholes in the two sub counties will serve the schools and over 3000 households who had not had access to clean water for a long time and were forced to source water from nearby rivers for domestic use while at the same time take animals to the water sources in order to drink.

"Thank God we now have good access to clean

water, the schools in this county are also supported with 200,000 tree and fruit seedlings to support both primary and secondary schools in order to conserve the environment while at the same time providing them with nutritional components through fruits," noted the PS.

The ASALs PS hinted on increasing the number of seedlings in the area especially for fruits noting that the region is very fertile which will help boost food security as per the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) on agriculture as a key pillar for economic growth, food security, and farmer empowerment.

"Remember the president's directive to plant 15 billion seedlings by 2032 and to support local communities in line with the Kenya kwanza manifesto to access food and good living standards which are recommended," added PS Harsama.

KVDA Managing Director Sammy Naporos noted that the authority is supporting schools' greening programmes across the six counties of coverage to plant more than 1 million trees out of which 600000 are fruit seedlings to support communities' livelihoods in terms of income and nutritional components through fruits.

He revealed that they have been able to complete 71 water projects

this financial year alone with about Sh800 million which is a big achievement in terms of supporting schools and communities to conserve the environment and transform livelihoods.

"Yesterday we came from Baringo where we launched a number of water projects and distributed tree and fruit seedlings to schools and communities to conserve the environment and support livelihoods," explained Naporos.

In his remarks, KVDA board Chairperson Mark Chesergon commended the government for support, as he affirmed the Authority's commitment to water and environmental conservation to empower and transform the livelihoods of the local communities.

Additionally, the PS led the team in the distribution of 200000 assorted tree seedlings to all primary and secondary schools in the county to enhance tree cover, support conservation and mitigate climate change.

The greening schools program contributes to carbon sequestration, soil erosion control, and the provision of shade.

KVDA has been actively involved in environmental catchment conservation activities, raising of tree nurseries within its area of jurisdiction and planting of tree seedlings in the selected zones.

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Baringo residents issued with 20,000 mango fruit seedlings

BY CHRISTOPHER KIPROP AND BENSON KELIO, KNA

The Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) has distributed 20,000 mango fruit seedlings to schools and residents in Baringo West Sub-County to improve livelihoods as well as conserve the environment.

Speaking on behalf of ASALs and Regional Development Principal Secretary, Harsama Kello, Dr. Wanjiku Manyatta, who is a Director at the department, said area residents will reap big when the fruits mature.

Manyatta urged the residents to commercialize mango farming saying the 20,000 seedlings will earn the residents Sh200 million per season.

"With this we will be self-sufficient at the household level and feed the nation with the surplus, this will indeed contribute to success of vision 2030," said Dr. Manyatta.

Baringo North Member of Parliament, Joseph Makilap praised the project saying it was a testament that money disbursed to KVDA for development was put to prudent use.

Makilap called on the President to reconsider dissolution of the agency saying it was a channel through which peace and development can be achieved in the six counties of North Rift it serves.

He said the commissioned Chemura water will improve sanitation for close to 20,000 residents living in the areas.

The director added that KVDA has a mango factory in Tot which will offer ready market to the mango fruits produced by the farmers."

She called on the residents to utilize the Sh300 million water infrastructure established by KVDA to irrigate the mangoes and other plants.

The Agency's Board of Directors Chairman Mr. Mark Chepsergen said the board decided to distribute fruit seedling after coming to a realization that there were just normal trees while they can get more benefits of fruit seedlings.

"Through the project we will promote mango value chain which will give us wealth," added Mr. Chepsergen.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY

Career Opportunities

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is the National Revenue Collection Agency for the Government of Kenya. Our Vision is: "An agile tax and customs revenue agency facilitating voluntary compliance for all." KRA is seeking to recruit results-oriented, self-driven, dynamic, and experienced individuals with high integrity to fill the following positions in the Business Strategy, Technology and Enterprise Modernization Department:

No.	VACANCY	POSITIONS	VACANCY REF.
1.	Supervisor - Big Data Operations	1	S/BDO/5/25
2.	Supervisor - Data Integration	1	S/DI/5/25
3.	Supervisor - Data Quality & Stewardship	1	S/DQS/5/25
4.	Supervisor - Revenue Assurance & Fraud Analytics	1	S/RA/5/25
5.	Supervisor - Business Artificial Intelligence (BAI)	1	S/BAI/5/25
6.	Supervisor - Reporting & Analysis	1	S/RA/5/25
7.	Supervisor - Domestic Taxes/Customs Projects Portfolio	2	S/PP/5/25
8.	Supervisor - Operational Efficiency Projects Portfolio	1	S/OE/5/25
9.	Supervisor - Data Governance (Data Protection)	1	S/DPG/5/25
10.	Supervisor - Data Governance (Awareness)	1	S/DGA/5/25
11.	Supervisor - Vulnerability Management & Investigation Support	1	S/VMM/5/25
12.	Supervisor - Security Tools Operations (SOT)	1	S/SOT/5/25
13.	Supervisor - Corporate Planning & Modernization	1	S/CPM/5/25
14.	Supervisor - Research & Survey	1	S/RS/5/25
15.	Supervisor - Statistics Analysis & Reporting	1	S/SA/5/25
16.	Supervisor - Knowledge Management Strategy & Programmes	1	S/SP/5/25
17.	Supervisor - Business Transformation Office (BTO) - Shared Services	1	S/BTS/5/25
18.	Supervisor - Business Transformation Office (BTO) LMT & MST	2	S/BT/5/25
19.	Supervisor - System Administration	1	S/SA/5/25
20.	Supervisor - Cloud Architecture	1	S/CA/5/25
21.	Supervisor - Business Application Support	1	S/BAS/5/25
22.	Supervisor - Software Development	2	S/SD/5/25
23.	Supervisor - Design & Planning	1	S/DP/5/25
24.	Supervisor - Network Management	1	S/NM/5/25
25.	Supervisor - Capacity Management & Business Continuity	1	S/CM/5/25
26.	Supervisor - Service Support, Southern Region, Customs House & Outstation	1	S/SPR/5/25
27.	Supervisor - Asset Management	1	S/AM/5/25

Detailed Job descriptions are posted on the KRA website.

Interested candidates are requested to visit KRA website at <https://www.kra.go.ke/careers> for full job descriptions and specifications and submit online applications by 16th June, 2025 23:59hrs.

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Additional Requirements:

Successful candidates will be expected to present the following in line with Chapter Six of the Constitution:
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- Valid certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
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- Valid tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
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First Lady launches Shimo la Tewa Chandaria Workshop and Carakana Program

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

The First Lady, Rachel Ruto officially launched the Shimo La Tewa Chandaria Workshop and Carakana Program, a comprehensive empowerment initiative designed to equip incarcerated women with practical skills, digital literacy, and therapeutic creativity.

The Shimo La Tewa Women's Prison, which holds 135 inmates and 7 accompanying children, now joins a growing list of prison facilities, including Langata, Kisumu, Nakuru, Kakamega, and Kitale, that are embracing Carakana's integrated training model.

Women at the facility will have access to specialized units in bakery, tailoring, and textiles, and ICT training, with a newly launched Carakana Cross Stitch Studio offering a therapeutic space for creativity and healing.

The official ceremony was also graced by the Principal Secretary for Correctional Services,

Salome Beacco, Commissioner General of Prisons, Patrick Mwiti, Priti Chandaria, Mombasa County Woman Representative, Zamzam Chimba, Kisauni Member of Parliament, Rashid Bedzimba among others.

Describing the new workshop as "a sanctuary of second chances and a workshop of hope," the First Lady emphasized the transformative power of dignity, community, and economic opportunity, especially for women navigating life behind bars.

"Every woman, regardless of her past, deserves the chance to rebuild her life with dignity, purpose, and hope," The First Lady said during the launch ceremony.

The initiative is a collaborative effort between the Chandaria Foundation, a longstanding champion of philanthropy and social impact in Kenya, and the State Department for Correctional Services, with operational support from Carakana, a non-profit organization known

for its unique approach to rehabilitation through the traditional art of cross-stitching.

Since its inception in 2016, Carakana has trained over 1,500 incarcerated women, reaching over 7,000 beneficiaries and generating over Sh 23 million in income for participants through the sale of their handcrafted works.

The First Lady shared her own deeply personal connection to the program, recounting how her childhood passion for cross-stitching evolved into a mission to empower women in prison with art and skills that promote introspection, community, and income generation.

"Carakana brought us together in community, women sharing stories, healing together, and building resilience," she noted.

The initiative marks a critical step in turning Kenya's prisons into incubators of empowerment and social enterprise, promoting not only reha-



First Lady Rachel Ruto cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the launch of the Chandaria Shimo la Tewa Women's Workshop, Mombasa. Photo: Andrew Hinga

bilitation but sustainable reintegration into society.

"As the country continues to grapple with reintegration challenges and prison overcrowding, the Shimo La Tewa Chandaria Workshop stands as a beacon of what's possible when vision, compassion, and collaboration converge," she noted.

The First Lady graced the ceremony with gifts for the incarcerated women that included 21 water tanks, 10 cartons of tissues, 8 cartons of milk, 40 mattresses, 8 cartons of soap, 10 boxes of sanitary pads and a Tender to stitch 100 sweaters for an institution.

The Principal Secretary, State Department for Correctional Services, Salome Beacco highlighted that

the Workshop is a model of rehabilitation that focuses on restoration and not punishment.

Beacco stressed the importance of inclusive, participatory rehabilitation programs developed with input from inmates and communities, ensuring sustainability and dignity. Citing research, she noted that vocational training reduces recidivism and supports national goals under Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"We intend to move away from the one-size-fits-all approach to prison work. We are committed to programmes that are inclusive, responsive, and developed in consultation with prisoners, former

inmates, and the communities to which they will return. This participatory approach ensures relevance, sustainability, and dignity in rehabilitation," the PS said.

She acknowledged the broader impact of such initiatives in promoting prison safety, inmate discipline, and staff morale. She also expressed deep gratitude to the Chandaria Foundation and praised the First Lady for her visionary leadership in championing women's empowerment through initiatives like Carakana.

The Mombasa County Woman Representative, Zamzam Chimba, hailed the initiative as a bold reaffirmation of dignity, opportunity, and second chances for women in prison.



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP8/9A/NR/OT/03/24-25	Proposed Construction of Eldoret Office Block-Builders Work Phase I	Tuesday 27.05.2025	N/A	Monday 16.06.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
2.	KP2/9A/OT/NS/TPT/002/24-25	Three (3) Year Contract for Supply of Fleet Repairs and Maintenance Services from Third Party Garages in Nairobi Region	Wednesday 28.05.2025	N/A	Monday 23.06.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
3.	KP1/9A.2/OT/063/ADM/24-25	Re-Tender Provision of Cleaning Services to North Eastern Region (YWPWD)	Wednesday 28.05.2025	N/A	Wednesday 04.06.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
4.	KP1/1/3A/4/1/OT/008/24-25	Supply & Delivery of Assorted Electrical & Electronics, Mechanical, Renewable Energy Equipment and Tools	Wednesday 28.05.2025	Wednesday 04.06.2025 at 11.00 a.m. (KPLC Training School (IESR) Ruaka next to Kenya Utalii)	Wednesday 11.06.2025 at 11.00 a.m.

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

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Tender Notice

Kenya Revenue Authority invites bids from eligible candidates for the following tender;

DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	MANDATORY SITE VISIT	PREBID DATE, TIME AND VENUE	CLOSING/OPENING DATE, TIME AND VENUE
KRA/HQS/NCB-040/2024-2025: Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Solar Power System at Kenya School of Revenue Administration – Mombasa Campus	OPEN	3rd June, 2025 10.00 AM	3rd June 2025 12 Noon	11th June 2025 11.00 AM TIMES TOWER

Tender documents detailing the requirements of the above tender may be obtained from the Kenya Revenue Authority website www.kra.go.ke and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) www.tenders.go.ke

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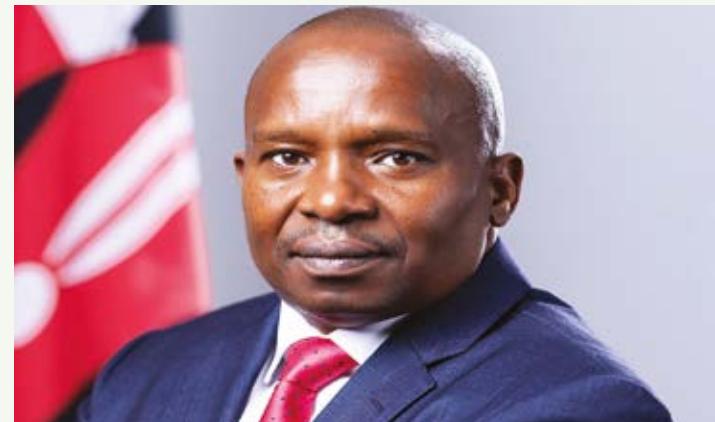


OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE SECOND KENYA DEVOLUTION SUPPORT PROGRAM (KDSP II)

Theme: Strengthen County performance in the financing, management, coordination and accountability of resources

Date: 27th May 2025 Time: 12pm Venue: Enashipai Resort & Spa

The Second Kenya Devolution Support Program (KDSP II) is a World Bank funded, 4-year program that aims to strengthen governance systems, enhance institutional capacity and improve service delivery at the county level. The Program supports reforms under the Government's Devolution Sector Plan. The State Department for Devolution is the coordinating agency, working in collaboration with other implementing agencies.



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TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE DRYLAND CLIMATE ACTION FOR COMMUNITY DROUGHT RESILIENCE (DCADR) PROJECT, NAIROBI

TENDER REFERENCE No. NDMA/DCADR/MTR/2024-2025

The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) is a State Corporation established by the NDMA Act, 2016. The Act mandates the Authority to exercise overall coordination over all matters relating to drought risk management and to establish mechanisms, either on its own or with stakeholders, to end drought emergencies in Kenya.

NDMA is implementing the Dryland Climate Action for Community Drought Resilience (DCADR) Project, a four-year drought risk management initiative co-funded by the European Union and the Government of Kenya.

The Authority is seeking the services of an experienced legal entity or organization to conduct a mid-term review for the project. The review will assess the progress made toward the project's goals and objectives since its inception in January 2023 and assist NDMA improving the grant's effectiveness and efficiency in results delivery for the remaining implementation period.

Interested eligible bidders may download the tender document free of charge from the NDMA website www.ndma.go.ke.

The deadline for submission of tenders is **26th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m.**

Tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter in the **NDMA Boardroom on 17th Floor, Lonrho House, Standard Street, Nairobi**, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives, who choose to attend.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



KENYA
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2025 SERIES OF BOARD PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) hereby notifies the general public that the pre-registration examination for Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals has been scheduled for 11th - 12th September, 2025.

All graduates who were admitted to the University after 11th June, 2020 and were not indexed in the courses listed below are required to apply

1. **Bachelors of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)**
2. **Animal Health (Certificate, Diploma and Degree)**

Application **MUST** be done using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4avk-uwAXcgFdZpNJSNzp0Chzt6PPKHN8gzUaO4PLcctMJQ/viewform?usp=sharing> on or before **01/08/2025**. Successful applicants will be notified to register and pay for the examinations.

Application fees must be paid through the E-Citizen platform. Log into E-Citizen, select KVB option and pay for the following charges:

Application for KVB Services Fees – Kshs. 1,050.

NO applications will be accepted after **01/08/2025 5.00 pm EAT**. Any further enquiries can be channeled through email: examination@kenyavetboard.or.ke or mobile number: **0701275953**

**Registrar
Kenya Veterinary Board**



Administrative Assistants trained on information security to sustain cyber readiness

BY JACQUELINE ADYANG
(PCO)

The Government has concluded a sensitization workshop aimed at equipping Administrative Assistants with skills in information security, as part of efforts to sustain accountability and enhance service delivery in a rapidly

evolving digital landscape.

The four-day training brought together 40 officers drawn from the Office of Head of the Public Service.

Held under the theme "Strengthening Information Security for Operational Efficiency," the workshop sought to boost cyber readiness and improve secure data management within

the public service.

Participants were taken through key areas including secure data handling, the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, and proper protocols for managing sensitive government records. The training also addressed emerging threats in records and information management, offering practical

tools to mitigate risks such as unauthorized access, data breaches, and the mishandling of official documents.

The initiative is part of broader government efforts to reinforce institutional cybersecurity frameworks and respond to increasing threats to data integrity across the public sector.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Head of the Information and Communication Unit in the Office of Head of the Public Service, Mr. Victor Mulinge, underscored the critical role of front office staff in safeguarding government op-

erations.

"This training marks a significant step in enhancing the security posture of our office. Administrative Assistants are the backbone of information flow in government, and empowering them is crucial to building a secure and responsive public service," said Mr. Mulinge.

He also emphasized the link between information security and good governance. "Good governance thrives where information is well-managed and protected. When frontline officers understand their role

in maintaining confidentiality and data integrity, we create a foundation of trust, transparency, and accountability in government operations," he added.

The workshop also promoted a culture of security awareness and encouraged collaboration and the exchange of best practices among the participants. Mr. Mulinge further affirmed the government's commitment to continue capacity building and expert support to ensure officers in front-line roles are well-prepared to protect public information.



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44th JKUAT & 12th PAUSTI JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY

This is to inform all candidates who qualified for the conferment of degrees and the award of diplomas and certificates of **Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)** and **Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI)** during the **2024/2025 academic year** that there will be a Graduation Ceremony on **Friday, 27th June 2025** from **8.00 am** at the Graduation Square, at the Main Campus, Juja. The information regarding preparations for the ceremony is detailed below:

(i) Examination Results

The results of examinations sat in the **2024/2025** academic year will be available from the offices of the respective Deans/Directors of Schools/Campuses/Institutes during working hours. Qualified candidates should confirm the inclusion of their names in the graduation list with their respective Deans/Directors, latest **Monday, 9th June 2025**.

(ii) Confirmation of the order of names

The list of graduands for the Graduation Ceremony will be available on the website www.jkuat.ac.ke. To avoid any penalties, all candidates should confirm the order and correctness of spelling of their names as they should appear on their certificates from **Monday, 9th June 2025**. This confirmation will be done through filling in the relevant form which is maintained in the respective Schools. After this, any changes to the details in the certificate requested after graduation will attract a fee of **KShs. 3,000 (Kenya shillings three thousand)**.

(iii) Rehearsal

Graduands wishing to participate in the ceremony MUST attend in person the rehearsals at the Graduation Square on **Thursday, 26th June 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** Graduands attending the rehearsal must be seated by the stated hour and be in complete graduation attire. Vital information will be communicated during the rehearsal. Please note that graduation attire will not be issued on the rehearsal day.

Graduation Fees

A mandatory non-refundable fee as stated below must be paid NOT later than **Friday 30th May, 2025**. Payments will be made to the University bank accounts at any of the branches of the banks listed below:

ABSA A/c No. 077-5001216
Cooperative Bank of Kenya, A/c No. 01129098952900
National Bank of Kenya, A/c No. 0100305980600
Equity Bank A/c No. 0090291251426

In addition, graduands must have cleared any fees arrears and all other dues owed to the University by the said date. Failure to do this will lead to disqualification from the ceremony.

The following are mandatory graduation charges for the various categories of graduands, which must be paid not later than **Friday 30th May, 2025**.

S/No	Award	Graduation Fees	Academic Dress Hire	Alumni	Total Payable
1	Ph.D.	KShs. 5,500	KShs. 1000	KShs. 1,100	KShs. 7,600
2	Masters	KShs. 5,000	KShs. 700	KShs. 1,100	KShs. 6,800
3	Post-Graduate Diplomas	KShs. 4,500	KShs. 600	KShs. 1,100	KShs. 6,200
5.	Undergraduate Degree/Diploma	KShs. 3,500	KShs. 600	KShs. 1,100	KShs. 5,200
6	Certificate	KShs. 2,000	KShs. 600	KShs. 1,100	KShs. 3,700

*Please note that none of the fees paid above will be refundable.

(v) Academic Dress

During the ceremony, only graduands in full academic attire will be allowed entry into the Graduation Square. Graduands who wish to hire gowns are required to apply and pay as stated above. The forms can be downloaded from the University website, www.jkuat.ac.ke. Gowns will be issued from **Monday, 9th June, 2025 up to Wednesday, 20th June, 2025** during working hours. Graduation attire must be returned by **Friday, 11th July 2025 latest**; after which a penalty of **KShs. 500 (Kenya shillings five hundred only)** will be charged per day.

(vi) Electronic Cards

Electronic cards will be sent to the graduands' email addresses. Every graduand will be required to print one (1) invitation e-card and be accompanied by his/her two (2) guests. In addition, graduands will be issued with a car pass when picking their gowns at the respective school.

(vii) Punctuality

On the graduation day, graduands and their guests will be expected to have taken their seats by **7.30 a.m.** Those arriving late will not be allowed into the Graduation Square.

DR. AGGREY WANYAMA, Ph.D.
REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)



NATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE

The National Irrigation Authority (Authority) invites sealed tenders for the following:

S.No.	Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1.	NIA/T/179/2024-2025	Provision of Guarding, Alarms and Security Services for National Irrigation Authority for the period 1 st August 2025 - 30 th June 2027	9 th June 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	All
2.	NIA/T/182/2024-2025	Construction Works For Itambua Muthatari Irrigation Development Project, Manyatta Constituency, Embu County	20 th June 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	AGPO
3.	NIA/T/183/2024-2025	Construction Works For New Kithimu irrigation project, Manyatta & Runyenjes Constituencies, Embu County	20 th June 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	AGPO
4.	NIA/T/184/2024-2025	Consultancy Services For Detailed Design Review And Construction Supervision Of Athi Dam Irrigation and Food Security Project, Kitui and Taita Taveta Counties	20 th June 2025 at 12.00 noon local time	ALL

Detailed tender document that include mandatory preliminary requirements, technical and financial evaluation criteria may be viewed and obtained by interested and eligible tenderers free of charge from the Authority's website: <http://www.irrigationauthority.go.ke/tenders> or Public Procurement Information Portal : <https://tenders.go.ke/> as from **30th May 2025**. Tenderers who intend to submit their tenders **MUST** promptly submit their names and contact details to **purchasing@irrigationauthority.go.ke** or **ceo@irrigationauthority.go.ke** for communication on any clarification(s) and addendum arising during the tendering process.

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Kenya moves to curb certificate fraud amid alarming revelations

BY NAIF RASHID AND FRIDE AMIANI KNA

The Government has issued a stern warning over the growing forgery of academic and professional certificates, terming it a national emergency that threatens the credibility of the education system and the integrity of public service.

Speaking during the 2025 Ethics and Integrity Conference held in Nairobi, Head of Public Service Felix Koskei said the vice is a serious threat to institutional integrity and national development.

"Appointments and promotions must espouse fair competition and merit, yet we are witnessing falsified certificates across sectors, from national and county governments to parastatals and independent offices," said Koskei.

Koskei cited a recent directive by the Public Service Commission requiring all public officers to have their academic and professional credentials verified, which has revealed widespread fraud further cautioning that the implications of fake credentials go beyond domestic governance.

He warned that such misconduct could undermine the country's labour export programmes. "We risk national embarrassment if unqualified individuals are exported abroad only for their incompetence to be exposed. This undermines efforts to address youth unemployment, especially when we have many genuinely skilled graduates," he said.

Koskei announced that a circular had been issued to all public entities to enforce strict adherence to recruitment guidelines, adding

that heads of institutions who recruit unqualified individuals would be held personally accountable.

Koskei also revealed that a multi-agency task force had been established, bringing together the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC), and the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) to address the crisis.

EACC Chairperson Dr. David Oginde echoed Koskei's sentiments, describing the crisis as systemic and likening it to a pandemic. "This issue is no longer isolated. It's systemic. We are seeing falsified documents even at the PhD level—people submitting dissertations downloaded from the inter-



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, Felix Koskei, speaking in Nairobi.

net," said Dr. Oginde.

Oginde decried the normalization of academic dishonesty, pointing out that law enforcement agencies now have to invigilate even primary school examinations.

"We now have to deploy security forces to invigilate primary school exams—something unimaginable in the past," Oginde said.

Dr. Oginde, further, warned that Kenya's reputation as a global academic leader was at stake. "Let us

be ruthless with those who have taken shortcuts. We must restore our nation's integrity," he urged.

EACC Chief Executive Officer Abdi Mohamud revealed that the Commission has received 549 reports of certificate forgery since 2022. "So far, 85 cases have been forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions and 20 have been concluded in court, resulting in 13 convictions," he said.

Mohamud emphasised that enforcement efforts

must be accompanied by a multi-sectoral strategy to contain the vice because if not curbed, this menace has the potential to discredit the integrity of Kenyan certificates and reduce competitiveness in the job market.

Mohamud further noted that EACC is actively recovering salaries and benefits fraudulently earned by individuals who secured employment using forged documents, citing that the Constitution envisions meritocracy as the basis of public appointments; hence, institutions must uphold integrity in recruitment processes.

Public Service Commission Chairperson Anthony Muchiri, who also attended the forum, revealed that a recent verification exercise uncovered over 2,500 forged certificates out of 3,000 examined.

Muchiri directed the verification of all public servants' academic and professional credentials, regardless of rank or position.

"We must go back to our roots. Restoring integrity to Kenya's education and public service systems is not just a legal obligation, but a moral and cultural imperative," said Muchiri.

Kenya wins two awards for remote sensing excellence

BY JACQUELINE ADYANG (PCO)

Kenya's leadership in geospatial technology and environmental monitoring has received global recognition after the Directorate of Resource Surveys and Remote Sensing (DRSRS) was honoured with two prestigious international awards by STAR VISION Aerospace Group Limited.

The awards: The Oriental Club VIP Award and the OSE Plaque Award highlight the country's growing footprint in the field of remote sensing.

The Director of DRSRS, Dr. Moses Akali, who received the awards during a ceremony held at the Directorate's headquarters in Nairobi lauded the recognition as both a national and institutional achievement.

The event coincided with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DRSRS and the Flight Training Centre (FTC), aimed at advancing Kenya's capabilities in airborne geospatial data acquisition.

"These awards are not only a recognition of our past achievements; they are a challenge for us to continue pushing the boundaries of innovation in remote sensing and geospatial intelligence. I thank STAR VISION for their confidence in our team and



The Director of DRSRS, Dr. Moses Akali (left), and Captain Gordon Wachira of the Flight Training Centre (FTC) hold copies of the signed Memorandum of Understanding at the DRSRS headquarters in Nairobi.

reaffirm our commitment to developing practical, technology-driven solutions for sustainable development," said Dr. Akali.

Speaking during the MoU signing, Captain Gordon Wachira, a senior representative from FTC, pledged full support for the success of the partnership.

Captain Wachira underscored the importance of safety, professionalism, and precision in aerial mapping operations saying: "We at FTC have heavily invested in training highly skilled pilots and technical personnel for aerial mapping and survey missions. We believe that the best safety measure is a well-trained pilot, and we are

proud to bring that level of readiness and commitment to our collaboration with DRSRS."

On behalf of STAR VISION, Mr. Titus Kiragu stated that the two awards serve as recognition of DRSRS's leadership and Kenya's growing readiness to embrace advanced space-based technologies.

"We are not just celebrating a partnership; we are acknowledging a results-driven and forward-looking institution. Kenya is now well-positioned to benefit from cutting-edge satellite solutions, including our Oriental Smart Eye (OSE) constellation and upcoming AI-powered plat-

forms. We look forward to strengthening this partnership further," he said.

Mr. Kiragu also revealed that discussions are underway for a joint satellite-based project to monitor wildlife and livestock habitats. He further announced plans to co-host a national multi-agency workshop focused on remote sensing applications.

Wrapping up the event, Principal Geo-Information Officer and Head of the Remote Sensing Division at DRSRS, Mr. Vincent Imala, emphasized the broader significance of the occasion.

"This is more than a celebration of awards. It is a reaffirmation of our shared vision with partners like STAR VISION and FTC to harness geospatial technology for real-time, evidence-based decision-making. These partnerships reflect the government's strategic focus on leveraging science, innovation, and collaboration to serve the public better," Mr. Imala said.

The awards and new partnerships mark a significant milestone for Kenya's geospatial capabilities and highlight the critical role of innovation, public-private cooperation, and international engagement in achieving the country's development agenda.

Probation department spearheads planting of 3, 000 trees in Lugari

BY MELECHEZEDECK EJAKAIT AND BRENDA WABWIRE KNA

The Department of Probation and Aftercare Service in Lugari Sub County in Kakamega County, led a tree-planting drive at Lumakanda Township Comprehensive School to augment the government's effort of planting 15 billion trees by 2032.

During the joint exercise involving the Department's Staff, Probationers, Junior Secondary School learners and teachers, 3, 000 trees were planted in tandem with President William Ruto's national tree growing and ecosystem restoration vision targeting a 30 percent tree cover across the country.

The Department's head Justina Mutiso, who spoke to the press after the tree planting exercise, said the intent was to show their commitment towards mitigating the effects of global warming through planting more trees.

She said: "We planned and organized the exercise in order to conserve the environment. Through the support of the learners we have successfully planted 3000 trees.

"We have also taken the learners through the importance of trees in safeguarding the environment and urged each of them to adopt a tree and ensure it grows to maturity.

"Additionally, we have engaged our clients—the probationers and community service offenders in the exercise to enable them acquire skills in tree planting and environmental conservation.

"We hope once their probation period ends, they will be able to utilize the skills in their respective homes and grow more trees."

The Sub County Forest Officer Nelson Misigo appealed to residents to continuously engage in tree planting activities in order to safeguard the environment and guard against the effects of climate change.

He urged the learners to replicate the exercise in their homesteads and plant more trees noting that the current Kakamega County tree cover which stands at 11 percent is very low.

Clerical officers inducted on Public Service operations

BY SHIRLEEN KAVINYA
AND NGUTHU WAMBUA
(KNA)

Over 300 clerical officers appointed recently have been inducted on public service operations and public servant's code of ethics for their enhanced efficiency and professionalism within the public service.

Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr Jane Imbunya, while pre-

siding over the induction programme held at Kitui Multi-Purpose Center underscored the government's commitment to fostering a competent and ethical workforce.

The Principal Secretary further emphasized the critical role of a firm human capital citing that it's an intangible asset that drives productivity, innovation, and economic growth of a nation while also improving service delivery to the people.

"It is important to have continuous training and professional development of the clerical officers, as they serve as the backbone of administrative functions in various government departments. Public Service is not just about employment; it is about dedication, integrity and commitment to excellence," said Dr Imbunya.

The induction program designed to familiarize the officers with government policies, ethical standards and operational procedures,

included session on records management, financial accountability and customer service.

Trainers from public Service Commission and the Kenya School of Government provided insights into best practices, ensuring that the officers are well equipped to handle their responsibilities effectively.

The key focus of the event was the need for ethical governance and merit-based recruitment. Officials insisted the gov-

ernment's stance on transparency and accountability, urging the new officers to uphold the highest standards of professionalism.

"Your role is pivotal in ensuring seamless operations within your designate government institutions. Efficiency and integrity must be at the core of your service," the PS emphasized

The induction also provided an opportunity for the new officers to interact with experienced professionals, fostering mentorship and

knowledge-sharing. Participants expressed enthusiasm about the training and acknowledged its relevance in preparing them for their duties.

While speaking to KNA, the inductees appreciated that the program has equipped them with necessary skills for their enhanced service delivery and also gave them a clear understanding of their responsibilities and the expectations as public servants.



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY



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Kenya Maritime Authority is a State Corporation whose mandate is to regulate, coordinate and oversee maritime affairs as guided by the Kenya Maritime Authority Act, 2006, the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009 and relevant Maritime International Conventions.

The Authority is seeking to recruit highly competent, proactive and self-driven individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

S/No.	Designation	J/G	Posts	Ref.
1.	Senior Maritime Transport Logistics Training Officer	KMA 5	1	KMA/ER2/25/1
2.	Senior Ports & Shipping Services Officer	KMA 5	3	KMA/ER2/25/2
3.	Senior Administration Officer	KMA 5	1	KMA/ER2/25/3
4.	Legal Officer (Board Services)	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/4
5.	Legal Officer (Legal Services)	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/5
6.	Legal Officer (Maritime Governance)	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/6
7.	Office Administrator	KMA 6	2	KMA/ER2/25/7
8.	Surveyor, Seafarers Training Standards (Nautical)	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/8
9.	Surveyor, Seafarers Training Standards (Engineering)	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/9
10.	Maritime Labour Officer	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/10
11.	Search and Rescue Officer	KMA 6	6	KMA/ER2/25/11
12.	Marine Environment Protection Officer	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/12
13.	Licensing and Seaborne Trade Officer	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/13
14.	Merchant Shipping Fees Officer	KMA 6	1	KMA/ER2/25/14
15.	Legal Clerk	KMA 8	1	KMA/ER2/25/15
16.	ICT Assistant	KMA 8	1	KMA/ER2/25/16
17.	Supply Chain Management Assistant	KMA 8	1	KMA/ER2/25/17
18.	Driver	KMA 9	5	KMA/ER2/25/18
19.	Deckhand	KMA 9	2	KMA/ER2/25/19
20.	Office Assistant	KMA 10	2	KMA/ER2/25/20

Interested applicants are requested to visit our website www.kma.go.ke for more information about the vacancies.

Applicants are advised to indicate the position and reference number on their cover letter.

How to apply

- a) Each application should be accompanied with a detailed curriculum vitae, copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and transcripts, National Identity Card or Passport, testimonials and other relevant supporting documents.
- b) An applicant must clearly indicate the reference number for the position applied for and submit in either of the following ways:
 - I. Hard copy applications for positions should be addressed to the Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority.
 - II. Online applications should be emailed in pdf format (as one running document) to: director-general@kma.go.ke
 - III. Post applications should be sent to:

**Director General,
Kenya Maritime Authority,
KMA Towers along Mbaraki Road (next to the Little Theatre)
P.O. Box 95076 – 80104, MOMBASA.**

Note:

- Canvassing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Successful candidates will be required to submit valid compliance certificates from Kenya Revenue Authority, a registered Credit Reference Bureau, Higher Education Loans Board and a certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
- Successful candidates must adhere to the provisions on Leadership and Integrity as enshrined in Chapter VI of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
- Kenya Maritime Authority is an equal opportunity employer and any qualified employee including persons with disabilities and women are encouraged to apply.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

N/B: The applications should reach the Authority on or before 1700 hours Monday, 16th June, 2025.



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1.	Director, Maritime, Education, Training and Labour	KMA 2	1	KMA/ER1/25/1
2.	Assistant Director, Training and Certification (Nautical)	KMA 3	1	KMA/ER1/25/2
3.	Assistant Director, Registration of Ships, Inspections and Survey	KMA 3	1	KMA/ER1/25/3
4.	Port State Control Officer	KMA 3	1	KMA/ER1/25/4
5.	Principal Accountant	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/5
6.	Principal Finance Officer	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/6
7.	Principal Surveyor, Seafarers Training and Standards (Nautical)	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/7
8.	Principal Surveyor, Seafarers Training and Standards (Engineering)	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/8
9.	Principal Maritime Labour Officer	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/9
10.	Principal Ship Surveyor	KMA 4	2	KMA/ER1/25/10
11.	Principal Surveyor, Search and Rescue	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/11
12.	Principal Surveyor, Maritime Security	KMA 4	1	KMA/ER1/25/12

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P.O. Box 95076 – 80104, MOMBASA.**

Note:

- Canvassing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Successful candidates will be required to submit valid compliance certificates from Kenya Revenue Authority, a registered Credit Reference Bureau, Higher Education Loans Board and a certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.
- Successful candidates must adhere to the provisions on Leadership and Integrity as enshrined in Chapter VI of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
- Kenya Maritime Authority is an equal opportunity employer and any qualified employee including persons with disabilities and women are encouraged to apply.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

N/B: The applications should reach the Authority on or before 1700 hours Monday, 16th June, 2025.

Prior learning programme launched to advance skills' recognition

BY VIVIAN MAKUNGU
AND BILHA JUMA, KNA)

The State Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) has launched the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme to recognize prior learning benefiting skilled individuals at Kiambu Na-

tional Polytechnic.

The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme was officially launched by Dr Joseph Kanyi, a Director at the State Department for TVET, on behalf of the Principal Secretary Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria.

The event was attended by the Principal Kiambu National Polytechnic Sammy

Waititu, Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions (KATTI) Chairperson, industry representatives, RPL master trainers and TVET trainers.

"Our goal is to maximize the effectiveness and impact of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in supporting the Government's initiative to formalize the

informal sector comprising over 15 million workers with unrecognized skills," stated Dr. Joseph Kanyi.

"To achieve these goals, we must build a robust ecosystem of well-trained practitioners who can assess, advise and support RPL candidates," he added.

The RPL programme is designed to assess and certify skills and knowledge acquired outside the formal education system, such as through work experience, self-teaching or informal training.

The programme also aims to provide skilled individu-

als with formal qualifications by enhancing their chances of employment, promotions and further education.

"We are honoured to have hosted this important event and extend our sincere gratitude to the State Department for making it possible," said Sammy Waititu, Chief Principal of Kiambu National Polytechnic. "We are confident that the trainees will apply the skills and knowledge gained from the RPL programme effectively in the field."

The RPL programme will be implemented across

selected institutions in Kiambu including Thika TTI, Gatundu TBC, Limuru TBC, said Tom Olango, the director of TVET with Kiambu National Polytechnic serving as the center. The workshop training will take place until Friday this week.

"I joined the RPL training to enhance my professional credibility in assessing and recognizing learners' prior skills," said Nason Ndemwa, a trainee from Thika TTI." My expectations are to fully understand the concept and purpose of RPL and earn certification."



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

2. CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows:

Contract Name	Contract name and Description	Bid Security (Ksh)	Date and Time	Site Visit
RFX No 1000001366	Manda Island 11kv Double Circuit Power Line Ocean Channel Crossing And Associated Works - Retender	Kshs 3,300,000	17/07/2025 at 10.00am	16 th -20 th June 2025
RFX No 1000001357	Tender for Supply and Delivery of Composite Poles-Open to Local Manufacturers-Retender	Lot 1: 3,000,000.00 Lot2: 3,000,000.00	10.06.2025 @10:00am	N/A
RFX No 1000001367	Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning Of Solar Powered High Mast Flood Lights In Makueni County.	Ksh 900,000.00	11.06.2025	N/A
RFX No 1000001376	Tender for Provision Of Transport Services Between REREC Stores And Other Approved Destinations (Framework Agreement For A Period Of Two (2) Years; 2025-2027) (Retender)	ksh 200,000.00	20.06.2025	N/A

3. Tendering will be conducted under National open competitive method using a standardized tender document.
 4. Tendering is open to all qualified and interested Tenderers.
 5. Qualified interested tenderers may obtain further information during office **8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday** at the address given below.
 6. A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents or through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
 7. Tenderers who are not yet registered with REREC must register their companies in order to participate in the tender using link below that can be found from the website [www.rerec.co.ke:44200/supportal\(bD1lbIZjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==\)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP](https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44200/supportal(bD1lbIZjPTUwMCZkPW1pbg==)/bspwdapplication.do#VIEW_ANCHOR-ROS_TOP)
 8. Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall include all taxes. Tenders shall remain valid for **196 days** from the date of opening of tenders.
 9. The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender document submitted.
 10. Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before date and time indicated above.
- 11. Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.**
12. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below and the results relayed electronically.
 13. **Late tenders will be rejected.**
 14. Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporations website www.rerec.co.ke under tender documents.
 15. The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents: for hand Courier bid security Delivery to an office or Tender Box (Nairobi, Off Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Ground floor). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online Through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>

Address for Opening of Tenders. Online

Chief Executive Officer



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

1. PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P.O Box 34585 – 00100 Nairobi

2. Tender Number and Description

Rfx No.	Item Description	Bid Security (Ksh)	Submission deadline
1000001368	Provision of Network Set-up and Migration of WAN Links at Awasi	490,000	25 th June 2025 at 10.00am
1000001369	Supply and Delivery of Laptops	290,000	25 th June 2025 at 10.00am
1000001370	Provision of ICT Software	98,000	25 th June 2025 at 10.00am
1000001371	Supply and Installation of Remote Monitoring Tool (IOT)	200,000	25 th June 2025 at 10.00am
1000001372	Provision of AMC on call manager, Access Switches and AP	160,000	25 th June 2025 at 10.00am

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State to deregister rogue overseas recruitment agencies

BY SADIK HASSAN (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, has affirmed the government's commitment to reforming the overseas job recruitment sector to eliminate rogue agencies.

Admittedly, the PS said during the graduation ceremony of 24 divers from Kerio Valley who had undergone intense training at Bandari Maritime Academy, that

there are challenges, and they have received complaints from some youths who were defrauded by rogue agencies.

"It is incumbent on us as the government to clean up the sector because there may be no jobs locally, but opportunities exist abroad."

He vowed that they would keep on deregistering rogue agencies, not to prey on and swindle gullible job-seekers Kenyans of their hard-earned money on false pretenses of recruiting them

to well-paying overseas jobs.

"To our youths, before you hand over your money to any agency, visit the National Employment Authority website. All the questionable agencies are marked red, warning Kenyans not to visit them even if they have advertised in print or social media," the PS said.

"But the ones listed in black are genuine. We don't dispute that they are challenges; we see them every day, but the government is

stepping up efforts because we know if we don't look for jobs for our youths as a government, we will not have fulfilled on our mandate that we were elected to fulfil," he added.

He reiterated the government's commitment to streamlining the industry through regulation, promising to ensure that anyone who had been swindled by the agencies is refunded and the recruiters apprehended.

"Yes, we know that Kenyans are desperate, but we

cannot allow them to be exploited negatively," the PS stated.

The PS further clarified that the government only facilitate the recruitment of Kenyans to work abroad by bringing the recruitment agencies together. The economy, he said, is private sector-driven and the government doesn't have an agency that directly recruit young people to work abroad.

"We don't use the private recruitment agencies.

I think it's critical we make this clear because many a time's people have been misinformed. We only facilitate," the PS said.

The sentiments from the PS come barely days after Amnesty International released an extensive report titled "Locked In, Left Out: The Hidden Lives of Kenyan Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia." The report documents the experiences of over 70 women who previously worked as domestic workers in the Gulf nation.

KRA considers tax review to curb sugarcane by-products smuggling

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA,
KNA

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is considering a comprehensive review of taxes imposed on sugarcane by-products to curb smuggling from neighboring East African Community (EAC) partner states.

This follows concerns from sector players over rising cases of smuggling molasses, ethanol, and alcoholic beverages through the porous borders with neighboring countries.

Speaking in Kisumu during a stakeholder engagement forum with sugar industry players from Western Kenya, KRA Board Chairman Nderitu Murithi acknowledged that price disparities between Kenya and its EAC neighbors have made illicit trade in these by-products a lucrative enterprise.

"We have had very candid discussions with

the traders and distillers. There is consensus that the existing tax regime, marked by pricing differentials between Kenya and its neighbors, is a significant factor fueling smuggling activities," Murithi said.

KRA, he added, will take the matter to the National Treasury to explore a tax policy framework that strikes a balance to discourage smuggling.

The stakeholder engagement, he said, was part of KRA's broader initiative to foster transparency and partnership with taxpayers.

Murithi said the forums were designed to ensure taxpayers are fully informed about their obligations, upcoming policy changes, and the tools available to facilitate easier tax compliance. "We have made presentations on the Electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTMS), the electronic rental income tax

platform, and key highlights of the Finance Bill," he said.

This, he added, was a continuous effort by the Board and management of KRA to engage the public and keep them abreast of the various services, innovations, and strategic plans. KRA Commissioner for legal and board services Paul Matuku, reiterated that the public fora were crucial platforms for identifying and addressing the various challenges that hinder tax compliance.

He stressed the need for cooperation between the tax collector and businesses to develop practical, responsive tax policies.

Commissioner Matuku also urged Kenyans to take advantage of the ongoing tax amnesty programme, which offers individuals and businesses the opportunity to regularize their tax status without facing penalties.

INVITATION TO TENDER



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NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGN-SALE-005-2025	Tender for Sale of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) (<i>Retender</i>)	Open International	17th June, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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

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

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

1. Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal found on the KenGen website (www.kengen.co.ke)
2. Bidders who are interested in this tender **MUST** ensure that they are registered in the E-Procurement Portal. Please ensure compliance to the following:
 - For suppliers registering for the first time ensure the "Public Procurement" checkbox is ticked so that the login details are sent to suppliers automatically.
 - All documents **Must** be uploaded to the SRM System through the <https://eprocurement.kengen.co.ke:50001/irj/portal> found at www.kengen.co.ke
 - Prices to be entered under item of the RFx shall be similar to be prices in the price schedule.

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

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

Tender Security:

Electronic Tender Securities are acceptable subject to:

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

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

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

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

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Coffee tree in a farm

ries to safeguard farmers' interests throughout the entire process, from production to marketing.

Speaking at Kianjanga Primary School Grounds, Ndia in Kirinyaga County, where he held an open

engagement forum with 12,000 coffee farmers from Ndia Constituency, the DP updated farmers on government interventions in the incoming coffee season and received suggestions on how to sustain profitability in the sector from the farmers' representatives.

"To ensure farmers receive their inputs on time, the government is firming up reforms that will guarantee timely access to fertilizer, subsidized pesticides, and certified coffee seedlings," Kindiki said.

BY MUTAI KIPNGETICH,
KNA

Coffee farmers have been assured of higher pay in the upcoming 2025/2026 season, as the government finalizes reforms to ensure the timely availability of fertilizer, subsidized pesticides, and certified coffee seedlings through better support from the Coffee Research Institute.

Deputy President Professor Kithure Kindiki said the government is mobilizing all the necessary resources and poli-



Kenya National Highways Authority

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

A: BACKGROUND:

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a statutory body established under the Kenya Roads Act of 2007 and inaugurated in September 2008. The Authority's mandate is to manage, develop, rehabilitate, and maintain national trunk roads, comprising of Class S, A, and B roads as detailed below:

- a) Class S: A Highway that connects two or more cities and carries safely large volume of traffic at the highest speed of operation; Total - 40 Kilometers (All Paved)
- b) Class A: A Highway that forms a strategic route and corridor connecting international boundaries at identified immigration entry and exit points and international terminals such as international air or sea ports; Total - 6,830 Kilometers (Paved 4,975 KMs, Unpaved 1,855 KMs)
- c) Class B: A Highway that forms an important national route linking national trading or economic hubs, County Headquarters and other nationally important centers to each other and to the National Capital or to Class A roads. Total - 14,713 Kilometers (Paved 7,202 KMs, Unpaved 7,511 KMs)

The PPP Act 2021 allows the private sector to participate in the design, financing, construction, equipping, operations and maintenance and transfer of infrastructure. Section 25 (1) enables a national government contracting authority to prepare a list of projects that it intends to undertake on a priority basis under the Act and submit it to the Directorate for approval. The Kenya National Highways Authority seeks to undertake the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of Nairobi - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) and Rironi - Maa Mahiu - Naivasha (A8 South) Road under the PPP framework and submits it to the PPP Directorate for consideration.

1.1 Statement of the Problem:

The existing Nairobi - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) and Rironi - Maa Mahiu - Naivasha (A8 South) Road has been marred by several constraints including congestion (especially during festive periods and holidays) and safety concerns arising from design issues, driver behavior and climatic conditions. The Ministry of Roads & Transport has prioritized the need to alleviate these concerns to safeguard the lives of and enhance the service delivery for the Kenyan people through the expansion of the Project Road. The Project Road traverses the counties of Kiambu, Nyandarua and Nakuru. The proposed development will commence in Rironi to Nakuru and terminate at Mau Summit. The project involves dualing the carriageway, and tolling under a DBFOMT model.

1.2 Prerequisite Conditions:

The proposed road project is contained within the country's vision blueprint of Kenya Vision 2030 as it supports the national vision to improve infrastructure for economic transformation and enhanced competitiveness. Section 25(2) and 66(2) of the PPP Act, 2021 require that a Contracting Authority only submit a project, which is part of the national development agenda and within its legal mandate. Further the Project aligns with the specific target under the Medium-Term Plan IV (2023–2027) for which KeNHA is contributing directly to include:

- i. Construction of 6,000 km of roads
- ii. Urban and Highway Roads Maintenance
- iii. Construction of footbridges
- iv. Development of a 50-year Trunk Road Investment Plan
- v. Road Safety projects
- vi. Decongesting of Highways

In line with the Contracting Authority's (KeNHA) mandate to manage, develop, maintain and rehabilitate national trunk roads, comprising of Class S, A, and B roads, the Project Road, Nairobi - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) and Rironi - Maa Mahiu - Naivasha (A8 South) Road, is a Class A road and aligns with KeNHA's Strategic Plan 2023-2027. Under this limb, the Authority targets to construct 2,349 Km of roads. This comprises of 1,183 Km of new road construction, capacity enhancement of 647 Km and rehabilitation of 492 Km. This therefore links to the following KeNHA's Strategic goals: -

- a. Provision of adequate infrastructure that meets stakeholder needs.
- b. Ensuring that the road network maintains its functionality and durability.
- c. Increase of effectiveness and efficiency in operations.
- d. Enhancement of environmental and social sustainability.
- e. Improvement of organizational capability in development and management of National Trunk Roads.

1.3 Project Results Framework:

Table 1: Project Results Framework

Input	Activity	Output	Behaviour transformation	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical skills in road design, engineering, and construction • Financial expertise for project structuring, cost estimation, and risk assessment • Legal and regulatory knowledge to navigate PPP frameworks and compliance requirements • Stakeholder engagement skills for consultations with communities, investors, and government agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting technical, financial, and economic feasibility assessments to determine project viability. • Project Structuring: Developing the optimal PPP structure and tolling strategy. • Preparation of bankable transaction documents for competitive bidding process as per the PPP Act 2021. • Assistance in procurement process of the project including negotiations and reaching Financial Close. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual traffic road to accommodate increasing vehicle capacity and improve traffic flow • Foot crossings (pedestrian bridges, zebra crossings) for safety and accessibility • Non-motorized transport options such as dedicated cycling lanes and pedestrian walkways • Street lighting and road signage for enhanced visibility and road safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved connectivity and reduced travel time and vehicle operating costs • Better road quality and safety standards • Increased economic activities and investments along the corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved transport infrastructure for economic growth and regional integration • Enhanced mobility, trade, and access to markets and services • Job creation and socio-economic development

Input	Activity	Output	Behaviour transformation	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management capabilities to oversee planning, execution, and monitoring • Land acquisition and environmental assessment expertise to address legal and social considerations • PPP negotiation and contract management skills to structure agreements and ensure fair risk-sharing • Financial modelling and risk assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building for government agencies and stakeholders on PPP frameworks and project management • Training programs for engineers, planners, and financial experts on modern road infrastructure development • Stakeholder engagement and consultations with communities, investors, and policy-makers • Public awareness campaigns to inform communities about project benefits and mitigate resistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage systems to prevent flooding and road deterioration • Roadside service facilities (bus stops, rest areas, parking bays) for commuter convenience • Traffic management systems (signals, surveillance cameras) to regulate flow and enhance security • Environmental safeguards like tree planting and noise barriers to mitigate impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced efficiency in road project delivery and maintenance • Increased private sector participation in infrastructure development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and resilient road infrastructure • Strengthened public-private collaboration in infrastructure financing

B: PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

2.1 General Information:

Table 2: General Information

Project Name:	Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of Nairobi - Nakuru - Mau Summit (A8) Highway and Rironi – Maa Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South) Road
Contracting Authority:	The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
Project Location:	The project road traverses the counties of Kiambu, Nyandarua and Nakuru.
Sector:	Transport
Project Category:	Road(s)
Project Overview:	The proposed development will involve the upgrade, dualing and expansion of the Rironi- Nakuru -Mau Summit (A8) Road section and Rironi – Maa Mahiu – Naivasha (A8 South) to pave way for tolling under a DBFOMT model. The total project road covers an estimated length of 233 kilometers. The A8 road section is part of the Trans-African Highway (Northern Corridor) that connects Kenya to Uganda. The route experiences heavy traffic due to the movement of goods and people, playing a vital role in trade and regional connectivity within East Africa. Given the fiscal constraints in Kenya, the PPP model allows for leveraging private sector expertise and resources to deliver critical infrastructure projects. This approach also ensures efficient project execution and long-term sustainability.
Project Duration:	A maximum of Thirty (30) Years as provided for under the PPP Act, 2021. (The final Term shall be as determined in the evaluation and negotiations culminating in the Project Agreement to be signed by the Parties.)
Key features/Outputs:	The project is a brownfield project that will involve the upgrade, dualing and expansion of the Rironi- Nakuru -Mau Summit Road (175km) and rehabilitation of the 58 km A8 South between Rironi and Naivasha via Maa Mahiu, to pave way for tolling under a DBFOMT model. The Government of Kenya (GoK), through the National Treasury carried out feasibility study for the Nairobi - Nakuru - Mau Summit Road in 2016. The study assessed the project's viability based on traffic demand, environmental impact, economic benefits, legal, financial, and technical feasibility and recommended implementation of the project on a PPP framework. In light of various factors, including changes in traffic patterns, project scope, risk reallocation, macroeconomic shifts, environmental and regulatory requirements, KeNHA has updated the 2016 feasibility study for the project road .The expected outputs will be determined during the feasibility study which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Optimum route alignment b) Detailed technical design and tolling strategy c) Financial and economic analysis d) Recommended PPP structure e) Optimal Risk Allocation structure
Output Specifications:	The project aims to meet the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved road service levels to accommodate high traffic volumes efficiently. • Enhanced connectivity, reduced travel time and vehicle operating costs along the Northern Corridor. • Regional trade promotion by improving the transportation of goods and services. • Enhanced road safety by widening the carriageway and upgrading road infrastructure. • Economic growth support by connecting key towns and centers of economic importance.
Payment Mechanism:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User-pays The Toll rates shall be determined in line with the National Tolling Policy (when approved). Escalation of toll rates shall be done as per the Policy.
Proposed Contractual Structure (as per section 21 and the Second Schedule of the PPP Act, 2021)	DBFOMT model. Under this model, the private sector partner will be responsible for the design, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the road infrastructure and associated facilities for a defined period of 30 years, after which the road will be transferred to the public sector.
Advisors	Road sector players such as the Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Roads & Transport, The National Treasury, State Department of Roads, Kenya Roads Board, National Transport and Safety Authority, National Police Service, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA); National Environmental Management Authority, Selected National Toll Operator, Transaction Advisors.



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C: DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF TWO (2) PRIVATELY-INITIATED PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO KeNHA:

Two Proponents have submitted proposals relating to the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit and Rironi - Maai Mahiu - Naivasha (A8 South) Road Project (the Project) as follows:

- Proponent 1: China Road and Bridge Corporation Kenya (CRBC) and National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Consortium
- Proponent 2 : Shandong Hi Speed Road & Bridge International Engineering Co. Ltd

The Privately Initiated Proposals will be subjected to the PPP procurement process which entails: evaluation of proposals, project development activities, evaluation of the project development report, negotiations and drafting of the project agreement, stakeholder engagements and finally obtaining requisite approvals required under the PPP Act, 2021. Having undertaken the above processes, the PPP Committee will render its decision to KeNHA in accordance with the Act. KeNHA will endeavor to abide by the provisions of Section 69 of the PPP Act which requires a Contracting Authority (CA) to publish information relating to the projects upon award. This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of the statutory processes..

D: SALIENT PROJECT DETAILS:

1.	Project Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic flow efficiency (vehicles per hour) • Road surface quality index • Safety metrics (accident rates, response time for incidents) • Toll revenue collection (for financial sustainability) • Compliance with service level agreements
2.	Project Labour Benefits:	The PIPs shall be evaluated in line with the local content requirements under the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021. Kenya has skilled labor in road construction, with supplementary expertise being provided by the Proponent. The implementation of the project is expected to further build the capacity of local staff and professionals.
3.	Project Environmental and Social Compliance:	An Environmental and Impact Assessment study was done for the Nairobi to Mau Summit sections and NEMA license is available and will be updated.
4.	Positive, negative environmental, social impacts and mitigation measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive: Reduced congestion, economic growth, enhanced safety. • Negative: Displacement of persons, environmental degradation. • Mitigation: Resettlement plans, afforestation, pollution controls.
5.	Impact on the health or quality of life of users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive: Reduced vehicle emissions due to decreased congestion. • Negative: Temporary construction disturbances. • Mitigation: Dust and noise control measures
6.	Key External Stakeholders and/or Project affected persons or institutions.	<p>Identified external stakeholders in the project include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Local Residents living along the road may face displacement, land acquisition, noise pollution, or changes in accessibility. ii. Businesses and Traders may experience temporary disruptions, relocations, or benefits from improved infrastructure and increased customer traffic. iii. Transport Operators (Matatu, Boda Boda, and Truck Drivers) – Public and commercial transport service providers who may face route changes, increased efficiency, or new regulations affecting their operations. iv. Pedestrians and Cyclists – Road users who may benefit from improved footpaths, crossings, and non-motorized transport lanes but may also be affected by construction activities. v. Landowners and Property Developers may experience land acquisition, property devaluation, or appreciation due to improved accessibility. vi. Utilities and Service Providers – Water, electricity, and telecommunications companies that may need to relocate infrastructure or upgrade services due to road expansion. vii. Investors and Private Sector Partners in the local market involved in financing, constructing, or operating the road infrastructure under the PPP model, expecting returns on investment and efficient project execution. viii. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) – Stakeholder engagement, community awareness, and advocacy for transparency and social impact monitoring.
7.	Key Internal Stakeholders in the project both public, private and civil societies.	<p>Identified internal stakeholders in the project include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Office of the Attorney General (AG) - provide legal opinions and guidance to the Government entities handling the project ii. National Treasury and Economic Planning – Oversees PPP structuring, fiscal risk assessment, and government approvals.

7.	<p>Key Internal Stakeholders in the project both public, private and civil societies.</p> <p>iii. Public Private Partnerships Directorate (PPP) – Provides transaction advisory support and ensures compliance with the PPP Act.</p> <p>iv. National Land Commission (NLC) – Responsible for land acquisition and compensation processes.</p> <p>v. Ministry of Roads and Transport – Provides policy direction and inter-agency coordination.</p> <p>vi. County Governments (affected regions) – Local engagement, approvals, and coordination for land use and social impact mitigation.</p> <p>vii. NEMA (National Environment Management Authority) – Reviews and approves ESIA reports to ensure environmental sustainability.</p> <p>viii. Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) – Potential funding and technical support for project preparation and implementation.</p> <p>ix. Utility Service Providers - Relocate utilities and ensure access to utilities</p> <p>x. Affected Communities and Local Leaders – Provide feedback and participate in public consultations to ensure social acceptability of the project.</p>
8.	Land required for the project
9.	<p>Legislations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation • Labour • Environmental and Heritage • Foreign Exchange • Financial • Competition • Building and Fire Codes, as applicable • Zoning Rights and Land Use Regulations <p>The project will be implemented in accordance with the following legislative and regulatory frameworks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Taxation – Governed by the Income Tax Act (Cap 470) and related legislation by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA). ii. Labour – Employment Act, Labour Relations Act, and Occupational Safety and Health Act will ensure fair labour standards and workplace safety. iii. Environmental and Heritage – Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999 and the National Museums and Heritage Act for cultural heritage protection. iv. Foreign Exchange – Governed by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) under the CBK Act and Foreign Exchange Regulations v. Financial – Regulated by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, and relevant banking regulations. vi. Competition – Competition Act, 2010 managed by the Competition Authority of Kenya to ensure fair competition and market integrity. vii. Building and Fire Codes – National Building Code and County Building Regulations will guide structural safety and construction practices. viii. Zoning Rights and Land Use Regulations – Physical and Land Use Planning Act, and County spatial plans will apply to land development and usage.

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State to prioritize good corporate governance

BY MARTIN MUNYI,
KNA

Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperatives and Micro and Small and Medium Enterprises Wycliffe Oparanya has said the government has prioritized improving corporate governance in the cooperative movement to spur growth in the sector.

The CS observed that good governance within the cooperative movement would also enhance integrity in the critical sector, which is one of the economy's integral pillars.

Speaking in Nanyuki when he closed a two-day retreat for senior managers and section heads on Ministerial performance review, Oparanya also directed that both the state departments of Cooperatives and that of Medium, Small and Micro

Enterprises (MSMEs) should finalize their charters and strategic plans before the end of the financial year.

"We also need to carry out an impact assessment both in the cooperatives and MSMEs which should be an ongoing process, and that's why we require new regulations, policies and legal frameworks which are instruments that to help us achieve our goals," he said.

He also announced that the government was in the process of reviewing the Saccos Act of 2008 to enhance good governance in the cooperative movement." We have already engaged a team of experts to work on it, and it has passed the National Assembly and is now in the Senate," Oparanya added.

The CS's remarks come in the wake of the recent loss of Sacco's savings amount-



Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSMEs Wycliffe Oparanya addressing a two-day retreat for employees in his ministry on performance contracting in Nanyuki. Photo: Stella Nyambura/KNA.

ing to Sh. 1.8 billion to the Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (KUSCCO) the Saccos' umbrella body early this year.

He also announced the repeal of the coffee bill as the Ministry had identified it as a source of economic recovery for the country.

"We have selected coffee

because its gold, in this year the crop is enjoying very good prices. That's why coffee reforms are critical, am happy Kenya Coffee Planters Union (KPCU) has picked it up and with also the new coffee bill in place, we expect positive changes," He added.

The CS added that the

country was keen on regaining the pole position as the number one coffee exporting nation in Africa after having slipped to fifth in the last few decades.

Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the President for Performance and Delivery Management Eliud Owalo underscored the critical role of midterm reviews in the implementation of five-year strategic plans.

"These reviews are essential for helping ministries refine priorities, recalibrate strategies, and ensure high-impact delivery over the remaining two and a half years of the current planning cycle," Owalo said

He further emphasized the need to institutionalize performance contracting at all levels of Ministries and State Corporations down to the individual scorecard.

"This will embed a culture of accountability and continuous improvement across the board," Owalo added.

The Deputy Chief of Staff also reiterated that the government was in the process of developing a robust reward management framework that links recognition and incentives directly to performance outcomes.

Present at the retreat was, Principal Secretary for MSMEs Susan Mangeni ,Principal Secretary for Cooperatives Patrick Kilemi, Principal Administrative Secretary; Joshua Mwiranga, Public Service Performance Management Unit; Amos Mariba, Secretary Administration, Ministry of Cooperatives;

Henry Rithaa, CEO, Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) among others.

Accreditation of measurement equipment key to consumers' safety and service reliability

BY YOBESH ONWONG'A
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Accreditation of measurement equipment is the foundation of trust, a key component that ensures consumers' safety and reliability of services offered by businesses in both public and private ecosystems.

Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) Calibration Laboratories Manager Stanslaus Masinza says that accurate, traceable and internationally recognized measurements help businesses meet market requirements, regulators uphold standards, and consumers enjoy safe, reliable services.

Speaking during the World Metrology Day in Nairobi, Masinza noted that this year's celebration was momentous as it marked 150 years since the signing of the Metre Convention — the landmark agreement that established the foundation for international cooperation in measurement science.

"Accredited measurements are more than just technical requirements — they are the foundation of trust in modern systems," Masinza explained.

"Whether we are talking about the accuracy of medical devices, the precision of industrial machinery, or the fairness of retail transactions, accreditation ensures that measurements



**Stanslaus Masinza,
KENAS Manager for
Calibration Laboratories
Scheme responding
to a question from the
audience during the panel
discussion at the World
Metrology Day event**

are credible, traceable, and internationally recognized."

He further explained that accreditation assessments by KENAS verify traceability to the International System of Units (SI), in close collaboration with KEBS as the national metrology institute.

"Accreditation ensures measurements are not only correct, but credible and comparable across borders," said Masinza.

In healthcare and diagnostics, he pointed out that accredited calibration ensures medical instruments deliver accurate results — a critical factor in both treatment and patient safety.

"In industry and manufacturing, precise and traceable measurements

underpin product quality, drive process efficiency, and enable access to international markets."

"Accurate data is crucial for pollution monitoring and public health protection, while also enabling evidence-based policymaking in the environmental sector," he said.

Further, Masinza addressed the role of accredited testing in agriculture and food safety, where contamination detection and accurate labelling contribute to consumer safety and regulatory compliance.

He highlighted the importance of metrology in scientific research and innovation, where accurate and reproducible measurements are key to credibility and technological advancement.

"For businesses, institutions, and regulators alike, accredited measurements are not just a technical necessity but they are a strategic asset," said Masinza.

World Metrology Day is coordinated globally by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML).

In a landmark recognition, UNESCO officially adopted World Metrology Day during its 42nd General Conference in 2023, reaffirming the role of measurement in advancing scientific collaboration and sustainable development.



LVBC completes construction of Sh458.9 million headquarters in Kisumu

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA,
KNA

The Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), a specialized institution of the East African Community (EAC), has completed the construction of its new ultra-modern headquarters in Kisumu, signaling a major milestone in regional integration and sustainable development for the Lake Victoria Basin.

With final touches now underway, the Sh458.9 million state-of-the-art facility is set to be officially handed over to the LVBC Secretariat, paving the way for relocation later this year.

The building, situated on a scenic 2.8-acre site along the shores of Lake Victoria donated by the Government of Kenya in 2016, is designed to centralize and enhance the Commission's operations.

EAC Cabinet Secretary (CS) Beatrice Askul who led

a delegation of EAC ministers on an inspection tour of the building expressed satisfaction with the works.

"We commend the contractor for delivering on this ambitious project. This facility will significantly boost the operational efficiency and visibility of LVBC across the region," she noted.

The new complex is a flagship symbol of the EAC's commitment to sustainable development, featuring modern office spaces and cutting-edge conference facilities.

LVBC Executive Secretary (ES) Dr. Masinde Bwire said

the building would not only serve as the agency's headquarters but would go a long way towards enhancing regional integration.

"We are excited to transition into this new facility, which reflects our growing role in coordinating critical transboundary initiatives. This headquarters will enable us to serve the more

than 40 million residents of the Lake Victoria Basin more effectively," he said.

The project's second construction phase commenced on August 7, 2023, following a formal handover to a new contractor on July 25. The phase was financed at a cost of \$2.56 million.

In a demonstration of continued support, the EAC Council of Ministers approved an additional \$802,126 during its 46th Ordinary Meeting in Arusha in November 2024, bringing the total project budget to \$3.54 million.

Kenya's State Department for Public Works under the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development oversaw the construction. The project aligns with broader regional objectives, including the EAC Vision 2050, which prioritizes environmental sustainability, infrastructure development, and regional cohesion.

Stakeholders urged to collaborate for smooth implementation of the PBO Act 2013

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBO-RA), formerly NGOs Coordination Board, has called on stakeholders and sector players to work together to unlock the deadlock over implementation of the Public Benefit Organizations Act (PBO) Act 2013.

The operationalization of the PBO Act 2013 on May 14 last year marked a historic milestone replacing the defunct NGOs Coordination Act of 1990.

The new Act ushers in a new regulatory framework that supports a dynamic civil society ecosystem while reinforcing mechanisms for accountability, sustainability, and transparency in Kenya's non-profit and development landscape.

PBO-RA Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Laxmana Kiptoo while speaking during a media engagement meeting co-hosted by Health NGOs Network (HENNET) in Nairobi, said the success of the PBO Act does not lie with the Authority alone adding that it depends on all

sector players including the government, civil society, development partners, and the media working together in harmony.

"This engagement is a strategic forum where the Authority and the media meet at the intersection of governance, public interest, and civic engagement," he said, adding that the spirit of collaboration is both encouraging and essential as we move forward.

Dr. Kiptoo said the Authority is in a crucial phase in the implementation of the PBO Act and urged sector players to seize the opportunity to build clarity and strengthen partnerships to enable a more robust, responsive environment for PBOs in Kenya.

"Our current focus is the finalization of the draft regulations that will bring the PBO Act to life. And we are not doing this in isolation; the process is wide-ranging and inclusive," he said.

He emphasized the role of the media in promoting transparency, clarity, and civic engagement as more vital than ever as the Authority operationalizes the PBO Act.

"Your ability to commu-



Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA), Dr Laxmana Kiptoo speaks during a Media breakfast meeting on the Sensitization of the Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Act, 2013 and the Associated Draft Regulations. Photo by Norah Bochere/KNA

nicate these developments clearly and accurately will be crucial in building awareness around the registration processes, compliance timelines, and the overall benefits of the new legal framework," he said.

"We encourage you to seek clarity where needed, and help us explain the reforms in a way that is accessible and easy for the public to understand," he added.

The Director divulged that the Authority will be holding

county-level public participation forums across all 47 counties between June and July to seek direct input from stakeholders.

"The forums will ensure stakeholders' voices shape the regulations, because the civic space belongs to all of us," he said adding that this will ensure the final regulations truly reflect the voices of those they are meant to serve.

He reaffirmed the Authority's unwavering commit-

ment to collaboration and urgently called for unity of purpose across the membership of the civil society sector in Kenya to drive the full implementation of the PBO Act.

HENNET Executive Director, Margaret Lubaa expressed support for the commitment demonstrated by the office of the Director-General of the PBORA in the implementation strategy during the twelve-month implementation window

period.

She said that as part of civil society, they are ready and willing to partner with the Authority to advance a transparent and inclusive implementation process underscoring the need for consistent and meaningful involvement of civil society in all phases of the process.

"I appeal to the members of the civil society sector in Kenya to actively and publicly participate in the review of the harmonized regulations," said Lubaa calling for unity across the membership of the civil society sector in Kenya to drive the full implementation of the PBO Act.

The engagement brought together journalists, editors and sector stakeholders to foster informed dialogue, promote public awareness and strengthen collaboration for meaningful implementation of the PBO Act.

The Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority is a State corporation established under Section 34 of the Public Benefit Organizations (PBO) Act, 2013 and is broadly responsible for the registration and regulation of all charitable organizations in Kenya.

Establishing robust testing key in fighting Maize Lethal Necrosis

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A, KNA

Kenya and Zimbabwe have established robust testing and quarantine systems which have registered huge success in the fight against Maize Lethal Necrosis (MLN).

The initiative being undertaken by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, known by its Spanish acronym CIMMYT has seen the training of over 4,000 stakeholders including seed producers to inspectors on MLN-free seed production.

CIMMYT Maize Pathology Lead- Sub Saharan Africa Dr. Lingadahalli Mahabaleswara Suresh said that Maize Lethal Necrosis was first detected in Kenya in 2011, and it quickly spread to more than six countries in the region.

Speaking during a Webinar on Smart Surveillance and Integrated Response to MLN in Eastern and Southern Africa, Dr. Suresh said that the disease is caused by the co-infection of two viruses that is Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus and Sugarcane Mosaic Virus.

"In severely affected areas, farmers have experienced up to 100% yield loss and a

complete crop failure. The implications go beyond fields as this disease jeopardizes food security, disrupts seed trade, and shatters rural livelihoods," said Dr. Suresh.

"Maize is not just a staple food; it is a lifeline for over 300 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa. But since 2011, this lifeline has come under threat from the devastating viral disease MLN."

Dr. Suresh said that their Mine Countermeasures Vessel (MCMV) seed treatment prototype has sanitized more than 8,000 germplasm lines.

To track this process digitally, Dr. Suresh said that they have developed the Maize Clean Seed Production Tracker linking seed companies, National Plant Protection Organization (NPPOs) and researchers.

"Recognizing the threat caused by the disease, CIMMYT and its partners developed a holistic response combining resistant varieties, rigorous monitoring, advanced diagnostics, clean seed production, and targeted outreach," said Dr. Suresh.

He added that their strategy began with building smart surveillance systems



CIMMYT Maize Pathology Lead- Sub Saharan Africa Dr. Lingadahalli Mahabaleswara Suresh at a maize field.

in collaboration with National Plant Protection Organizations.

"Through these partnerships, we have successfully contained Mine Countermeasures Vessel (MCMV) within Eastern Africa and most importantly, there has been no spread of MLN to new countries since 2016," he said.

Dr. Suresh disclosed that they have optimized their diagnostic protocols and integrated real-time field data collection using mobile tools.

He disclosed that countries like Rwanda have achieved full national coverage and southern Africa stands as a model of regional exclusion.

"Smart surveillance gives us time to act and in disease control, time is everything," said Dr. Suresh.

He explained that the most concerning aspects of MLN is that MCMV is seed-borne which means seed trade becomes a vector for the disease.

"To prevent this, we have enforced stringent phy-

cultivated a strong MLN Community of Practice across Eastern and Southern Africa anchored in diagnostics, surveillance, phenotyping, and agro-economic management," said Dr. Suresh.

He explained that through regular training, field demonstrations, and communication outreach, they have reached more than 4,000 stakeholders, diagnosed over 18,000 samples, published technical guides, and supported over 20 students in research.

"Our MLN screening facility in Naivasha, Kenya, developed with Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), is now a global benchmark for public-private collaboration," he said.

Dr. Suresh said that over 241,000 maize entries have been evaluated at the facility using robust, high-heritability phenotyping protocols.

"We have harnessed molecular markers, gene editing, and traditional breeding to create over 350 MLN-resistant hybrids. More than 20 resistant hybrids have been released and are now available for farmers," he explained.

AFC revolving fund disburses Sh 3.5 billion to smallholder farmers

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU,
KNA

Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) has this year, through its revolving fund, so far disbursed over Sh 3.5 billion to smallholder farmers.

AFC is a state-owned development finance institution with a history spanning close to a century and supports the development of the agricultural sector by providing accessible and affordable financial services, which includes asset-backed financing, warehouse receipt financing, and also Digital Financing.

Managing Director, AFC, George Kubai (pictured), said they have enabled the smallholder farmers, who would ordinarily be unable to access loans due to a lack of collateral, by ensuring access to credit through Micro Finance Institutions

(MFIs) and SACCOs, who employ the co-guaranteeing model.

"This model allows AFC to penetrate markets and reach out to smallholder farmers to access loans as low as Sh 5,000," said Kubai.

The MD, however, noted that their target is around Sh 4.5 billion shillings per year and hoped that in the next month before the financial year closes, they should disburse Sh 500 million to reach their target.

"Our Non-Performing Loans (NPL) are looking good; we are within the average of the development financial institutions, averaging around 14 percent," the MD confirmed.

Her added that AFC has been working with Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development on the Enable Youth program, that seeks to build entrepreneurship in agribusiness through training skill acquisition, and



creating an enabling environment that empowers the youth to own profitable agribusiness ventures

In terms of the inclusion, the MD further said they are also working with development partners to basically de-risk most of the youth and also the women by making sure they are included in the financial space.

"The program we are running that is co-funded by the African Develop-

ment Bank (AfDB) and the Government of Kenya, we have been able to capacity build and give loans to over 262 youths, with a total disbursement of Sh 259 million," he noted.

The rates of interest, he explained, are below the market rates and below what they are offering as an institution in terms of our actual loan book, and for this, they are trying to look for more resources that can be able to point to the youth and women and make sure that they are financially included.

Apart from youth, Kubai said that women form part of AFC portfolio, and considering women are better payers, as an institution, they have gone ahead and come up with a women-only facility, a women-only product, which basically focuses on the women.

"Our highest portfolio is the dairy sector and live-

stock, where most of our loan book is sitting, and this is so because if you look at some of our most prolific counties, like in the North Rift, South Rift, and Mount Kenya, on average every home has a cow, and most of these farmers actually are coming for our facilities, and that explains the vibrancy in terms of the cooperative movements in some of those areas.

Kubai appealed to farmers who have taken loans and are not paying to do so, so that they unlock the backlog in terms of the many farmers who are waiting to be facilitated by AFC. "Kindly pay so that you can be able to impact other farmers who are on the waiting list."

The potential of the smallholder farmer in Africa is immense and AFC has been supporting thousands of smallholder farmers who often operate on plots less than 2 hectares and producing a significant share of food, which is essential to national food security.

Giving a keynote address on tracking financial flows for food systems in Africa, Director of Food Systems

Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Nadine Gbossa, said countries should ensure that food systems are financed, as this will in turn guarantee decent incomes, working conditions, and livelihoods to those who work in the agri-food systems.

She added that African governments should also be empowered with data intelligence on the financing of food systems.

"We are helping countries specifically to have a picture of the financial flows and looking at how development assistance to food systems is looking when it comes to the African region, which is most impacted and the most reliant on development assistance to complement the domestic funding to food systems," Gbossa said.

The three-day FINAS meeting is looking at how to build sustainable agri-food systems that can nourish generations to come with a call to invest in the right mix of food systems and also rethink sustainable financing for Africa's food system.

How the bottom up agenda is becoming a reality

BY ISAAC MWaura

The last general election was an interesting one in that; it was framed as a contest between fixing the Economy versus having a constitutional moment. The proponents for the constitutional moment argued that we needed more reforms especially about the architecture of governance, citing what they termed as electoral justice. On the other hand, the proponents of fixing the economy argued that what bedeviled the country was lack of equal economic opportunities for the majority poor at the Bottom of the pyramid. Then Deputy President William Ruto coined the Hustler Nation narrative that sought to unite the hoi polloi (hustlers) against the bourgeoisie (Dynasties), in what came to be referred to as the contest between 'Bottom Up' versus 'trickle down' economics; it worked!

President Ruto went ahead to be elected as the 5th President of Kenya, literally symbolizing the Bottom-Up story, having been a chicken seller, rising to become MP, Assistant Minister, Minister, Opposition Leader, Deputy President, and eventually the 5th President. It's interesting

to note that the UDA party's symbol for this mass movement is a wheelbarrow; symbolizing hard work & resilience to help rebuild our nation.

The Hustler Narrative was encapsulated into 5 pillars of THE BETA PLAN, which in a way is an actualization of the Big 4 Agenda of the 4th administration that focused on Manufacturing, Food Security, Universal Healthcare & Affordable Housing. 3 of the 5 pillars of THE BETA PLAN stem from the Big 4, albeit with a different approach and strategy.

The question that many will ask is whether President Ruto has kept to his promise of walking the talk of the Bottom Up mantra. The answer is a resounding YES. The narrative culminated into a manifesto that has put the hustler at the front and centre of government attention. On Tuesday, Kenya witnessed a historic moment never seen before, when President Ruto launched the biggest mini city to have ever been built in two and a half years. Mukuru New Estate, a 56 acre parcel of land has been transformed through the building of 13,248 homes translating to over 66,240 potential residents, once completed. The new home owners



that were literally living in shacks, can now take a lift up to the 11th floor of their new studio apartment, not figuratively, but moving from the Bottom Up!!

The heartwarming stories of so many Kenyans whose lives have been dignified is phenomenal. The country is witnessing a boom in construction in nearly all the 47 counties through affordable housing. It's not just about the

heretofore impossible dream of owning a social house at only 3,900 per month, it's the fact that these are homes, complete with clean water, piped gas for as low as 10/-, high speed Wi-Fi for 10 bob per day as well, reliable electricity rather than illegal connections, fire extin-

guishing equipment, well lit areas, a whole primary and JSS school, a swimming pool and a clubhouse amongst many other benefits. The last such project was Buruburu Estate that has 5,000 houses built for over 15 years. New Mukuru has taken 2 and half years to be completed. Pleasantly, for every 1 shilling pumped in, Ksh 2.50 has been gotten having a multiplier effect of 250 times! The ripple ef-

fect in the private sector is amazing!!

Due to the affordable housing program, mortgage rates have reduced by 6.7% over the last two years. It's also true to say that the women who are now engaged in the construction industry have increased significantly towards the 30% target as set by the President. In addition, the private sector has benefited a lot from the supply of materials such as cement, steel, stones wood etc. Kenya is officially a construction site and in many little towns spread across the length and breadth of our great country, the most significant infrastructure or installation is likely to be a market or affordable housing project put up under this pillar of THE BETA PLAN.

The same can be said as well of the Taifa Care, popularly known as SHA. The thinking before was that it wouldn't work owing to the inefficiencies of the now defunct NHIF, that wound up with pending bills of close to Ksh 40 billion, a huge chunk of which are unverifiable.

Under SHA, the government is now clearing bills every 14th of every month, with over Ksh 20 billion already disbursed to various hospitals. In fact, public

hospitals are now benefiting more than before. The shift from the privatization of healthcare to the revitalization of public facilities has led to many hustlers being able to access Medicare for as low as Ksh 300 a month.

In fact, a video making rounds in social media has George Okwe, a young painter from Dandora, who narrates how he recently got injured while hustling, and how the public medical insurance paid for him the whole bill of Ksh 12,500. When his wife delivered a bouncing baby boy, yet he couldn't be able to go climb walls as he was in crutches, SHAF paid Ksh 15,000 for maternity, and he only parted with 200 bob. Okwe's story is replicated across the country, amongst the over 8.5 Million Kenyans who have visited various facilities for treatment. Ramaia (not her real name), lost her sister Phelisia (not her real name), and SHA paid the terminal costs of over Ksh 600,000!!

This is just a tip of the iceberg of how the chief hustler has eased out the burden of care, conferred dignity and opportunity to his fellow hustlers

Senator Mwaura is the Government Spokesperson

Lokitaung hospital marks milestone with first Cesarean Section surgery

BY PETER GITONGA, KNA

Esther Ayanae, a 24-year-old woman from Riokomor Village, is the first woman to undergo a Cesarean Section (CS) surgery at Lokitaung Sub-County Hospital in Turkana North.

The successful surgery was performed on April 5th at the Dr. Rafael Morcillo Theater in Lokitaung.

Expressing her gratitude to the medical team, Ayanae shared, "I cannot thank the doctors enough. While I was asleep, they delivered my baby."

Just weeks later, Ayanae and her baby boy, who weighed 2.6 kilograms at birth, were doing well. The baby received his first immunization at six weeks at the Riokomor Dispensary, the facility that referred her for surgery.

The surgery was necessary due to a breech presentation in a mother with a previous CS.

Therefore, the medical team, led by Dr. Sin'goei Henry (Medical Officer), ensured they had the right equipment, drugs, and an immaculate environment to achieve the best surgical outcome.

This was a testament



Doctors who performed the first a Cesarean Section (CS) surgery at Lokitaung Sub-County Hospital.

to the county government's efforts to devolve healthcare operations to sub-county hospitals and reduce referral cases to Lodwar County Referral Hospital (LCRH).

Ayanae also shared, "Both the baby and I are doing well. I am still healing, and the medication is helping".

Some of the contributing factors as to why it has taken this long to conduct a CS operation in Lokitaung include socio-cultural factors, myths and misconceptions around operative deliveries, inaccessibility from the hard-to-reach areas in the vast Turkana North.

The Sub-County Medical Officer of Health, Daniel Lokirima contributed greatly to the success of this surgery through timely coordination of the referral case. He collaborated with the Catholic Parish to ensure timely response through an ambulance vehicle from Kokselei, six kilometers away from the referring facility.

Moving forward it is expected that there will be more CS deliveries at Lokitaung and other Sub-County hospitals with support from community units through a robust community health strategy and peripheral health facilities support.

Celebrating service delivery through National Government administration

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL (MYGOV)

The Ministry of Interior and National Administration paid tribute to the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs). Following it is an unwavering commitment to grassroots service delivery, national cohesion, and security.

As the country commemorates 62 years of Madaraka, Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo, reflected on Kenya's journey since internal self-rule, emphasizing the transformative role NGAOs play in realizing the country's constitutional promise of self-governance, justice, and development

The administration underwent significant reforms following the enactment of the National Government Coordination Act, 2013, that introduced a new cadre of administrators who work closely with the people to implement government programs, enhance security, and coordinate development.

"In the early days of constitutional reform, there were questions about the future of the Provincial Administration in a devolved structure. However, the government made a bold and visionary choice to restructure, not abolish, the institution – and today, it is a critical pillar of governance at the grassroots," Dr. Omollo stated.

Dr. Omollo acknowledged the success of community-based security initiatives such as Nyumba Kumi, which significantly improved intelligence-sharing and the fight against terrorism, illicit brews, and organized crime.



President William Ruto greets National Government Administrative Officers (NGAOs) at a past event.

NGAOs was credited for being at the frontline in driving the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), ensuring that national programs are implemented effectively and inclusively.

"As we celebrate Madaraka Day, we must remember that it is not merely historical event but a living idea. It challenges us to recommit to equitable service delivery and inclusive governance," he said.

The PS further called on wananchi, elected leaders, and county governments to continue working closely with administrators, noting that public trust and inter-agency cooperation remain key to unlocking the full potential of the NGAO structure.

"To all our administrators across the country, we thank you for your service. To the public, your continued faith in this structure fuels our progress," he concluded.

School Equipment Production Unit and NG-CDF partner to deliver essential learning infrastructure to schools

BY RONNY KATAMO (SEPU) A (PCO),

The School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) has partnered with the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG CDF) to efficiently deliver essential grade 9 learning materials and furniture across the country.

The collaborative effort aims to bridge the infrastructure gap in public and private schools, ensuring that students have access to conducive environments that enhance learning and teaching.

The partnership focuses on accelerating the production and distribution of laboratories, science kits, desks, chairs, blackboards, and other key learning aids.

NG-CDF representatives have expressed confidence that this partnership would significantly impact the educational landscape.

"Our goal is to ensure that our children have access



Onesmus Ngogoyo (MP Kajiado North) during the delivery of a mobile laboratory following a partnership with SEPU.

to essential teaching and learning materials that will ensure their level of competition is not compromised," stated Onesmus Ngogoyo during the delivery of a mobile laboratory to Olekasasi Primary School in Kajiado North constituency.

SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing that the partnership would ensure that learners have the necessary materials as required by CBC.

Other constituencies which have benefited from

this partnership include Narok West constituency, Bomet, Manyatta, Kikuyu constituency among others.

During the commissioning of the first seven mobile labs at Kihumu Primary School in Karurina, an NG-CDF board member, Eliza-

beth Kitundu, highlighted the cost-effectiveness of mobile labs compared to constructing permanent laboratories.

Manyatta Member of Parliament, Gitonga Mukunji, emphasized that these labs would promote science education and equip students with skills relevant to the modern workforce.

He also noted that the partnership would improve science education by providing students with access to essential laboratory equipment, which many schools in the area previously lacked due to resource limitations.

This mobile laboratory provides hands-on interactive learning experiences that make STEM subjects more engaging and exciting to learners.

They are equipped with items such as microscopes, chemicals, glassware and general apparatus. It plays a crucial role in supporting the implementation of the CBC curriculum by providing necessary STEM resources.

tency-Based Curriculum (CBC).

This initiative is set to benefit thousands of students and address infrastructure challenges which have historically hindered effective learning. The focus is on providing affordable, durable, and safe equipment that can withstand Kenya's diverse climatic conditions.

Educators and parents alike have welcomed the partnership, viewing it as a crucial step toward rebuilding and modernizing Kenya's education infrastructure.

As the initiative progresses, stakeholders are hopeful that it will set a precedent for sustainable development and improved educational outcomes.

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TVET CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION COUNCIL (TVET CDACC)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR DEVELOPMENT, CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SYSTEM FOR ASSESSMENT TOOLS DEVELOPMENT FOR TVET CDACC

The TVET Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council (TVET CDACC) is a State Corporation established under the TVET Act No. 29 of 2013. The Council is mandated to design, develop, and review competency-based curricula, conduct national assessments, and issue competence certificates in the TVET sector. To improve efficiency in the development of assessment tools, TVET CDACC seeks to implement an AI-driven system to automate the generation of assessment tools including;

- a) Theory assessment tools
- b) Practical assessment tools
- c) Assessor guides
- d) Observation checklists
- e) Cutting lists
- f) Reports of the generated tools

The EOI reference number and name details are given below:

No.	EOI Reference No.	EOI Description /Name
1	CDACC/EOI/2024-2025/03	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR DEVELOPMENT, CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SYSTEM FOR ASSESSMENT TOOLS DEVELOPMENT FOR TVET CDACC

Interested firms may download the expression of interest document containing the terms of reference from the TVET CDACC website: www.tvetcdacc.go.ke free of charge. Firms who download the document must arrange to register with TVET CDACC and their contact details through info@tvetcdacc.go.ke for the purposes of receiving any further EOI clarifications and/or addendum if need be.

Completed expression of interest document enclosed in plain sealed envelope, marked with the **EOI number** and **name** be deposited in the tender box at 10th Floor, ABSA Towers, Nairobi or be addressed to:

THE CEO,
T V E T C D A C C ,
P. O. Box 41842-00100,
NAIROBI.

So as to be received on or before **Tuesday, 10th June, 2025 at 10.00am Kenyan time**. The expression of interests will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of consulting firms/service providers or their representatives who choose to attend at 10th floor, Absa Towers, Nairobi.



PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION BILL 2025, THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BILL 2025 AND THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025.

The Office of the Attorney General is established under Article 156(1) of the Constitution of Kenya. The functions of the Office as set out in the Office of the Attorney General Act include drafting legislative proposals for the Government and advising the Government and its agencies on legislative and other legal matters.

The National Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy (Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2024) forms the basis for legislative proposals on Alternative Dispute Resolution (The Policy) in Kenya. There are three legislative proposals under The Policy to wit; The Construction Adjudication Bill which is intended to facilitate regular and timely payments and to provide remedies for the recovery of payment in the construction industry and to strengthen the practice of Construction Adjudication. The Dispute Resolution Bill is intended to make provision for the settlement of disputes by alternative means including conciliation and mediation and to provide for the powers and functions of the National Dispute Resolution Council, Practice area Committees and to give effect to the National ADR policy. The Policy also proposes to amend the Arbitration Act, 1995, to align it with the best global and emerging practices.

This is to therefore invite relevant stakeholders, members of the public and all interested parties, to provide comments, views, and input with justification(s) on the Proposed Bills, which will inform changes thereof.

The Policy and Proposed Bills are available on the Office of the Attorney General website (www.statelaw.go.ke) as well as on the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) website (www.ncia.or.ke)

Written submissions should be submitted using the template provided below. The Submissions should be received not later than **30th June 2025** through the email counsel@ncia.or.ke or through the following address:

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

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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



STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRM SELECTION)

Country:	Kenya
Name of Project:	Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II
Credit No:	IDA-7447-KE
Project ID No:	P180935
Assignment Title:	Consulting Services- Firm to Support the National Treasury -IFMIS Department Enhance the IFMIS System to Support the Development, Implementation and Rollout of National Level Activities on County Exchequer Solution, CGAAA Framework, Pending Bills Template and Integrations to County EDMS Solutions, HRIS-KE, KRA and CBK
Reference No:	KE-SDD-487908-CS-QCBS

1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) has received funding from the World Bank towards the cost of **Second Kenya Devolution Support Program KDSP-II**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for consulting services.
 2. The primary objective of this consultancy is support the IFMIS department in the development and automation of these IFMIS Components namely; a) incorporation of the CGAAA framework in IFMIS, b) Automation of the County Revenue fund and release process, c) Development and implementation of the Pending bill action plan templates in IFMIS and d) support integration of HRIS system to IFMIS and other PFM systems, e) Re-engineer the existing IFMIS- CBK Integration and introduction Invoice Twinning to the Grant of Credit process f) Integration of IFMIS to the County governments EDMS Solution.
 3. The consulting services contract is expected to be a period of **twelve (12)** calendar months from the date of commencement.
 4. The terms of reference are available on The Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke> the State Department For Devolution Website <https://www.devolution.go.ke> and on the National Treasury Website <https://www.treasury.go.ke>
 5. 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" Procurement Regulations revised September 2023, 5th edition, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
 6. The State Department for Devolution now invites eligible consultants (Firms) to submit Expressions of interest for consideration. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the services. The short listing criteria are;
 - a. **Core business and years in business:** The firm shall be registered/incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of System Development and implementation of Oracle applications systems for a period of a minimum of six years. The Firm must possess a system development accreditation certification for the solution proposed
 - b. **Relevant experience:** The firm shall demonstrate as having successfully executed and completed at least three projects of a similar nature, complexity and in a similar operating environment- public sector in the last five years. Details of similar assignments-Name and address of the client, scope, value, and period should be provided, and the submitted Proposal should include an enumeration (Contract or LPO) of these similar past assignments.
 - c. The firm must demonstrate the requisite technical and managerial capacity to undertake the assignment in the submitted company profile **Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**
 - d. Demonstrate experience with business process modeling techniques and have hands-on experience with process improvement projects.
 - e. Demonstrate experience in public financial management systems (Proficiency in public sector planning, budgeting, accounting, and procurement processes, including business process re-engineering within the public sector)
 - f. Experience in development and implementation of public financial management frameworks (Understanding and mapping of business processes aligned with legal frameworks, facilitating effective digitization of Public Financial Management (PFM) processes to enhance data quality)
 - g. The firm must be a Registered Oracle Partner
 - h. Demonstrate thorough knowledge of IPSA cash and accrual accounting legal and regulatory frameworks
 - i. Experience in implementation and monitoring of public sector accounting systems
 - j. Expertise in Oracle technology relevant to IFMIS implementations.
 - k. In-depth knowledge of the IFMIS Plan-to-Budget, Procure-to-Pay, Acquire-to-Retire, Revenue-to-Cash, and Record-to-Report cycles within the public sector.
 - l. Demonstrate experience in capacity building, skill transfer, and stakeholder engagement.
 7. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
 8. A firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection method/ procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.
 9. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below from **0900 to 1700 hours East African Time (EAT) from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400hours EAT)** and public holidays.
 10. Interested Consultants should submit their Expression of Interest, in a written form to the address below clearly marked: **Consulting Services- Firm to Support the National Treasury -IFMIS Department Enhance the IFMIS System to Support the Development, Implementation and Rollout of National Level Activities on County Exchequer Solution, CGAAA Framework, Pending Bills Template and Integrations to County EDMS Solutions, HRIS-KE, KRA and CBK Reference No. KE-SDD-487908-CS-QCBS and addressed (in person, or mail, or by e-mail) to;**

**The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Devolution
P.O. Box 30004 - 00100 Nairobi.
Attention: Program Coordinator KDSPII
Address for obtaining further information
State Department for Devolution
Head Supply Chain Management Services
5th Floor Teleposta Towers - Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi, Kenya.**
 11. The expression of interest shall be delivered using one of the following modalities;
 1. Deposit in the Tender Box located on **5th Floor Teleposta Towers - Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi, Kenya.**
 2. Send via email to; secondkdsp@gmail.com
 12. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is **Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 1100 hours East African time.**
- Note: Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- PROJECT COORDINATOR (KDSP II)
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/ STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION**



Government urges marketing professionals to embrace the latest technological trends

BY EVALYNE GITINJI

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal secretary Mr. Stephen Isaboke, EBS, has urged marketing professionals to be well versed in the emerging technological trends to debunk any misleading information.

In his address during the Marketing Society of Kenya (MSK) Chair's Power Breakfast, held at a Nairobi hotel on Friday 23rd, May this year, the PS said that in this era of technological advancement, there is need to ascertain the truth to avoid misleading the public.

"The line between truth and propaganda is very thin. AI uses structured data that can be twisted at times to relay misleading information. You have to know how AI works to get your facts right and communicate constantly to the public," he said.

The PS highlighted the significance of the event's theme, "Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Redefining the Role of Marketing in Business Leadership," noting that it gives a new perspective, on where marketing is not a department, but a core leadership capability.

"In the age of the em-



The Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Mr. Stephen Isaboke EBS speaking during the Marketing Society of Kenya (MSK) Chair's Power Breakfast, held at a Nairobi.

powered consumer, of real-time feedback loops, and of social media activism, the marketer is no longer an afterthought. The marketer is the architect of perception, the translator of customer voice, and often, the conscience of the brand," the PS stated.

The PS called for the empowerment of marketers not just as builders of brands but builders of nations, "Let us move forward together to a future where

marketing is recognized not just as a business function, but as a force for leadership, for transformation, and for national progress."

He urged the marketing professionals to help project positive messages on the achievements realised by the public and private sectors for the betterment of the country.

PS Isaboke said that, "as we look to the future, we must embrace a new kind of leadership—one that is in-

tegrated across disciplines, inclusive of diverse voices, and insight-driven in its decisions."

The PS disclosed that in this Information Age, "when AI driven by data is taking over and controlling everything, the role of the marketer is to be the true North in brand and corporate or public communications."

He shared his personal reflection, saying "my own journey has been shaped not just by policy and management, but by communication, by collaboration, and by learning to listen before leading."

Further adding that Leadership is not about having all the answers, but about asking the right questions and then inviting others to answer with you.

PS Isaboke further challenged the marketers that "when you rise, lift others with you. Because every ceiling broken becomes a floor for someone else to stand on."

He spurred them to dream big, "So I

say this to the marketers in the room, dare to see yourselves as more than functional experts, claim your seat at the leadership table—not with apology, but with authority."

In conclusion, PS Isaboke further said, "Let us not settle for merely peeking through the glass ceiling. Let us break through it—with confidence, with clarity, and with courage. Let us redefine leadership—not as a fixed path, but as

an evolving journey where creativity, empathy, and vision are just as critical as profit and policy."

In attendance were; MSK Chairperson Ms. Zuhura Odhiambo, Vice Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce, Eng. Patrick Obath, Founder and CEO of Re-Imagine Impact Associates Limited, Ms. Sicily Karuri, WPP Scangroup CEO Ms. Patricia Ithau, amongst other stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

Kenya set to host 6,500 delegates at Africa's tourism exhibition

BY JOAN OGOLA, KNA

Kenya is set to become the epicenter of Africa's tourism renaissance as it prepares to host over 6,500 delegates from 40 countries at the 15th edition of the Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE), scheduled to take place from October 1-3, 2025.

The event is poised to enhance intra-African collaboration and promote sustainable growth as key drivers of the continent's tourism sector.

This year's expo, themed Sustainable Tourism Growth: Unlocking Africa's Potential, marks a significant milestone in the region's tourism journey and promises to be the most expansive and inclusive edition yet.

The 2025 edition will bring together over 200 high-quality international buyers and 400 exhibitors for three days of intensive networking, investment discussions, and business-to-business engagements. A major highlight will be the integration of the Africa Tourism Investment Forum (ATIF), creating one of the continent's most comprehensive tourism trade platforms.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement event held in Nairobi, the Principal Secretary of the State Department of Tourism, John Ololtua, underscored the expo's pivotal role in shaping Africa's tourism sector.

"MKTE 2025 is not just a Kenyan celebration; it is a continental milestone," said PS Ololtua.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT – STATE HOUSE

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Executive Office of the President – State House intends to sell by Public Auction Unserviceable Motor Vehicles, Tyres, Car Batteries, obsolete vehicle spare parts, laundry machines, scrap metals, old carpets & rags, car washing machine, generator halogen security lights, electric cooker, lawn mower among other items. The Auction will take place on **Friday, 13th June 2025** starting at 10:00 a.m at **State Department for Roads, Ruiru**.

The prospective bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of **KShs. 50,000/=** payable in form of cash at cash office, Executive Office of the President-State House in Nairobi **during normal working hours**.

Interested bidders may obtain further information by visiting www.tenders.go.ke and www.president.go.ke to download a catalogue containing details of venue, items to be auctioned, conditions of sale and date of viewing.

The Appointed Auctioneer is **ASTORION AUCTIONEERS OF P.O. BOX 33340-00600 NAIROBI TEL. 0720797118 0721963927**

Further clarification on the Public Auction may be sought from the contacts provided below.

CONTACTS:

**ASTORION AUCTIONEERS
P.O BOX 33340-00600 NAIROBI
MOBILE No. 0720797118 AND 0721963927**

**STATE HOUSE
COMPTROLLER OF STATE HOUSE
P.O. BOX 40530-00100, Nairobi
MOBILE NO. +254 20 244 1261 Attn G. Kilambo**



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FUND
EMPOWERING FOR SELF-RELIANCE



TENDER NOTICE

National Government Affirmative Action Fund is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) under the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs. The fund was enacted through the legal notice no. 24 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

In order to effectively and efficiently deliver its mandate, the fund invites eligible and competent service providers for the following tenders available in the website below www.mygov.go.ke

Or Get a copy from NGAAF Office Machakos county.

Tender documents with details specifications and conditions can be downloaded **free of charge** from the following available website.

NO COMPANY WILL BE AWARDED MORE THAN ONE TENDER.

Completed tender documents in plain sealed envelopes should be deposited in **COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S TENDER BOX MACHAKOS**. So as to be received on or before **10th JUNE 2025 at 10.00 AM**.

**THE COUNTY COORDINATOR
NGAAF MACHAKOS
P.O. BOX 424-90100
MACHAKOS**



KENYA NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE LTD



RE-TENDER NOTICE

1.0 Kenya National Shipping Line Ltd (KNSL) is a State Corporation established under the Company's ACT (Cap. 486) with the Mandate to conduct Shipping business which encompasses international shipping, coastal feeding services; On-land Logistics business which includes clearing & forwarding, warehousing & cargo consolidation; Crew and Manning; Ship management; and Oil and Gas transportation.

2.0 Kenya National Shipping Line Ltd (KNSL) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the contracts below:

S/ No.	REFERENCE NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	CONTRACT TITLE	TARGET GROUP
2.1	KNSL/ONT/2024-2025/03	3 rd June, 2025	Provision of Group Medical Cover (In Patient and Out Patient) For the eligible Board of Directors, Managing Director and Staff on a Two-Year Contract Period	Open
2.2	KNSL/ONT/2024-2025/04	3 rd June, 2025	Provision of Group Life Assurance Cover for Staff.	Open

3.0 Interested eligible Bidders may obtain tender documents from the following websites: www.knsl.go.ke or www.tender.go.ke

4.0 The closing date for submission is on **3rd June, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.** Application is open to all interested bidders.

Managing Director



CA unveils plan to expand ICT connectivity across Kenya

BY RASHID NAIF/BRENDA OLUOCH, KNA

The Communication Authority of Kenya (CA) has launched the Universal Service Fund (USF) Strategy 2023–2027, a platform that will enable Kenyans to participate actively in the global digital economy. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Communications Authority of Kenya, Ms. Mary Mungai, said the Universal Service Fund embodies Kenya's commitment to deepening meaningful ICT connectivity and ensures that no Kenyan, regardless of location, income, age, or ability, is left behind in the digital revolution. "Access to communication and digital services is a fundamental universal right. This not only enables people to lead meaningful lives but is also a key driver of sustainable development," she said.

Speaking at the launch held in Nairobi, Ms. Mungai said the USF initiative is one of the Kenya Kwanza Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda through the Digital and Creative Economy Pillar which creates positive impact on the lives of Kenyans across the country.

She said the new USF Strategy provides a clear roadmap for supporting the Digital Superhighway to bridge the digital divide across the country by prioritizing inclusion, equity, innovation, and resilience in the expansion of connectivity and digital infrastructure.

"Looking at the significant progress realized since the operationalization of the USF 10 years ago, I commend the Authority for the efficient stewardship of the Fund, witnessed through proactive and efforts to support the deployment of ICT infrastructure," stated Mugonyi.

The Chairperson lauded the significant progress realized since the operationalization of the Universal Service Fund 10 years ago, and commend the Authority for the efficient stewardship of the Fund, witnessed through their efforts to support the deployment of ICT infrastructure.

Speaking at the event, David Mugonyi, Director General, Communications Authority of Kenya announced that to date, USF has availed mobile connectivity to nearly 800,000 people spread across 156 sub-locations in 24 Counties and transformed 56 public libraries into vibrant e-resource centres, including tailored support for the visually impaired. "Through the USF, we have also connected 886 public secondary schools to high-speed Internet, integrating ICTs in schools, making learning relatable and enjoyable," said Mugonyi.



ADVERTISEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE POSITIONS OF DISABILITY SERVICES OFFICER (2 POSTS) AND DRIVER (1 POST).

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) is a State Agency established by The Persons with Disabilities Act No. 14 of 2003. The mandate of the Council is to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. To achieve this mandate, the Board seeks to replace the following positions.

No.	Designation	Job Grade	No. of Positions
1	Disability Services Officer	NCPD 6	2
2	Driver	NCPD 9	1

- Detailed job descriptions, requirements and how to apply are available on the website www.ncpwd.go.ke.
- All applications **MUST** be received on or before **15th June, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**
- NCPWD is an **equal opportunity employer**. Persons with disabilities, females, marginalized and minorities with requisite qualifications are encouraged to apply
- There is **NO** fees charged by NCPWD for any application of these positions
- Canvassing** for any of these positions will result in disqualification of the candidate
- ONLY** shortlisted candidates will be contacted and will be required to avail the following documents during the interview:
 - Original academic certificates
 - Chapter 6 Clearances
- Applicants are requested to fill in NCPWD application for employment form which can be downloaded from the organization's website, attaching CV, copies of certificates & testimonials, professional certificates (**where applicable**) and copy of national identity card.

Applications should be hand delivered or posted in the post office and addressed to:

Ag. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
National Council for Persons with Disabilities,
Orthopedic centre compound, opposite ABC place,
P.O Box 66577 – 00800
NAIROBI, KENYA



MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BROADCASTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS



PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL COMMUNICATION POLICY

The Ministry, through a multi-stakeholder committee "**the Strategic Government Communications Committee**" is in the process of developing the National Communication Policy. This Policy is aimed at providing structures, processes, and procedures to guide government communication with its diverse stakeholders.

The Policy proposes the establishment of a public communication framework to provide guidelines and standard operating procedures for communicating government policies and programs, disseminating information, engaging with the media, the citizens and creating platforms to use public communication as a tool for fostering nationalism and patriotism.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, which mandates public participation in policy-making, the Ministry invites members of the public, stakeholders, and all interested parties to submit their views, comments, and recommendations on the proposed policy, which will inform its review.

The Draft Policy is available on www.ict.go.ke.

Written submissions should be submitted to the Committee using the provided template below not later than **11th June, 2025** through electronic mail: legal@moict.go.ke copied to dpc@moict.go.ke or to the address:

Chairperson,
Committee on the National Communication Policy
C/O Principal Secretary
State Department for Broadcasting and the
10th Floor, Telposta Towers
P. O. Box 30025-00100 Nairobi, Kenya

TEMPLATE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

NAME OF ORGANISATION/OR INDIVIDUAL PERSON				
No	Section of the Policy	Provisions of the Policy	Proposed Amendment	Rationale for Amendment Recommendation



The Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman)

Hata Mnyonge ana Haki

RE-ADVERTISEMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) is a Constitutional Commission established under Article 59 (4), Chapter fifteen of the Constitution and the Commission on Administrative Justice Act, 2011 with the mandate of addressing all forms of maladministration in the public sector in Kenya. The Commission is also charged with overseeing and enforcing the implementation of the Access to Information Act, 2016.

The Commission seeks to fill the following positions:-

NO	POSITION	NO OF POSTS	CAJ GRADE
1.	Librarian Assistant II	1	8
2.	Driver I	2	9

Job specifications and other requirements are available on our website: www.ombudsman.go.ke

An application letter with attached curriculum vitae, copies of academic certificates, identification card, and other credentials should be sent by **9th June' 2025 at 5.00pm** through; CAJ E-recruitment portal accessible via our website - www.ombudsman.go.ke

Physical Applications will not be accepted. Those who had applied earlier are encouraged to **re-apply**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

The Commission on Administrative Justice is an Equal Opportunity employer.



10 Njoro schools join Egerton's 4K clubs initiative

BY ANNE MWALE,
KNA

Egerton University is partnering with stakeholders to promote Kuungana, Kufanya, Kusaidia, Kenya—commonly known as 4K Clubs—in 10 schools within Njoro Sub-County. The initiative aims to empower young learners with knowledge and skills in responsible crop protection and sustainable farming practices.

The institution is actively involved in training 4K Club patrons, members, and school heads on agricultural innovations and sustainable agronomic practices.

Speaking after a visit to Ndege Primary School and Njoro DEB Primary School by Egerton University staff, Dr. Mary Waiganjo said it was inspiring to see that, in some of the schools, the 4K Clubs had introduced agroforestry and that vegetable plots were thriving.

"Egerton University is proud to continue working with schools in Njoro Sub-County to support 4K Clubs helping pupils learn practical farming skills and build a love for agriculture from a young age. The partnership aims to enhance agricultural productivity, ensure food safety,



Students at 4K Club. Photo Courtesy.

and improve health outcomes within the community," noted Dr Waiganjo from the institution's Faculty of Education and Community Development Studies. The team was accompanied by West Virginia University (WVU) Associate Dean and Director of Extension Jennifer Ours Williams, retired WVU faculty member who is currently a consultant Sue Day-Perroots and Associate Vice President of Land Grant and Community Outreach at WVU Ann Bailey-Berry. Dr Waiganjo pointed out that the program is also enhancing the capacity of 4K clubs in schools towards equipping learners with practical skills in combating climate change and sustainable agricultural practices.



NATIONAL WATER HARVESTING & STORAGE AUTHORITY

Hifadhi Maji Boresha Maisha

TENDER NOTICE

The National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority is established under Section 30 of the Water Act 2016. NWHSA's main mandate is to undertake on behalf of the National Government, the development of national public water works for water resources storage and flood control.

The Authority hereby invites eligible tenderers resident in Nyeri County Government under reserved categories who are interested in bidding for: Drilling, Equipping, and Operationalization of boreholes; Desiltation and Construction of dams; & water projects. Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents using www.waterauthority.go.ke free of charge.

**Eng. Julius Mugun P.E. MIEK, MCIArb
Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WATER AND SANITATION



NORTH RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INVITATION TO TENDER

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation has allocated funds to North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (NRVWWDA) for procurement of construction works of water supply projects and other services within its area of jurisdiction.

2. The Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of Water Supply Projects as follows:

S/ No.	Tender Reference Number	Description	Eligibility	Date of Pre-Tender Site Visit-Not mandatory	Meeting Venue	Bid Submission Dates and Time (East African Time)
I.	NRV/GoK/UG/Ziwa-Sirikwa /2024-2025/11	Construction works for Ziwa-Sirikwa Water Project	Open to all	5 th June, 2025 at 10.00am	Ziwa shopping centre-Chief's office	17 th June, 2025 at 11.00 AM
II.	NRV/GoK/EMC/ Koibibir Talai Endo /2024-2025/12	Construction works for Koibibir Talai Endo Community Water Project	Open to all	6 th June, 2025 at 10.00am	Chepbil Trading centre	17 th June, 2025 at 11.00 AM
III.	NRV/GoK/EMC/ Chepkorio /2024-2025/13	Construction works for Chepkorio Water Project	AGPO group	5 th June, 2025 at 10.00am	Chepkorio Water supply T/Plant	17 th June, 2025 at 11.00 AM
IV.	NRV/GoK/UG/ Moi University /2024-2025/14	Construction works for Moi University Water Project	AGPO group	6 th June, 2025 at 10.00am	Kesses Water supply T/Plant	17 th June, 2025 at 11.00 AM

3. The Mandatory requirements and qualification information are as specified in the respective bidding documents. Only AGPO category will **NOT** be subjected to bid security submission requirement.

4. Interested eligible bidders can obtain further information from the Chief Executive Officer of the North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency via email at info@nrvwwda.go.ke with a copy to procurement@nrvwwda.go.ke.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded from NRVWWDA website www.nrvwwda.go.ke, or www.tenders.go.ke free of charge. Bidders who download the bidding documents from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately to info@nrvwwda.go.ke, for records and any further clarifications and addenda.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before the dates specified in the table above. **Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of all bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below on the date as shown in the table above.

7. The address for the procuring entity is as follows;

**Chief Executive Officer,
North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency,
Office of the Auditor General Building, (2nd Floor),
Furfural Road, Opposite Mechanical & Transport Division
P.O. BOX 1012-30100,
Eldoret Town, Kenya.**

Tel: 254-700 347 896/254-753 347 896; Email: info@nrvwwda.go.ke



National Environment Management Authority

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
NEMA/T/01/2025-2026	Supply of Motor Vehicle Fuel, Oils & Lubricants.	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/02/2025-2026	Provision of security guarding and alarm services.	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/03/2025-2026	Provision of Office Cleaning and Laundry Services, Garbage Collection and Disposal Services, Sanitary Bins and related Services and Fumigation and Pest Control Services. (Reserved for AGPO-Women Firms Only)	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/04/2025-2026	Provision of Internet Connectivity Services	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/05/2025-2026	Provision of Staff and Board Members Medical Insurance Cover	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/06/2025-2026	Provision of General Insurance Services (Group Personal Accident, Group Life, Motor Vehicles, All Risks, Money (cash in transit, cash in safes & fidelity guarantee) and Professional Indemnity Cover.	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/07/2025-2026	Provision of Motor vehicle repair and maintenance Under framework agreement	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/08/2025-2026	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Conference facilities under framework agreement.	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/09/2025-2026	Provision of Generator Servicing and Maintenance (Reserved for AGPO Youth Firms Only)	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/10/2025-2026	Provision of firefighting equipment servicing. (Reserved for AGPO - Youth Firms Only)	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am
NEMA/T/11/2025-2026	Provision of Air Ticketing Services on Framework Agreement. (Reserved for AGPO- Women Firms Only)	10 th June 2025, 10.00 am

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) invites sealed bids for the following tenders. Detailed Bid documents should be downloaded from our website: www.nema.go.ke; or public procurement information portal www.tenders.go.ke free of charge and at a non-refundable fee of **Ksh.1,000** if obtained from NEMA Procurement Section at NEMA Headquarters situated along Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road. Tender fee should be deposited in cash to **NEMA Revenue Account, KCB – KICC Branch, Account Number 1102298158**, and submit the deposit slip, at the Cash Office on Ground Floor Eland House NEMA Headquarters. **Kindly note that cash will not be accepted.** Complete bid documents in plain sealed envelopes and clearly marked with "Tender Reference Number and Name should be addressed to:-

**The Director General,
National Environment Management Authority,
Eland House, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road,
P.O. Box 67839 – 00200.
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And be placed in the Tender Box provided at the NEMA Reception area, **Eland House, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road** on or before **Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 10: 00am**. Bulky Tenders Shall Be Deposited and Registered at the Principal Supply Chain Management Office

Email: info@nema.go.ke
Tel: (020) 2183718, 2101370, 0723 363010, 0735 013046, 0724 253398
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Applicants handed keys as Government completes Phase I of housing projects

As the Government finalises affordable housing projects in different parts of the country, low income earners are getting opportunities to own decent homes



Beneficiaries of the Mukuru Housing Estate during the launch of 1,080 social housing units last week. INSET: The project that comprises 13,248 units and President William Ruto with the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Alice Wahome (right) and a wananchi.

The Government's affordable housing initiative has given hundreds of low income earners a pathway to secure decent housing.

As projects started in the first phase in different parts of the country continue to be completed, families are not only being given keys to their new houses, but also to new opportunities.

Some of the recently completed projects are in Mukuru, Nairobi, Bondeni in Nakuru and Homa Bay Town.

Ongoing projects include the ones in Sironga in Nyamira, Mavoko in Machakos, Ruiru in Kiambu, Soweto in Kibera and Starehe in Nairobi.

The initiatives, beyond providing shelter, are unlocking new economic and social prospects for locals by fostering stability, job creation and community development.

"We have handed over keys to life-changing

1,080 social housing units; these are not keys to open doors or houses; these are keys to homes," President William Ruto said in Mukuru, Nairobi, while handing keys to families.

The President commissioned Lot 1-Phase 1 comprising over 5,616 bedsitters.

Similarly, construction of Lot 2 and Lot 3, comprising 3,024 one-bedroom and 4,608 two-bedroom units respectively is ongoing.

The houses are part of the 13,248-unit New Mukuru Housing Estate, which is expected to become the largest real estate project in Kenya.

"Through these homes, we are providing better sanitation, security and livelihoods to thousands of ordinary people who would never have had such a chance," he said.

President Ruto noted that the Government and its partners are building 200 similar housing projects in different parts of the country, which are at various stages of completion.

The houses, according to him, have created employment to more than 200,000 young people, both men and women.

"To come up with such projects, one needs to make difficult decisions, and unlike before, I decided to make them for the betterment of the country," he added.

The Mukuru houses, like other affordable housing projects, are classified into three main categories namely social housing, affordable housing and affordable housing market.

These classifications are primarily based on the income of the targeted owners.

For social houses, the Mukuru beneficiaries will pay as low as Sh3,900 monthly.

On the other hand, affordable units home owners would pay from Sh7,250 monthly and affordable housing market home owners from Sh21,160.



Through these homes, we are providing better sanitation, security and livelihoods to thousands of ordinary people who would never have had such a chance." - President William Ruto.

In Homa Bay County, President Ruto is expected to hand over 110 units under the scheme to new home owners ahead of the June 1 Madaraka Day celebrations.

The houses, similarly, comprise social (studio and one bedroom), affordable (one and two bedrooms) and affordable housing market (one and two bedrooms) categories.

There are also shops and other amenities like parking and street lighting.

"The payments that the home owners will be making monthly will cater for the cost of houses, insurance as well as service charges like garbage collection and security," Mr Martin Kimeu, a manager at Affordable Housing Board said.

The integration of essential amenities such as schools, healthcare facilities, and commercial spaces ensures that residents experience a holistic improvement in their quality of life, noted Kimeu.

As dreams come true for the new home owners, the ripple effect of the projects is being witnessed.

Local businesses are thriving, construction-related employment is expanding and infrastructure improvements are enhancing overall living standards, urban renewal and economic inclusion.

For years, Kenya has grappled with a housing deficit of up to 200,000 units annually, with millions forced to live in informal settlements lacking basic amenities.

The Government's Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) seeks to bridge this gap by providing decent, safe and affordable units to citizens.

Applying to own a house is done on the Boma Yangu portal. One needs to register using an eCitizen account.

They then sign up on the Boma Yangu website or via the USSD code *832#. One must be a Kenyan citizen aged 18 years or older, and have a valid National ID.

To activate one's account, you deposit a minimum of Sh200. One can save any amount at any time through mobile money, credit/debit cards or bank deposits.

The savings will determine one's eligibility for housing allocation.

Thereafter, once housing projects are completed, the allocation process begins. A person will be notified when units are available and allocation is based on factors like savings, registration date and family status.

President Ruto said the Government remains committed to expanding the initiative to accommodate even more citizens.

And as more families settle into their new homes, ongoing efforts to streamline registration and allocation processes will actualise the dream of home ownership for thousands across the country. ■

TELLING THE STORY

Kenya Yearbook CEO highlights the role of data in job creation, national development

Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto has underscored the critical role data plays in driving job creation and national development.

Speaking during a panel discussion at the 8th Annual Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) Regional Conference held at the Kenya School of Government last week, Ms Kimeto noted that data-driven insights are crucial in shaping economic opportunities

and policy-making.

The discussion, which was themed "The role of data in promoting job creation," focused on how data can influence economic growth and employment opportunities.

Ms Kimeto shared how KYEB plays a crucial role in collecting, analysing and disseminating information through its publications while actively engaging stakeholders to ensure data reaches diverse audiences in a simplified manner.

"Through story telling, we are

committed to ensuring that data is not only accessible, but widely understood including by marginalised communities and individuals seeking clarity on public policies," she said.

She noted that KYEB's publications empower the public by providing crucial information that aids informed decision-making.

"We are dedicated to making policy information accessible and easy to understand, enabling ordinary Kenyans to take ownership of policies and comply



Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board (KYEB) CEO Lilian Kimeto during a panel discussion at KIPPRA Regional Conference held at KSG Kabete.

with them effectively," she said as she encouraged participants to explore the KYEB website for more details on its publications. The KIPPRA conference serves as an important platform for discussions on public policy, economic

development and data-driven solutions for national growth.

KYEB is mandated to document Government initiatives, programmes and projects to promote public awareness. ■

Hundreds access Government services as Huduma Kenya holds outreach events

Hundreds of residents in Balambala, Garissa County, received essential Government services on May 22, 2025, as Huduma Centre Garissa held an outreach event.

The initiative, aimed at bridging service delivery gaps in underserved areas, saw engagement between citizens and Government officials.

Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku visited Jarajara Centre to assess the outreach's

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impact in delivery of Government services.

Accompanied by

Garissa County Woman Representative Udgoo Siyat, area MP Abdi Omar Shurie, Lagdera MP Abdikadir Aden and various local leaders, Mr Ruku commended Huduma Mashinani's role in ensuring seamless service delivery.

Elsewhere, on May 17, 2025, Huduma Centre Mombasa and the Mombasa Movement Walk

launched the "Huduma Mashinani Wikendi" outreach with a 15km wellness walk, bringing the community together for health awareness and civic engagement.

A blood donation drive was held, where 25 pints were collected.

Following the wellness initiatives, the Huduma Mashinani Wikendi - Mvita Edition - marked a historic first by offering Government services on a Saturday, expanding accessibility for citizens.

The Centre successfully served 400 customers, responded to over 50 inquiries and deployed



Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Geoffrey Ruku (centre) with local leaders at Jarajara Huduma Centre.

all essential services, reinforcing to service excellence and service innovation. ■

CELEBRATIONS

Homa Bay ready to host memorable Madaraka Day celebrations



Raila Odinga Stadium, which will host the Madaraka Day national celebrations on June 1, 2025. It has been renovated to host 12,000 people. Below: Interior Principal Administrative Secretary Ann Ng'etich (left) during an inspection tour of the facility.

Excitement builds up in the county as officials make final preparations ahead of the June 1 celebrations

Homa Bay County is ready to host this year's Madaraka Day celebrations on June 1, with final touches being made at the main venue of the event and other sites President William Ruto is expected to visit.

Anticipation for a vibrant and memorable national event has built up, with residents eager to host the President, ODM leader Raila Odinga and other local and foreign dignitaries who will attend the event.

The 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations will be held at Raila Odinga Stadium, which has been renovated to host some 12,000 people.

This is the first time the county is hosting the national event, marking a significant milestone in its development and recognition on the national and regional map.

The theme of the event is "Blue economy and maritime affairs", which highlights the Government's commitment to harnessing aquatic resources for sustainable development.



Homa Bay County was chosen to host the event due to the strategic role it plays in harnessing the blue economy as it hosts the largest part of Lake Victoria in Kenya.

The focus on blue economy and maritime affairs aligns with the Government's broader agenda of utilising Kenya's natural resources effectively to promote job creation and economic inclusion.

That the county is ready to host the national celebrations is evident as one walks through Homa Bay Town.

Roads have been spruced up in and outside the town, with the National and County Governments partnering to ensure everything is ready as per the schedule.

While the main highway leading to the stadium has been expanded, others inside the

INFOBOX

Madaraka Day: Celebrating Self-governance

- **Madaraka Day**, celebrated annually on June 1, 2025, commemorates Kenya's attainment of internal self-rule from British colonial rule in 1963.
- "Madaraka", a Swahili term means "authority" or "self-governance" in English.
- **Madaraka Day** celebrates the moment when Kenya gained internal autonomy, paving the way for its eventual full independence.
- The day is marked with various public festivities, including parades, cultural performances, and other events.

town have been given a fresh layer of tarmac.

Besides roads, Kabunde Airstrip has seen its infrastructure expanded to enable it handle larger aircrafts and increased traffic.

The expansion is expected to boost the county's accessibility and long-term economic growth.

Ms Ann Ng'etich, the Principal Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, last Friday led an inspection tour of the various sites that will host Madaraka Day celebrations.

Ms Ng'etich, who is the chairperson of the Technical Committee on National Celebrations, together with her team said the preparation were on track.

President Ruto is expected to launch several projects in the county as part of Madaraka Day celebrations.

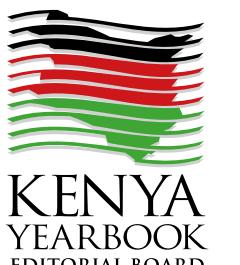
These include a Modern Fish Market that will give fishers a decent place to operate from, the Homa Pier expected to boost trade and movement of people within the county and neighbouring ones as well as beyond the border, and a 110-unit affordable housing project.

Local businesses, hotels and restaurants are already experiencing an uptick in activity as they anticipate a surge in visitors, promising economic benefits for the region.

"Business is already booming but we expect more. Perhaps what will limit us is our capacity but we are set to host all visitors and reap the benefits that come with hosting such events," John Omolo, who runs a hotel and accommodation business said.

The Madaraka Day celebrations will feature various cultural performances, exhibitions and a military parade, showcasing Kenya's heritage and national pride.

President Ruto in an official speech is expected to highlight achievements made under his administration, particularly in housing, infrastructure and blue economy sectors. ■

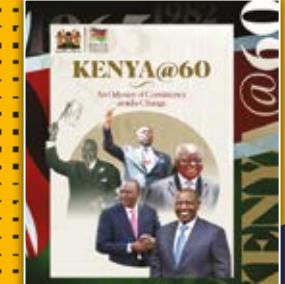
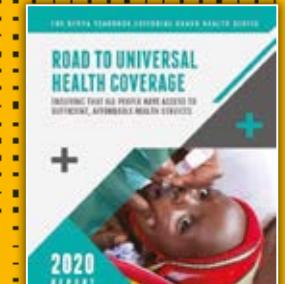
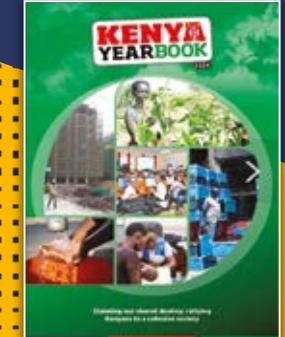


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 PICTURESPEAK


The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy William Kabogo (left) and ICT and Digital Economy PS Eng. John Tanui (second left) and other leaders during the graduation ceremony of Huawei Digitruck program at Kabimo Vocational Training Centre in Eldama Ravine, Baringo County.



The Principal Secretary State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications Steve Isaboke during the launch of early warnings systems in Kenya. He said the Government requires all broadcasters to disseminate early warning messages to mitigate climate disasters.
Below: Mr Isaboke during the launch in Nairobi



Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya (centre) during an inspection tour of the ongoing construction of the 60-seater capacity Talanta Sports City Stadium in Nairobi. The facility will host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations.



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale (right) when he visited Garissa Regional Cancer Centre. The facility is a lifeline to patients from Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Tana River, Kitui, Isiolo and Lamu Counties.



Government unveils bold reforms to boost tea sector and farmers' welfare

BY BERNARD MUNYAO,
 KNA

Kenya's tea sector is entering a transformative era following the unveiling of sweeping reforms designed to increase value addition, enhance farmer incomes and ensure long-term sustainability.

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the government has factored in key tax incentives in the 2025/2026 Finance Bill, including the removal of excise duty on tea packaging materials and the elimination of VAT on value-added tea exports.

"These measures will make it more affordable for our factories and processors to package and export value-added tea, increase competitiveness in the international markets and ultimately accelerate farmers' income," said the CS.

Kagwe, who spoke at Gacharage Tea factory in Murang'a during celebrations to mark International Tea Day, underscored the contribution of tea in the country's economy saying the set reforms will boost the sector and especially increase farmers' returns.

"Tea is not just a beverage, it is a cornerstone of our economy, sustaining rural livelihoods and communities," he stated.

Kagwe emphasized that the crop supports over 650,000 smallholder farmers and



Agriculture CS Mutahi Kagwe tours Gacharage Tea Factory

contributes nearly a quarter of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

"We are fully committed to building a value chain that works for farmers," he said, adding that the government aims to make the industry more competitive, fair, and profitable for producers.

Kagwe also announced government support for direct tea sales, which will allow producers to negotiate directly with international buyers. "By cutting out the middlemen, we ensure that farmers earn what they deserve. Price transparency is no longer optional, it is a necessity," he averred.

The CS further noted the government is in the process of establishing common-user packaging and processing fa-

cilities which will be accessible to all producers.

"These shared facilities will provide affordable access to modern packaging technology, branding services and compliance with export standards. This will be a major boost for smallholder-led value addition," he remarked.

Kagwe encouraged smallholder tea factories to invest in value addition, to diversify into flavoured herbal and instant and specialty teas and build strong Kenyan brands that command premium prices globally.

"Our tea factories must embrace digital marketing and e-commerce platforms to expand our reach to international consumers who are actively seeking authentic

high quality teas," He noted.

Meanwhile Kagwe said the government is working out to bring in private players in distribution of fertilizers so as to reach farmers closer to their farmers.

KTDA Chairman Chege Kirundi echoed the government's commitment on tea reforms and emphasized the agency's focus on farmer empowerment.

He outlined KTDA's initiatives to promote grassroots-level value addition through specialty tea production, farmer-owned branding, and the creation of new tea-based products.

"We are turning farmers into entrepreneurs, giving them ownership not just of their farms but of their brands and markets," he said.

County unveils legal framework to regulate sale of street food

BY DOUGLAS NAMUNANE,
 KNA

Street food vendors in Nairobi County are now required to adhere to certain guidelines as they source, prepare and sale food to consumers within CBD and other informal settlements within the city, Nairobi County Director of Environmental Health Anthony Muthemba has announced.

The move follows a ban on the sale of street food by County Authorities after it emerged that the meals sold

within CBD as well as informal settlements was not regulated and had over the years resulted to crop up or outbreak of foodborne diseases.

But addressing Food Vendors in Nairobi during the official launch of the Food Safety Manual for Street Vendors, Muthemba said the new regulations permit resumption of food hawking on streets.

"But now the new component that we have opens up that trade. It recognizes the trade and now comes in with the important aspects that need to be looked into for safe

production of food along the streets," he explained.

The Director said the legal framework will offer rules that guide training of food vendors on the production of safe food for consumers.

"We are looking at first training the vendors and making them allies in food provision for the urban population. This recognizes their trade and equips them with the necessary knowledge in terms of food production, food handling and sourcing. Therefore, food vendors will be into it for the economic gain," he

added.

The Director said the new policies conform with the required food hygiene standards in terms of management of the solid or liquid waste.

He emphasized that trained vendors will undergo medical examination and issued with certificates for easy identification.

"Then we will issue them with special badges that will indicate that they have been trained, medically examined and are allowed to be in specific areas," Muthemba stated.

BRIEFS

KEBS aims to adopt Artificial Intelligence

BY JANE NAITORE, KNA

Kenya Bureau of Standards is working on modalities to adopt Artificial Intelligence in a bid to increase efficiency, marketing and surveillance, Augustine Wachira, KEBS Manager has said.

Speaking in Kisii during a public participation on draft code (DKS 1515:2025) of practice for the inspection of road vehicles yesterday, Wachira said the move will boost its operating systems to reach a wider clientele and the expanding market.

Wachira, who was leading the KEBS Draft Standard Technical Committee, said the current exercise was aimed at revising the standards for the third time to keep abreast with changes in the sector, but as per the views from the participating stakeholders.

He urged the stakeholders to take heed of the guidance by the surveillance team which has

been going round in all the outlets training the stakeholders on how to locate fake standardization.

He noted that much had changed since the last revision which was carried in the year 2000.

The Technical committee manager Betty Nkatha said the exercise would ensure openness through collective responsibility, consensus and coherence to avoid conflict with other regulations.

KEBS technical Chair Person Esther Kyuvi said the exercise will ensure wide acceptability and avoid legal battles because all stakeholders will have been involved.

She said a similar exercise has already been carried in Mombasa and Kisumu, while Nakuru, Nyeri and Meru awaits their turn in the country wide exercise before gazettement and adoption into law after a six months.

KVDA distributes 180,000 fruit seedlings to residents



A KVDA truck carrying a part of 20,000 mango fruit seedlings at Kapluk Primary School in Baringo West Sub-County where it was flagged off for distribution to schools and residents by Baringo North Member of Parliament Joseph Makilap, PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER KIPROP

BY ANTHONY MELLY,
 KNA

The Government, through the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), has launched a large-scale fruit tree planting initiative aimed at conserving the environment, rehabilitating degraded water catchment areas, and enhancing food security in the semi-arid regions of Kerio Valley. Speaking during the distribution of fruit tree seedlings at Chepkorniswo Secondary School in Kipkomo Sub County, West Pokot County, KVDA

Managing Director Sammy Naporos said they are distributing 180,000 fruit seedlings to schools and communities to promote food security and income generation. He stated that the tree seedling distribution exercise is also an effort to respond to the urgent need to combat the impacts of climate change and address the effects of deforestation.

He said KVDA has 1.6m tree seedlings, including fruit trees such as avocados, citrus, and grafted mangoes. The target of planting 15b trees by 2032.