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Kisumu International Airport set for major expansion



A cargo plane off-loading goods at Kisumu International Airport. (Photo: Courtesy)

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The Government has announced plans to expand Kisumu International Airport in a transformative move aimed at positioning the lakeside city as a hub for international trade.

Deputy Chief of Staff Eliud Owalo said the expansion will include the extension of the airport's runway and the construction of a modern cargo terminal complete with cold storage facilities.

According to Owalo, the expansion is designed to enable the direct ex-

port of perishable goods such as fresh fish, African leafy vegetables, and other high-demand farm produce from the Lake Region to international markets.

The cold storage facility is expected to preserve the quality and increase

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Kenyans who have received certification from recognized institutions through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme.

158B

Amount of money in penalties, fines and interest waived by Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) under the Tax Amnesty Programme.

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Amount of money the Government has committed to revitalizing Lake Victoria's Blue Economy through infrastructure projects

Kisumu International Airport in the rise

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shelf-life of fresh exports, giving farmers in western Kenya a competitive edge in global markets.

"The government is already constructing fish landing sites along Lake Victoria complete with storage facilities. Once the airport is upgraded, our fishermen will be able to export fish directly from Kisumu," he said.

Owalo emphasized that the airport upgrade aligns with the government's broader strategy to enhance infrastructure in the Nyanza region to unlock the area's economic potential.

The move, he said, is expected to attract agro-processors, logistics companies and exporters to Kisumu, creating thousands of jobs and revitalizing the local economy.

In addition to the airport project, Owalo confirmed that the government is fast-tracking stalled road projects, including the Muhoro-

ni-Miwani-Mamboleo Road, where partial payments have already been made to three contractors.

Speaking during a funeral at Wathorego village in Kisumu East Sub-County, Owalo assured residents that his office will ensure work resumes promptly and that accountability will be strictly enforced.

Owalo further revealed that discussions were ongoing with the World Bank to fund the construction of the Lake Victoria Ring Road, a strategic route that will encircle the lake and connect key towns across multiple counties.

The designs and feasibility for the project, he said have been finalised, adding that the government is committed to constructing the road which is expected to boost inter-county trade, tourism, and regional integration.

The extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Naivasha to Kisumu, he added re-

mains a top priority, alongside the construction of critical water infrastructure such as the Koru–Soin Dam.

"The dam will play a key role in water storage, irrigation and flood control, especially in Nyando and surrounding areas that have long suffered from seasonal flooding," he said.

The comprehensive infrastructure plan, he added, reflects the government's commitment to inclusive development and economic transformation of the Lake Region.

He cautioned contractors against unnecessary delays saying those who fail to complete projects within the set timeliness shall be blacklisted.

"We have some contractors who take more projects than they can handle thus unable to complete them as scheduled.

We are going to blacklist them to ensure they are not awarded any government projects in future," he said.

2.9 million Taxpayers benefit from KRA's Waiver of Sh158 billion under Tax Amnesty

BY JOSEPH NG'ANG'A (KNA)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has waived Sh158 billion in penalties, fines, and interest under the ongoing Tax Amnesty Programme.

KRA Commissioner, Large and Medium Taxpayers Mrs. Rispah Simiyu, in a statement indicated that this has provided relief to over 2.9 million taxpayers who qualified for amnesty.

Since the rollout of the tax amnesty, KRA has also collected Sh10.9 billion in principal tax payments. The Tax Amnesty Programme provides an opportunity for taxpayers to clean their tax records through offering a waiver on penalties, interest and fines for tax debts accrued up to 31st December 2023," Mrs. Simiyu said.

She explained that the Programme, which runs until 30th June 2025, underscores KRA's commitment to helping taxpayers resolve past tax issues and



regularize their tax compliance.

According to Mrs Simiyu, the initiative is part of KRA's broader efforts to foster voluntary compliance and provide relief to taxpayers burdened by past debts. The initiative, she added, also offers a unique chance to settle tax matters on favourable terms and to move forward on a clean slate.

Simiyu explained that there is also the application requirement for tax-payers with outstanding principal taxes for periods up to 31st December 2023 who must apply via the iTax system and submit a structured payment plan for full settlement of

the outstanding principal taxes by 30th June 2025.

"Tax debts arising from 1st January 2024 and after do not qualify for amnesty. All penalties, interest, and principal taxes for debts incurred after this date remain payable," she said.

Mrs. Simiyu encouraged taxpayers with ongoing tax disputes to resolve the disputes through the Alternative Dispute Resolution framework (ADR) to ensure a swift resolution before the amnesty timeline lapses.

"KRA encourages all taxpayers to act promptly and take advantage of the tax amnesty before the 30th of June 2025 deadline," she advised.







STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT KENYA ROADS (KENYA NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY) REGULATIONS, 2025

STAKEHOLDERS INVITATION NOTICE

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) is a statutory body established under the Kenya Roads Act cap 408 Laws of Kenya, responsible for the development, rehabilitation, management and maintenance of all National Trunk Roads comprising of Class S, A, and B roads.

Pursuant to Section 46(2) (b) of The Kenya Roads Act 2007, the Authority in consultation with the Ministry of Roads and Transport have formulated the Kenya Roads (Kenya National Highways Authority) Regulations, 2025 to support delivery of its mandate of managing National Trunk roads in Kenya.

In accordance with Article 10(2)(a) of the constitution of Kenya, KeNHA through this notice hereby invites members of public for a validation workshop to discuss the draft Kenya Roads (Kenya National Highways Authority) Regulations, 2025.

The above workshop will be held on Thursday, 8th May 2025 at Barabara Plaza, Auditorium Hall starting 9:00am.

Comments and inquiries can be emailed to the Authority through **stakeholders@kenha.co.ke**

DIRECTOR GENERAL



KENYA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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INVITATION TO TENDER

The Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST), a key Vision 2030 Project, was established on 8th July, 2022, as a legal entity through publication in Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 117, Legislative Supplement No. 55, under Legal Notice No. 130; and is operational.

KENYA-AIST Invites interested, reputable and firms with experience for the submission of sealed tenders as follows:

Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date	Eligibility
KENYA-AIST/T/004/ 2024-2026	Provision of Compre- hensive Medical Cover for Staff and Council Members	Tuesday 6 th May, 2025 at 11:00 am	Open

Interested and eligible firms may obtain further information and inspect the tender document at the Procurement Office at Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KENYA-AIST) domiciled at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Nairobi Campus in Pension Towers,13th Floor along Loita Street in Nairobi City during normal working hours or view and download the respective detailed tender advert and tender document from our website: www.kenya-aist.ac.ke OR https://tenders.go.ke.

PRINCIPAL KENYA-AIST

Bandari Maritime Academy in collaborations to unlock maritime opportunities

BY SHAMIM MUSA, KNA

The Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) flagged off 12 cadets selected for a one-year sea-time training with global shipping giant CMA CGM.

The initiative marks a significant milestone in the Academy's push to bridge the long-standing gap between graduation and sea-time experience, which is a key requirement for full seafaring certification.

The Academy is committed to ensuring all graduates get the mandatory sea time training through partnerships with major international and local shipping lines.

Speaking during the ceremony at the Academy, BMA Chief Executive Officer Dr Eric Katana affirmed that the academy has taken bold steps to demystify sea-time opportunities, a challenge that has historically been a major bottleneck for

many aspiring seafarers.

"Through strategic engagements with industry partners like CMA CGM, we are not only opening up pathways but also restoring hope and direction to our graduates," stated the CEO.

To ensure that the sea time opportunities are accessible to all qualified candidates, the Academy has established and maintains an up-to-date alumni database.

"This tool enables us to monitor our graduates, assess their readiness, and recommend the most qualified candidates to our industry partners. From this pool, the current group of cadets was selected, ensuring fairness, merit, and alignment with the profession's demands," the CEO explained.

The selection process involved multiple stages of assessment, guided by objective criteria and supervised by BMA professionals.

"I am proud to say that this process was transparent and inclusive, and the final selection represents the very best of what BMA has to offer," the CEO said.

He thanked CMA-CGM for their unwavering support and collaborative spirit since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in 2021.

He noted that the partnership has not only opened doors for the cadets but also affirms CMACGM's commitment to developing maritime professionals in the country and the region.

"Today is more than a ceremonial flag-off. It is a testament to transparency, diligence, and meritocracy. The selection process for these 12 cadets was nothing short of vigorous," Dr. Katana stated.

He urged the cadets to embrace the opportunity with humility, discipline, and a relentless commitment to excellence.

"Remember, you are our



Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Eric Katana (R) and CMA CGM Managing Director (MD) Naveen Prabhu (Second R), during the hand over of an appointment letter to Kumbo Hamadi (Second L) during the sendoff ceremony of cadets for shipboard training with global shipping line CMA CGM at BMA Headquarters.

goodwill ambassadors in this journey, and all eyes are on you as you become a brand to enable the company to seek more opportunities for other graduates from BMA," he said.

CMA CGM East Africa Managing Director, Naveen Prabhu, said the company will continue with the valuable partnership with the government of Kenya through BMA to support the growth of the maritime industry.

The partnership, he said, embodies the company's values, which advocate hard work, resilience and achievements of the highest standards.

"Today not only marks the culmination of rigorous training, sleepless nights, and relentless perseverance but also the beginning of a new chapter- a chapter that will see you navigate the vast oceans and perhaps even the uncharted waters of life itself," he said. He went on: "As you don your uniforms and step onto the deck of your futures, know that you are now part of a legacy. A legacy of excellence, resilience and service. Carry the name of BMA with honour and let the world recognize the calibre of leaders nurtured."

He further lauded the Public-Private Partnership as key in bridging the skill gaps and ensuring that the country has qualified human resources.





PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT CAPITAL MARKETS (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE) (MARKET INTERMEDIARIES) REGULATIONS, 2025

The Capital Markets Authority is charged with the mandate of regulating and developing Kenya's capital markets. In line with the Capital Markets Strategic Plan, the Authority seeks to ensure that the Capital Markets legal and regulatory framework is up to date and responsive to changing market dynamics and emerging stakeholder needs.

In this regard, the Authority has reviewed the Capital Markets (Corporate Governance) (Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2011 in a bid to make them responsive to market needs and address new and emerging issues and has developed the draft Capital Markets (Corporate Governance) (Market Intermediaries) Regulations 2025.

In accordance with **Section 12A (3)** of the of the Capital Markets Act the Authority now invites stakeholders and the general public to submit comments on the draft Regulations, available on www.cma.or.ke. Kindly submit your comments by May 22, 2025 to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Capital Markets Authority
P.O. Box 74800-00200 Nairobi
3rd Floor, Embankment Plaza
Longonot Road, Upperhill
Email: comments@cma.or.ke
Website: www.cma.or.ke







KENYA VETERINARY BOARD

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS /ANIMAL KEEPERS OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AND VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS

Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) is a statutory body established under Section 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 6 (i) of the Act the mandate of the Board is "to exercise general supervision and control over the training, business, practice and employment of Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals in Kenya and to advice the Government in relation to all aspects thereof."

We wish to draw your attention to the following Sections of the VSVP Act:
Section 13 (i) of the VSVP Act, 2011: - No person shall practice, or hold himself out, whether directly or indirectly, as practicing or being able to practice as a veterinary surgeon or veterinary paraprofessional or to take up employment as such unless he is registered and licensed

Consequently, "any person whose name does not appear in the relevant register after 31st March every year is deemed not to be registered under the act." In this regard, the 2025 registers for Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals can be accessed on the KVB website; on https://kenyavetboard.or.ke/en/registers

Kindly also note the dictates of Section 38 (a) of the VSVP Act, which reads "any person who employs a veterinary surgeon or veterinary paraprofessional who is not registered under the Act; commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both"

For any clarifications contact; The registrar Kenya Veterinary Board P. O. Box 513-00605, NAIROBI. Email: info@kenyavetboard.or.ke



Government pushes for LPG common user facility to reduce gas price

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

The Ministry of Energy is pushing for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) common user facility to reduce the cost of gas.

Principal Secretary for Petroleum, Mohammed Liban, emphasized the importance of establishing common user facilities as a way of increasing accessibility for Kenyans and the wider East African region.

Speaking during an official inspection tour of the Lake Gas LPG storage and handling facility in Vipingo, PS Mohamed Liban CBS assured that the government will work closely with key stakeholders, African Gas and Oil Company (AGOL) and the Kenya Pipeline Refineries Limited (KPRL), to streamline LPG infrastructure through shared facilities that will benefit both the public and private sector players.

"Once we have common user facilities in place, we will be able to significantly reduce the price of gas, making it more accessible and affordable for Kenyans. This is part of our larger vision for a regional procurement and distribution strategy that will ultimately reach every household," Liban said

The push for common user facilities, regional LPG depots, and increased private investment is part of the government's broader LPG Growth Strategy. This initiative, championed by His Excellency President William Ruto, seeks to ensure that every Kenyan household, school, and institution can access affordable and safe cooking gas.



Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage tanks at Lake Gas LPG firm in Vipingo, Kilifi.

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

The PS, who was accompanied by a multi-agency team comprising representatives from the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), and officials from the Ministry, toured the Lake Gas onshore and offshore facilities to assess their readiness ahead of the facility's commissioning.

The inspection revealed significant progress at the facility, which currently boasts a 10,000 metric tons' capacity made up of four storage spheres—each with a 2,500-tonne capacity. The site is also equipped with four gantries capable of handling 1,000 metric tons of LPG per day within a 10-hour operating window.

"The construction quality is impressive, with top-tier security systems, automated monitoring for both onshore and offshore operations, and comprehensive fire suppression infrastructure that can be powered by either electricity or generators," the PS noted.

Liban confirmed that the facility had complied with all key regulatory requirements and recommendations from the relevant authorities, aside from minor pending adjustments. These, he assured, would be finalized before full commissioning, with rigorous safety tests to be conducted due to the flammable nature of LPG.

He emphasized safety to remain a priority as they are dealing with a hazardous product and must ensure that all operational procedures meet the highest safety standards—for the sake of the workers, the community, and the institutions that will rely on this gas," he emphasized.

The PS also highlighted the

The PS also highlighted the pivotal role of the private sector in supporting the government's LPG agenda. The Lake Gas facility is privately developed and serves as a model of public-private collaboration that the government is keen to replicate across the country.

Turkana to receive Sh250m grant for industrial parks

BY PETER GITONGA, KNA

Turkana County will receive a Sh250-million matching grant from the national government for the development of County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) following high-level talks between the two levels of government.

County officials led by Trade, Cooperatives, Youth and Gender CECM Roseline Aite visited the State Department for Investment, Trade and Industrialization where discussions centered on signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support the CAIPs initiative.

"This MoU will pave the way for industrial growth and sustainability in underserved areas, while opening up market access through CAIPs," Aite said.

The CECM called for swift action to operationalize the parks, noting their potential to stimulate local economies.

"Our commitment to this project will enable communities to reap the benefits of industrial growth," she added.

Industrialization Secretary Prof. Erastus Gateba underscored the need to balance trade and reduce reliance on imports.

"The government is driving an industrial revolution to expand our investment base and correct trade imbalances," he said.

Pauline Tangarae, the Chief Officer for Trade and Cooperative Development, emphasized the potential of cotton as a key value chain in Turkana, especially in stabilizing the textile and apparel sector.

"Our county has great potential for cotton farming. We must prioritize it within the CAIPs framework," she noted.



WOMEN ENTERPRISE FUND

TENDER NOTICE

The Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) is a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency under the Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts and Heritage. WEF was established via Government Financial Management Act in 2007, through Legal Notice no.147.

To deliver its mandate effectively and efficiently, the Fund invites eligible and competent service providers for the following tenders:

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
1.	WEF/ONT/04/2024- 2025	PROVISION OF STAFF MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER-FIELD STAFF	UNDERWRITERS ONLY	30TH APRIL 2025 AT 11:30AM
2.	WEF/ONT/05/2024- 2025	PROVISION OF WIBA-GPA & GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVER	UNDERWRITERS ONLY	30TH APRIL 2025 AT 11:30AM

Interested bidders should download the tender documents from the website **www.wef.go.ke** and **www.tenders.go.ke** and forward their particulars to **info@wef.co.ke** for record and any clarifications.

Detailed information on the tender documents is available in the Funds' website at **www.wef.go.ke** and public procurement information portal **www.tenders.go.ke**. All tender documents to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes marked with tender number and tender name, and addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer Women Enterprise Fund P. O. Box 17126-00100 NAIROBI.



KARATINA UNIVERSITY



P.O. BOX 1957-10101, KARATINA Tel: 020 2176713/+254 0729721200, Email: info@karu.ac.ke, procurement@karu.ac.ke Website: www.karu.ac.ke

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Karatina University invites sealed bids from eligible bidders/contractors for the under listed tender:

ITEM	TENDER NO	TENDER NAME	ELIGI- BILITY	CLOSING / OPENING DATE	CLOSING/ OPENING TIME
1.	KarU/OT/0019/2024-2025	Proposed supply, installation , testing andcommissioning of 80KW hybrid solar installation works for Karatina University.	Open	6 th May, 2025	11:00 noon

Interested and eligible contractors may view and download tender documents free of charge from the University's website www.karu.ac.ke or the PPIP tender portal www.tenders.go.ke Enquiries may be sent via email to procurement@karu.ac.ke

Completed tender documents should be deposited in the Tender Box placed at the administration Block at Karatina University (Main Campus) on or before the closing date and time as indicated above. Late submission will not be accepted.

The tender MUST be submitted in two (2) copies, one marked 'ORIGINAL' and the other one marked 'COPY' of the

Sealed tenders must be marked with the tender name and reference number and addressed to:

The Vice Chancellor, Karatina University P.O. Box 1957 – 10101, KARATINA

Tenders will be opened as scheduled above, The opening will take place in the Conference Hall at the Main Campus, Kagochi, Karatina in the presence of bidders or their representatives who wish to attend.

Further information is available at www.karu.ac.ke



JKUAT partners with KeNIA to commercialize intellectual property

BY HELLEN LUNALO, KNA

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) is collaborating with the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) to commercialize intellectual property (IP)

At a meeting held at JKUAT, Dr. Tonny Omwansa, the Chief Executive Officer of KeNIA, stated that JKUAT is a significant contributor to Kenya's innovation landscape and expressed KeNIA's intention to support and expand the university's activities as a leading institution in IP commercialization," Dr Omwansa said.

He explained that Ke-

NIA has the mandate to develop and manage national innovation systems, and JKUAT on the other hand has been tasked to produce applicable knowledge and innovations that necessitate a coordinated strategy between the two institutions.

"We recognize the interdependence between KeNIA's success and that of Kenyan universities and research organizations and are therefore actively working to establish universities as centers of innovation excellence," the CEO added.

He emphasized Ke-NIA's dedication to partnering with universities to cultivate a culture, incentives, processes, and partnerships that will significantly enhance Kenya's innovation and contribute to national prosperity and prestige.

Welcoming the KeNIA delegation, JKUAT Vice Chancellor Prof. Victoria Wambui Ngumi stated that the institution had made considerable efforts to embed a culture of innovation and creativity within its faculties.

She further noted that JKUAT currently holds 17 of the 51 patents acquired by public universities and research institutions in Kenya, which translates to a 31 per cent ownership stake.

"JKUAT has made a deliberate shift to become a research and entrepreneurship-focused university, currently conducting research and innovation in 17 key areas," Prof Ngumi added.

The university, she stated, currently enjoys a cohort of highly trained experts across the board in various facets of the IP value chain, representing a significant resource that KeNIA can utilize in its endeavors to support local universities and other institutions.

The two teams held discussions relating to IP protection, commercialization strategies, and the various methods of technology transfer. creation of a national bibliographic standards manual, which provides guidance for cataloguing practices and ensure consistency across institutions.



KENYA BIOVAX INSITUTE LIMITED

NATIONAL TENDER

The Kenya BioVax Institute Limited a state corporation mandated with manufacture, commercialize safe, effective, quality vaccines and other health products and technologies and improve access to affordable healthcare invites eligible firms to provide services as follows.

TENDER NUMBER	TENDER NAME	ELIGI- BILITY	CLOSING/ OPENING DATE
KBI/NT/005/ 2024-2025	TENDER FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, UPGRADE, CUSTOMIZATION, CONFIGURATION, COMMIS- SIONING, TRAINING, SUP- PORT AND MAINTENANCE OF ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING(ERP) SYSTEM PHASE II	Reserved for AGPO	9 [™] May 2025 at 11.00 AM

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information, inspect and download the tender documents from Kenya BioVax Institute's website (www.biovax.go.ke) and the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP, www.tenders.go.ke).

Completed Tender documents should be addressed to the;

Chief Executive Officer, Kenya BioVax Institute, P.O Box 40779-00100, NAIROBI, KENYA

Manager, Supply Chain Management For: Chief Executive Officer.





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT

THE SUGAR ACT
NO. 11 OF 2024
THE SUGAR DEVELOPMENT LEVY ORDER, 2025

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE SUGAR DEVELOPMENT LEVY ORDER, 2025

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development is in the process of gazetting the draft Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025 as provided under section 40 (1) of the Sugar Act, No. 11 of 2024.

In compliance with the provisions of the Sugar Act, the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 23 of 2013), the Ministry announces to the public the availability of the draft Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025 and draft Regulatory Impact Statement.

The main objective of the Draft Order is to boost and streamline the collection of levy on domestic and imported sugar that will be used for the development, promotion and regulation of sugar industry for the benefit of the sugarcane growers and other stakeholders in the sugar sub-sector. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the draft Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 require the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments to the Ministry. It is in this spirit that the Ministry requests the public to participate by submitting their comments through the provided address.

All interested persons should submit written comments on the draft Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025 and the draft Regulatory Impact Statement using the prescribed public comments form, to reach the undersigned **not later than fourteen (14) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

The following documents to facilitate discussions and enable stakeholder feedback are available and can be accessed through the Ministry website: www.kilimo.go.ke and the Kenya Sugar Board's website:

- (1) The Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025;
- (2) Regulatory Impact Statement; and
- (3) Public comments/feedback Form.

There shall be a public forum on 6th May 2025 at 9:00 am to discuss the draft Sugar Development Levy Order, 2025 and stakeholders' comments received to be held at Sukari Plaza Nairobi.

Duly filled comments/feedback forms may also be submitted back via the following address:

The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Crop Development
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development,
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,
P.o Box 30028, Nairobi.

Or by e-mail: $\label{limogoke/psagriculture.research@kilimo.go.ke/info@ksb.go.ke.} \label{limogoke/psagriculture.research@kilimo.go.ke/info@ksb.go.ke.}$

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





MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION

TENDER NOTICE

State Department for Irrigation which is mandated among other activities, Water Harvesting and Storage for Irrigation, Management of Irrigation Schemes and Infrastructure as outlined in the Executive Order 01/2023 invites interested and qualified tenderers to bid for the irrigation projects in the following categories: -

S/ No	Tender No.	Tender Name/Description	Tender Security (kshs.)	Eligibility
1.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/ 016/ 2024-2025	Construction of Lari Escarpment Belt Irrigation Project; Lari Sub County, Kiambu County.	2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender
2.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/ 017/ 2024-2025 Construction of Adich Gorge Dam Irrigation Project; Baringo North Sub County, Baringo County.		2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender
3.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/ 018/ 2024-2025	Construction of Ketut Mokoro Irrigation Project; Marakwet East Sub County, Elgeyo Marakwet County.	2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender
4.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/ 019/ 2024-2025 Construction of Nyamaji tion Project; Suba North County, Homabay Count		2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender
5.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/020/ 2024-2025 Construction of Amboseli Irriga- tion Project; Kajiado County.		2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender
6.	MWSI/SDI/ONT/ 021/ 2024-2025	Construction of Ugoti Marega Irrigation Project; Meru County.	2% of the Tender Sum	Open National Tender

Tender documents may be viewed and obtained electronically free of charge from:

- I. Public Procurement information portal: http://www.tenders.go.ke
- II. The Ministry's Website: www.water.go.ke

Tenderers are advised that they will not be allowed to tender for more than one project, if a firm tender for more than one tender the firm will automatically be disqualified.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **Tender No.** and **Tender Name/ Description** shall be addressed to:

The Principal Secretary
State Department for Irrigation
P.O. BOX 49720 – 00100 Maji House
NAIROBI

Complete Tender documents should be deposited in the tender box on the Ground Floor, Maji House; Off Ngong Road or deposited at the office of the Head/SCMS 3rd Floor, Room No. 316. The closing / opening date will be on 2nd May, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time (EAT).

Please note that the tenders will be opened immediately thereafter at the 4th Floor Boardroom, Maji House; Off Ngong Road in the presence of bidders or their designated representatives who choose to

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IRRIGATION



www.mygov.go.ke

KNLS launches National Union catalogue dubbed WebCat initiative at Maktaba Kuu

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL (MYGOV)

The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) has launched the National Union Catalogue, popularly known as Web-Cat, at its Maktaba Kuu headquarters in Nairobi.

This marks a transformative moment in the country's library and information services sector, said KNLS Chief Executive Officer Dr. Charles Nzivo.

The initiative aims to digitally connect Ken-ya's diverse library systems through a single, integrated online platform that allows users to access collections from across the country regardless of location.

Giving his keynote ad-

dress, Dr. Nzivo described WebCat as more than just a tool, calling it a national knowledge infrastructure that promises to connect learners, researchers, and readers with the information they need, wherever they are.

Nzivo further noted that the project lays the foundation for a smarter, more informed Kenya, rooted in equitable access to information.

At present, most libraries in Kenya operate independently, uploading catalogues to the web using a variety of systems and metadata standards.

This fragmented approach often leaves researchers navigating multiple platforms in search of information and

increases duplication of effort across institutions.

WebCat, however, the CEO said, addresses these issues by providing a centralized, inter-operable virtual union catalogue, essentially a one-stop access point that brings together the catalogues of participating libraries into a single, seamless system.

The platform, the CEO further noted, is designed to support multiple goals. It will enable Kenyan libraries to adopt a uniform approach to cataloguing and metadata sharing, improve access to materials across institutions, and promote collaboration through cooperative cataloguing.

"It also fulfils part of the national government's broader role in promoting literacy, preserving national bibliographic records, and setting norms and standards for the library sector in partnership with county governments," Nzivo said.

He emphasized that the project is expected to deliver several key outcomes. One of the main outputs is the development of a national union catalogue portal that links libraries across all sectors, offering users a unified platform to search for and access resources.

Another important output, he said, is the creation of a national bibliographic standards manual, which provides guidance for cataloguing practices and ensure consistency across institutions.

The anticipated outcomes of WebCat include improved access to information, with users able to retrieve materials from multiple libraries in one place.

It will also lead to greater

efficiency in cataloguing and resource management, reducing duplication and saving valuable time and resources. Most importantly, it will foster deeper collaboration among libraries, encouraging resource sharing and the collective development of bibliographic content.

Drawing inspiration from global models such as WorldCat in the United States, UniCat in Belgium, ESTER in Estonia, Ind-Cat in India, and SaCat in South Africa, WebCat has been designed with Kenya's unique context in mind.

While benchmarking against international best practices, the platform aims to be a home-grown solution that reflects local realities and positions Kenya as a leader in digital knowledge access on the continent.

As part of the roll-out plan, selected libraries nationwide will participate in a pilot phase to test the system in real-world environments.

These pilot tests will provide an opportunity to gather feedback, identify areas for improvement, and fine-tune the platform ahead of national implementation.

Dr. Nzivo urged all participating institutions to contribute fully to the process and offer constructive insights that will help shape a robust and responsive platform.

He concluded by re-affirming the vision behind WebCat, stating that the initiative is not just about building a digital tool, but about creating a national gateway to knowledge.

With WebCat, the CEO said, a student in Lamu will have the same access to library resources as a researcher in Nairobi, eliminating barriers to information and empowering every Kenyan to learn, grow, and thrive.

"This is how we bridge knowledge gaps, promote equity, and support national development," the CEO said.



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

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I	No. Position		Reference	Grade (JG)	Post
ſ	1.	Director General	KMA/DG/1/4/25	KMAG 1	1

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

How to apply

- 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:
 - Hard copy applications for positions should be addressed to the Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority (a recruitment box and a register marked applications for officer positions will be placed at the Bahari Towers, reception - on ground floor).
 - II. Online applications should be emailed in **pdf format** (as one running document) to:

 chairman-1@kma.go.ke
 - III. Post applications should be sent to:

Chairman Board of Directors, Kenya Maritime Authority, Bahari Towers along Mbaraki Road (next to the Little Theatre) P.O. Box 95076 – 80104, MOMBASA.

Noto

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- 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 1700hrs 12th May,2025.



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FUND

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The National Government Affirmative Action Fund was established under the Public Finance Management Act (No. 18 of 2012) and is governed by the Public Finance Management Act (National Government Affirmative Action Fund) Regulations, 2016.

The National Government Affirmative Action Fund Board intends to recruit for the positions below for three (3) years' contract terms of service renewable depending on satisfactory performance.

S/NO	POSITION	GRADE	JOB REF	NO OF POSTS
1.	Director - Corporate Services	NGAAF 2	NGAAF/01/04/2025	1
2.	Principal Internal Auditor and Risk Assurance	NGAAF 4	NGAAF/02/04/2025	1
3.	Principal Legal Officer	NGAAF 4	NGAAF/03/04/2025	1
4.	Principal ICT Officer	NGAAF 4	NGAAF/04/04/2025	1
5.	Programme Officers	NGAAF 6	NGAAF/05/04/2025	5
6.	Drivers	NGAAF 9	NGAAF/06/04/2025	3

Detailed job descriptions are posted on our website www.ngaaf.go.ke

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are invited from suitable qualified candidates for the above positions. Each application should be accompanied by a CV with names of three (3) professional referees, daytime telephone contact, a cover letter indicating the position and reference number applied for and certificates and testimonials.

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Applications can be sent via recruitment@ngaaf.go.ke or addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer National Government Affirmative Action Fund P.O Box 48274 – 00100 NAIROBI

Or hand delivered to:

The Chief Executive Officer
National Government Affirmative Action Fund
Absa Towers, 16th Floor, Loita Street
NAIROBI

The applications should be received on or before 16th May, 2025



AGRA and CGIAR sign MoU to boost Agriculture Innovation in Africa

BY CHRISTINE CHERYL (MYGOV)

lliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to accelerate agricultural innovation and delivery across Af-

The partnership will focus on developing and scaling science-based solutions for smallholder farmers.

The signing event held alongside the just-concluded CGIAR Science Week at the United Nations-Gigiri in Nairobi, demonstrates a shared vision by the two parties to enhance food systems transformation through joint efforts in research, technology dissemination, and enabling policy environments.

AGRA President, Alice Ruhweza, said her organization's collaboration with CGIAR reinforces the ongoing commitment to accelerate agrifood systems transformation in Africa. "This is the first step towards integrating science and delivery,'

"Building on years of

collaboration, we now have the potential to work even closer together - scaling ideas, strengthening country systems, and providing smallholder farmers with the tools they need to flourish," she added.

Executive Managing Director of CGIAR Ismahane Elouafi, welcomed the new agreement, saying, "This MoU is a strong statement of our resolve to go further together in co-developing solutions and cultivating inclusive, sustainable food system reform across the continent."

Under the terms of the agreement, the two partners will undertake collaborative actions to bridge research and delivery gaps, and support enabling policy environments and promote inclusive, climate-resilient agricultural systems that are aligned with Africa's CAADP agenda.

Priority will be given to countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria, Mali, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Mozambique.

During CGIAR Science Week, AGRA showcased its Village-Based Advisor (VBA) model which has reached 28 million smallholder farmers across 12 countries in Africa. AGRA also brought five dynamic agri-preneurs who shared their innovative solutions that are transforming African agri-food systems.

The event, co-hosted by KALRO, delved into the role of science in creating sustainable, resilient and equitable food systems in the continent of Africa. The participants shared technologies and insights and discussed the development of ground-breaking innovations that have the potential to revolutionize agri-food, land, and water systems.

"Through frank debate and presentation of pioneering innovation, the Science Week highlighted both the successes we can build on, and the gaps that we are now better positioned to address," said Eliud Kireger, the KALRO Director General.

"The conversation doesn't end here. This is just the beginning," he added.

By building on the momentum of the Science Week, CGIAR hopes to drive tangible benefits for communities by strengthening ties with partners and funders, ratifying new agreements, and developing and scaling the innovations presented.

Kirandich Dam Phase 2 project commences

BY BENSON KELIO AND JOSHUA KIBET (KNA)

construction of the stalled Kirandich Dam Phase Two Water Project in Baringo County has commenced.

The Sh3-billion project, which stalled seven years ago, encompasses the development of sewage and water treatment for Kabarnet town, enlargement of dam spillway, protection of reservoir from siltation through construction of check dams and water supply for Kabarnet and neighbouring Kabartonjo town.

The Kirandich project is being implemented with funding from the Italian Government in cooperation with the Government of Kenya and undertaken by Cospin company.

Speaking during a field verification visit of the

project, Secretary in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary (PCS) Alfred Diru said upon completion, the project will enable approximately 60,000 people in Baringo Central and Baringo North Sub-Counties to access portable water supply and enable another 20,000 people access sanitation services within Kabarnet town Central Business

Diru, in the company of Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency manager Kutol Cherutich and Baringo Central Deputy County Commissioner Henry Tiya, stated that among the activities being undertaken during this phase that commenced in 2023 includes construction of Kasoiyo-Kituro, Kasoiyo-Kaptorokwo and Kabarnet-Kabartonjo

Pipeline.

He stated that the project's overall progress is approximately 26.79 per cent complete, saying there is need for more efforts to ensure that the project, which has stalled since 2017, is completed without further delays.

"The contractor was able to excavate a total of 22,102 meters' pipeline in Kasoiyo, Kituro and Kaptorokwo as well as the construct o six water tanks in several pumping stations within the coverage area," the official said.

He added that apart from the establishment of ten gabion dykes to reduce siltation, the dam will witness some expansion works with one side being excavated to increase the volume of the water to sustain the ever-increasing population.

INVITATION TO TENDER





INVITATION TO TENDER

NO	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1	KGN-TANA-005-2025	Tender for Supply of Diving Equipment & Accessories for Tana Hydro Power Station	Youth	6th May,2025 at 10.00 a.m.
2	KGN-ADM-016-2025	Tender for Supply of Furniture for Central Office and Western Regions		
3	KGN-OLK-018-2025	Tender for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Com- missioning of Electrical Power Supply for Central Mechanical Workshop.	Citizen Contractors	6th May,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
4	KGN-GDD-036-2025	Tender for Supply of Digital Valve Controllers, Comparators and Control Valve Accessories for Emerson Control Valves.		6th May,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
5	KGN-GDD-037-2025	Tender for Supply of Coil tubing with a dosing unit for logging of Olkaria I Unit 6 wells (Re-tender).	Citizen contractors	7th May, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
6	KGN-ICT-018-2025	Tender for Drilling Detergent System, Support and Mainte- nance Services	Open National	7th May,2025 at 2.00 p.m.
7	KGN-ICT-016-2025	Request for Proposals for Consultancy Services for ICT Assessment & Strategy Review.	Open International	13th May, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
8	KGN-ICT-017-2025	Tender for SAP Enhancement.	Open International	13th May, 2025 at 2.00 p.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

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:

- Tender documents must be submitted online through KenGen E-Procurement web portal found on the KenGen website (www.kengen.co.ke)
- 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 appro-

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:

- Attachment of a scanned copy to the bid document
- Submission of the e-security to the address indicated below in plain sealed envelope clearly
- Such E-Security can be verified by use of a Quick Response (QR) code
- 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, Kolobot 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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State to resolve land disputes to tame insecurity in Taita Taveta



The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Kipchumba Murkomen, speaking after the end of a Jukwaa la Usalama forum at Mwatate, Taita Taveta.

BY ARNOLD LINGA MASILA, KNA

There is an urgent need for inter-ministerial coordination to address squatter conflicts, illegal evictions, and fraudulent land ownership schemes in Taita Taveta.

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen highlighted the chronic land problems that have continued to fuel tension, displacement, violence and insecurity in the county.

He was speaking during a high-level security forum

held in Taita Taveta as part of the Jukwaa la Usalama regional tour.

The CS cited rampant squatter problems, forceful land takeovers, and criminal syndicates enforcing illegal eviction orders as key flashpoints.

He said syndicates operate with backing from powerful and hidden sponsors who exploit legal loopholes and manipulate local systems to acquire land fraudulently, often at the expense of the local population.

As such, Murkomen said the government is planning a multi-agency approach Taveta had been highlighted by the Senate Committee on Lands, Environment, and Natural Resources, which

violence," he said.

Lands, Environment, and Natural Resources, which visited the county a day before the CS's forum. Led by committee chair-

The dire situation in Taita

person Mohamed Faki, the Senators were on a fact-finding mission following a petition by residents of the Mwananchi Settlement Scheme in Mwatate.

The residents, who were

allocated land by the government and issued with title deeds, are leaving with fear of eviction after a court ruling last year that favored a private investor claiming ownership of the same land.

Faki expressed concern over the rising tension and fear among the affected families, warning that the ongoing legal battles and threats of eviction could easily trigger violence.

However, the Ministry of Lands was blamed for its habitual issuance of title deeds without due diligence, a practice that has led to widespread confusion, double allocations, and land-related insecurity.

Taita Taveta Senator Jones Mwaruma, who led the Senate committee in different parts of the county affected by land disputes, echoed the concerns, urging the national government to ensure that once land is allocated and titles are issued, beneficiaries should be protected from future claims and harassment.



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

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

AMENDMENT OF RFB DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 2

Name of Assignment:	Supply & Delivery of Desktop Computers: LOT 1: 10,000No. Type 1 Desktop Computer and LOT 2: 600No. Type 2 Desktop Computer & 30No. Type 3 Desktop Computer
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-466781-GO-RFB
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.:	IDA 7289-KE and 7290-KE
Country:	Kenya
Date:	15TH APRIL 2025

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders ITB 8 [Amendment of Bidding Document], the Purchaser is amending the following sections of the issued RFB Document

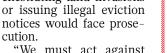
S / No	SECTION	ORIGINAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	AMENDED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
1.	ITB 22.1	For Bid submission purposes only, the Purchaser's address is: Attention: Chief Executive Officer Street Address: Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue Floor/ Room number: 12 th Floor, Boardroom City: Nairobi ZIP/Postal Code: Not Applicable Country: Kenya The deadline for Bid submission is: Date: 17th April 2025 Time: 1000 Hours EAT Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their Bids electronically. The electronic Bidding submission procedures shall be: Not Applicable	For Bid submission purposes only, the Purchaser's address is: Attention: Chief Executive Officer Street Address: Telposta Towers, Kenyatta Avenue Floor/ Room number: 12th Floor, Boardroom City: Nairobi ZIP/Postal Code: Not Applicable Country: Kenya The deadline for Bid submission is: Date: 6th May 2025 Time: 1000 Hours EAT Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their Bids electronically. The electronic Bidding submission procedures shall be: Not Applicable
2.	ITT 181	The Bid shall be valid until: 26th August 2025	The Bid shall be valid until: 15th September 2025

- ii. Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
- iii. Section VII Schedule of Requirements (3. Technical Specification)

The detailed Addendum No 2 can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.

This addendum No. 2 forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB document remain unchanged.

Stanley Kamanguya, OGW
Chief Executive Officer
The Information and Communications Technology Authority,
P.O Box 27150, Kenyatta Avenue 00100, Nairobi,
Kenya. Tel.: (+254) 20 667 6999
E-mail: info@ict.go.ke / procurement@ict.go.ke
Attn: Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management



"We must act against criminal networks who hide behind court orders or fake documents to evict citizens. The Ministry of Lands will play its role, but as the Interior docket, our responsibility is to ensure these conflicts do not escalate into

involving the Ministry of

Lands and security agencies

to systematically address

historical land injustices

and prevent future conflicts.

those found culpable of or-

chestrating land invasions

The CS emphasized that



SOUTH NYANZA SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED





TENDER NOTICE

South Nyanza Sugar Company Limited invites sealed tenders from competent vendors for the provision of the below listed services/works and supply of goods. Tenders are open to all candidates meeting the eligibility criteria set in the tender document including AGPO group.

S/No	Item Description	Type of Tender	Closing Date
1.	Various Framework Contracts/Agreements Tenders	National Open	08th May 2025
2.	Various Tenders for Supply of Goods, Services and Consultancy	National Open	08th May 2025
3.	Various Categories of Prequalification and Registration of Suppliers including Youth, Women and People with Disabilities	National Open	08th May 2025

The tender documents containing detailed information on the tenders can freely be downloaded from the official company website (www.sonysugar.co.ke) & PPIP Portal

Duly filled and completed tender documents clearly marked "Tender reference No. and Closing date" should be addressed to.

The Managing Director,
South Nyanza Sugar Company Ltd,
Off Kisii-Migori Road.
P.O. Box 107-40405,
Sare-Awendo.
Tel. no.0709947617 or 0709947658
Email; administration@sonysugar.co.ke:tenders@sonysugar.co.ke

and be deposited in the tender box at our Headquarters in Awendo by **08th May 2025 at 10.00 a.m.**Tenders will then be opened thereafter at the Company's Training Centre in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. **(This is optional)**

SonySugar Company Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any application and is not bound to give any reasons thereof.

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Over 5,000 Kenyans certified through recognition of prior learning programme

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

ore than 5,000 Kenyans have received certification from recognized institutions through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme.

This achievement comes a year after the RPL Policy was enacted in March 2024, paving the way for millions of Kenyans with experience and competencies acquired outside traditional classrooms to gain national recognition.

The initiative, spear-headed by the Directorate of RPL within the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), is designed to validate and accredit the skills of individuals working in the informal sector, who have long been overlooked by the formal education systems.

RPL Director Stanley Maindi said through the policy, the government is working with National Polytechnics to carry out assessments and issue certificates at different levels to eligible Kenyans.

He said the institutions have been tasked with evaluating candidates based on their practical competencies and knowledge, aligning them with the National Qualifications Framework.

This, he said, is in line with the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which aims to ensure those at the bottom are empowered through the certification to get formal employment or bargain for better perks.

"The certificates we are issuing through RPL are the same as those issued to

those who go through the formal education system. The goal is to ensure that Kenyans with skills and competencies but did not get a chance to go to class are assessed and awarded certificates which they can even use to advance their studies," he said.

Speaking at the Kisumu National Polytechnic where certification assessments are currently underway, Maindi underscored the importance of the programme in unlocking new economic and professional opportunities.

"Kenya continues to receive requests for workers with different skills to work abroad. Like recently, there was a request for meat cutters to go and work in slaughterhouses. Since we do not have such a course in our formal education system, we are now able to look at the skills required and assess individuals working in the sector so that we give them certificates to take up the job offers," he said.

He added that through partnerships with development partners, the Directorate has trained its eyes on the 15 million Kenyans working in the informal sector to ensure they are assessed and certified.

The campaign, he said, targets food and beverage, masonry, carpentry, building and construction, CCTV technology, electrical installation, solar PV installation, electrical alarm system technology, engine technology, auto body repair and spray painting, fashion design and fisheries technology.

"The candidates are assessed not just on what they know, but on what

they can do. The assessment is both oral and written because some of the candidates cannot write. Where need be, we do oral tests in their mother tongue. This approach ensures that certification is truly reflective of their real-world abilities," Maindi added.

He said to ramp up the programme, officers from the RPL Directorate would be making onsite visits targeting government programmes and institutions where a good number of Kenyans in the informal sector have been engaged.

"We are targeting the Affordable Housing Programme, County Integrated Markets and Blue Economy projects. Our plan is to engage the contractors so that we assess those working with them and issue them with certificates," he said.

Maindi said the minimum cost for exercise is Sh5,500 for those visiting the various institutions awarding the certificates. This, however, was likely to vary depending on the nature of tests undertaken, he said.

"When they come to an institution like Kisumu National Polytechnic for example, there are costs involved. For example, if it is electrical installation, the institution must buy the materials required for the tests. So, the cost can go beyond Sh5,500," he explained.

Maindi urged Kenyans in the informal sector to take advantage of the initiative and take up the tests to secure certificates.

He said beneficiaries of the programme have already begun to experience the ripple effects of formal certification.





INVITATION TO TENDER

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

NO.	TENDER NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TENDER COMMENCE- MENT DATE	PRE-BID MEETING/ SITE VISIT DATE	TENDER CLOSING DATE
1.	KP1/9A.3/OT/ 25/24-25	Supply and Installation of Overhead Cranes for Transformer Workshops	Wednesday 23.04.2025	Mandatory Site Visit Wednesday, 30.04.2025 10.00 a.m 4.00 p.m. (Isiolo Road Workshop off Enterprise Road, Nairobi)	Thursday 15.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
				Mandatory Site Visit Tuesday, 06.05.2025 10.00 a.m 4.00 p.m. (Mbaraki Workshop, Mombasa)	
2.	KP1/9A.2/OT/ 046/NM/24-25	Rehabilitation and Ballasting of Substations	Thursday 24.04.2025	Pre-Bid Meeting Wednesday, 30.04.2025 10.00 a.m 12.00 p.m.	Wednesday 21.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
				(Ridgeways 66/11kV Substation)	
				Mandatory Site Visit (See Below)	
3.	KP1/9A.2/OT/ 048/NM/24-25	Construction of Transformer Inspection Repair Sheds	Thursday 24.04.2025	Pre-Bid Meeting Monday, 05.05.2025 10.00 a.m 12.00 p.m.	Thursday 22.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
		Sileas		(Nairobi West Generation Substation)	
				Mandatory Site Visit (See Below)	
4.	KP1/9A.2/OT/ 053/CE/24-25	Production of Season 3 Pika na Power	Friday 25.04.2025	Tuesday, 06.05.2025 11.00 a.m 1.00 p.m.	Friday 16.05.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
		rowei		(Electricity House, Demonstration Centre Nairobi)	at 11.00 a.iii.
5.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/06/24-25	Supply of 62 Seat IESR College Bus	Thursday 24.04.2025	N/A	Friday 09.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
6.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/07/24-25	Supply of an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Management Solutions	Thursday 24.04.2025	Pre-bid Meeting Wednesday, 30.04.2025 10.00 a.m12.00 p.m. (Transport Department Boardroom, Ruaraka, Near KCA University Thika Road, Nairobi)	Monday 12.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
7.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/08/24-25	Supply of New Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Thursday 24.04.2025	N/A	Wednesday 14.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.
8.	KP1/9A.4/OT/ TPT/09/24-25	Supply of Electric Motorcycles	Thursday 24.04.2025	N/A	Tuesday 13.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m

Mandatory Site Visit - Tender No.2 - KP1/9A.2/OT/046/NM/24-25

REGION (All Categories)	Time	Site Visit Dates
Ridgeways 66/11kV Substation	9.00 a.m 12.00 p.m.	30.04.2025
DCK 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	02.05.2025
Kabarnet 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	05.05.2025
Othaya 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	05.05.2025
Isiolo 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	06.05.2025
Cheranganyi 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	06.05.2025
Nandi Hills 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	07.05.2025
Iten 33/11kV Substations	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	08.05.2025
Rabai 132/33kV Sub Station	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	08.05.2025
SRM Kokotoni 132kV Metering Station	2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	08.05.2025
Mombasa Cement 132kV Metering Station	10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	09.05.2025

Mandatory Site Visit - Tender No.3 - KP1/9A.2/OT/048/NM/24-25

REGION (All Categories)	Time	Site Visit Dates	
Nairobi West 66/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m 12.30 p.m.	05.05.2025	
Ruiru 66/11kVSubstation	2.30 p.m 4.00 p.m.	05.05.2025	
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Chemosit 132/33kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	07.05.2025	
Kitale 33/11kV Substation	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	08.05.2025	

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

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Department for Labour and Skills Development launches trade tests exams in 483 vocational training centres

BY STEPHEN MRIRA, KNA

total of 21,582 students in the country's 483 Technical Vocational Training Centres are expected to sit for the 2025 Trade Test Exams this April.

According to the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA), this is one of the government's measures to help youth find employment through the skills they gain in Technical Vocational Training Centres.

Speaking during the launch of the exams at Dzitsoni Technical Vocational Training Centre in Kilifi, Principal Secretary for the Department of Labour and Skills Development Shadrack Mwadime, said the exams would help youths in finding jobs locally and abroad.

The PS said that the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) would also issue certificates to people who have job experience in various fields but are yet to join TVETs after sitting for the Trade Test exams.

"As you know these exams are practical, theory is only 10% and from the practicals, students will be tested on the skills they have pursued but apart from that those who



Shadrack Mwadime(R), PS State Department for Labour and Skills Development handing over a Trade Test Certificate to one of the students at Dzitsoni Vocational Technical Training Center

possess experience and skills through the jobs they do will be issued with certificates after being administered with the Trade Test Exams," he said.

The PS said the government has so far signed human rights bilateral agreements with foreign countries in a bid to curb violation of labour laws and that plans were underway to deploy Labour Attachees in foreign countries to know where Kenyan employees are located, how they are faring and be able to contact them in case of need.

"With the assistance of the Parliamentary Labour Committee, we will deploy Labour Attachees because that is why other countries like the Philippines are ahead of us since they can know where their citizens are working and their terms and conditions of work," he noted.

On the same note, Mwadime warned rogue employment and travel agencies that action would be taken against them adding that his department had already revoked 500 licenses on suspicion of defrauding citizens while investigations are underway.

Mwadime further indicated that the State Department had initiated a vetting process where it is mandatory for each Director of the Employment Agency concerned to appear in person for vetting to eliminate the possibility of the revoked company registering under another name.

"We have deregistered about 500 of them and we are deregistering even more. We are working very closely with the security agencies and I am happy with the kind of assistance we are getting from them now. What we are insisting now are the directors of the employment agencies to appear before the vetting committee and we are not saying the management but the directors in person," he said.

On his part, the National

On his part, the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) Chair Aden Ali Noor, said the authority conducts the exams three times a year; April, August and December with 150,000 students train-

ing annually adding that this year's series would be offering training in 43 types of skills ranging from plumbing, carpentry, electricians, motor vehicle mechanics and others.

He also noted that the certificates issued by the authority are from the United Kingdom and are internationally recognized.

We normally train about 150,000 students per year in different trade areas and in this series, we are training 43 different skills all over the 47 counties. Instead of our children engaging in drug abuse and sitting idle, we encourage them to join TVETs for skills development," he said.

Kilifi South Member of Parliament and Chair Parliamentary Labour Committee in the National Assembly Ken Chonga urged the youth to dispel the misconception that Technical Vocational Training Centres were for failures in school because through TVETs, young people could develop themselves through their skills.

"Let's encourage our youth and tell them that one can develop their skills in Technical Vocational Training Centers and prosper in life," the MP said.



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY



TENDER NOTICE

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No	Tender No.	Item/Service Description	Closing Dates/ Time	Targeted Group
1	KMA/ONT/05/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Printers	30 th April, 2025 at 10.00 am	Youth, Women and PWD

Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information and download the Tender Document **free of charge** from the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) website; www.kma.go.ke under "Tenders" portal and/or Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP) https://www.tenders.go.ke respectively. Those who download the document must immediately forward their particulars (i.e. Name & Contacts of Applicant) to email; procurement@kma.go.ke and/or info@kma.go.ke for purposes of registration and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

Original, Completed Tender documents plus one copy should be enclosed in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with tender reference name & number and should be deposited in the Tender Box located at 4th Floor of Kenya Maritime Authority's Headquarter Offices; Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa addressed to: -

Director General Kenya Maritime Authority P. O. Box 95076-80104 MOMBASA

so as to be received on or before 30th April, 2025 at 10.00 am.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the 4th Floor KMA Board Room-Bahari Towers, Mbaraki Road, Mombasa.

Any canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification. Late tenders will not be accepted.

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THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

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

AMENDMENT OF RFB DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 2

Name of Assignment:	Provision of Internet Capacity (LOT 1: Supply and Delivery of Primary Internet Capacity (Internet Protocol Transit) for One Government Network and LOT 2: Supply and Delivery of Secondary Internet Capacity (Internet Protocol Transit) for One Government Network)
RFB Reference No.:	KE-ICTA-443118-NC-RFB
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.:	IDA 7289-KE and 7290-KE
Country:	Kenya
Date:	16TH APRIL 2025

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders ITB 9 [Amendment of Bidding Document], the Purchaser is amending the following sections of the issued RFB document:

- i. Section III Evaluation & Qualification Criteria
- ii. Section IV Bidding Forms
- iii. Section VII Activity Schedule

The detailed Addendum No 2 can be found at the following website: www.icta.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke or can be obtained at the address given below.

This addendum forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB document remain unchanged.

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Heifer P4C program focuses on high impact value chain

NDIRANGU, KNA

The Government is developing a climate-smart livestock master plan to ensure provision of accurate data and information on livestock resources.

The plan will also provide available environmentally friendly investment options to guide the development of a sustainable livestock sector to attract more and better targeted in-

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe, in a speech read on his behalf by the Director of Livestock Policy Research at the Ministry of Agriculture Dr. Christopher Wanga said over 80 per cent of Kenya is arid or semi-arid (ASAL).

Here, the livestock sector is an integral part of the agricultural sector and plays a key role in supporting livelihoods, generating income, contributing to healthy diets and climate resilience in these and other rain-fed areas.

"Agricultural transformation is not a sprint; it is a decades-long journey that requires us to modernize on-farm production, integrate value addition, and create systems that are both productive and resilient, and this transformation is not optional but essential," Kagwe said during the launch of Heifer International Kenya's Practice for Change (P4C) Signature Program.

The CS lauded Heifer International's Kenya Practice for Change



Dr. Christopher Wanga, Director Livestock Policy Research and Regulation, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Development, delivering the speech during the launch of heifers Kenya signature program framework.

(P4C) Signature Program, which is estimated to inject Sh12.4 billion (USD 95.7 million) into the country's economy, saying it is coming at a critical time for Kenya's agricultural transformation journey.

Kagwe called on Heifer International to align its work in the country with Kenya's vision for sustainable agriculture transformation and galvanize increased support for Heifer Kenya.

If implemented well, the Practice for Change (P4C) Program framework, Kagwe said, will support the transformation of Kenya's agricultural sector and uplift the lives of smallholder farmers and termed the event as more than just a program launch, but a call to action.

Surita Sandosham, the President and the Chief Executive Officer of Heifer International, said the long-term program collaborative initiative is designed to support 625,000 farming households across 26 counties in achieving a sustainable living income by 2030.

The program, she added, is a commitment to inclusive rural development built on the strength and potential of Kenya's farmers, especially women and young people, and at its core, P4C is about creating opportunities that are locally driven, market-oriented and sustainable.

"P4C takes a systems approach to market development. It targets key agricultural value chains—poultry, dairy, red meat, and horticulture, and invests in building the capacity of farmer organizations, improving productivity, increasing profitability, and opening access to a sustainable market," Sandosham said.

The President said the investment is expected to be mobilized through a combination of Heifer's resources, catalytic capital, and co-managed funds with donors and public institutions.

Chaplains urged to address societal challenges

BY SITATI REAGAN (KNA)

haplains have been Curged to be proactive in addressing Kenya's deepening societal challenges which include economic strain, rising insecurity, and a crisis of

Speaking during the 5th Annual Chaplains Conference in Mombasa, the Principal Secretary, State Department for Cabinet Affairs, Dr. Idris Dokota, urged the Chaplains to take a leading role to steer the country towards moral recovery.

The religious leaders were encouraged to play a more significant role in value-based education and national healing. The PS stressed that the Church and State need to work together to foster a peaceful and morally grounded society.

"Chaplains, as spiritual leaders, are uniquely positioned to shape values and beliefs that can improve the attitudes, perceptions and character of our nation," said Dr. Dokota.

The conference, organized by the National Association of Christian Chaplains (NACC), themed "Facing the Future with Confidence" brought together chaplains from across the country serving in both public and private insti-

Dr. Dokota emphasized that the country's current challenges, ranging from youth unemployment and mental health issues to corruption and weakened family structures, demand both technical solutions and moral clarity.

"Gove lenges, especially corruption, continue to derail our economic progress. But with the right mindset and moral guidance, we can change course," he said, emphasizing the government's efforts under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TECHNICAL, **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Promotion of Youth Employment and Vocational Training in Kenya, Phase II			
BMZ No.	2020 65 068		
Date: 22 nd April 2025			
Tender Refer-	NCB-G01/MOE-TVET/TVET/KfW 2020 65 068/2024-2025		
ence:	NCB-G02 /MOE-TVET/TVET/KfW 2020 65 068/2024-2025		

The State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Education, Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from KfW toward the cost of the programme "Promotion of Youth Employment and Vocational Training in Kenya, Phase II", and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract(s) for

NCB-G01/MOE-TVET/TVET/KfW 2020 65 068/2024-2025 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Initial Training and Ancillary Services of Training Equipment for three (3) TVET Institutes

Lot 1: Automotive & Mechatronics

Lot 2: Solar & Photovoltaic

NCB-G02 /MOE-TVET/TVET/KfW 2020 65 068/2024-2025 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Initial Training and Ancillary Services of Training Equipment for three (3) TVET Institutes

Lot 1: Plumbing Equipment Lot 2: IT Equipment Lot 3: Furniture

The Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for

- Supply, Delivery, Installation, Initial Training and Ancillary Services of Training Equipment for three (3) TVET Institutes, including delivery, installation and related training at: Bumbe, Nyamira and Kitale. This tender includes 2 Lots. Lot 1 Automotive & Mechatronics; Lot 2: Solar & Photovoltaic.
- Supply, Delivery, Installation, Initial Training and Ancillary Services of Training Equipment for three (3) TVET Institutes, including delivery, installation and related training at: **Bumbe, Nyamira and** Kitale. This tender includes 3 Lots. Lot 1 Plumbing Equipment; Lot 2: IT Equipment; Lot 3 Fur-

Bidding will be conducted by means of the National Competitive Bidding procedure with qualification as specified in KfW's Procurement Guidelines ("Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries", Version 2019; updated 2021), with due regard to the Kenyan Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015, (Revised 2022) and regulations 2020. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, on 7th floor room 703 Uchumi House, Along Agha Khan Walk or by writing to the following email address: Tender-TVET-II_Kenya@gopa-infra.de

A complete set of bidding documents is available to interested Bidders and can be downloaded from the Ministry of Education website https://www.education.go.ke. In order to receive any potential notifications in relation to these bidding documents, interested Bidders should immediately send their contact details (including the tender reference number) to the email address: Tender-TVET-II-Kenya@gopa-infra.de

Bids must be delivered to the Tender Box marked Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training KfW project located on the ground floor of Jogoo House B, Harambee Avenue on or before 11th-June 2025 at 11.00 am (East Africa Time).

Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in a public session on 10th floor of Jogoo House B, Conference room in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives.

The address referred to above for submission purposes is:

The Principal Secretary **Ministry of Education** State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Technical Training, Jogoo House B, Harambee Avenue, P.O.BOX 9583 00200 Nairobi, Kenya

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amounts indicated below.

G01 Lot 1 - Automotive & Mechatronics: 10,000 EUR G01 Lot 2 - Solar & PV: 5,000 EUR 5,000 EUR **G02 Lot 1 – Plumbing equipment:** G02 Lot 2 - IT equipment: 5,000 EUR G02 Lot 3 - Furniture: 5,000 EUR

amount of all lots) for which Bids have been submitted.

The Purchaser will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

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Counties trained on project oversight committees



A section of training of county trainers on Project Management Committees (PMCs) in Homa **Bay County.**

BY IRENE GALGALO (PCO)

Government has trained county trainers on Project Management Committees (PMCs) to entrench public participation and strengthen accountability in county development projects,

PMCs play a vital role in the county project implementation chain by ensuring that local development reflects community priorities and is inclusive, accountable and community-driven development within Kenya's devolved system of governance.

While officially opening the workshop, the State Department for Devolution's Director for Capacity Building and Technical Assistance, Kennedy Nyambati, underscored the strategic importance of PMCs, describing them as the face of public participation at the ground level that ensures development projects reflect genuine community priorities.

He emphasized that the workshop's primary objective was to build a network of master trainers equipped to cascade knowledge and skills to the grassroots, ensuring counties can institutionalize PMCs as a permanent fixture in local governance.

"This training is not simply about learning the provisions of a document. It is about transforming how we engage communities, manage public resources and sustain development out-

comes," he said.

The PMC guidelines draw their legal foundation from the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations (2020) and are enriched by the practical experiences of counties that have successfully implemented community oversight structures like Homa Bay and Makueni.

The State Department for Devolution, with support from the World Bank through the Second Kenya Devolution Support Program (KDSP II), organized the workshop in collaboration with the Council of Governors and participating county governments.

The World Bank's funding support was recognized as a key enabler in building strong county institutions that prioritize citizen oversight and sustainable development.

The Training of Trainers Workshop was held in Homa Bay County with another one scheduled for Makueni County. The two counties are widely recognized as trailblazers in devolution and citizen engagement.

PS leads tree planting exercise in Kisii

BY MERCY OSONGO (KNA)

Ttate Department for Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary, Anne Wang'ombe, has spearheaded a tree planting exercise at Nyanturago wetland in Kisii County.

During the exercise, Wang'ombe and officials from the Gender and Affirmative Action Ministry, Kisii County officers and Heads of Departments from the national government planted 5004 assorted trees in the wetland.

Speaking after the tree planting exercise, the Principal Secretary encouraged the public to continuously engage in tree planting in order to reap their benefits.

"Trees provide several benefits such as timber, and fuel, and therefore, let us support this tree planting initiatives so that we get to enjoy the fruits of our work

later on," Wang'ombe said. Kisii Forest Conservator, Safari Opiyo, decried the increasing human activities that had destroyed the wetland area, especially the grazing of animals within the catchment area.

According to Opiyo, some of the community members were grazing their animals in the wetland thereby, destroying some of the trees that had been previously planted.

"I am pleading with the residents here to refrain from bringing their animals to graze around this wetland so that we can allow the trees that have been planted today here to grow," the Forest Conservator said.

Similarly, the Kisii County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Timothy Arege, encouraged the residents to report those engaging in illegal activities that are aimed at destroying the wetland.

Arege said the community members must take the responsibility of protecting Nyanturago wetland, noting that there are bigger forests in the country that are protected by the neighbouring communities.

"As the community stayng here von must take charge of protecting the trees we have planted today because you and your children are the ones who will benefit from them," he emphasized.

According to statistics from the Kisii County Forest Office, the county has a tree cover of 26.6 per cent and aims to achieve 30 per cent tree cover by 2032.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE

REVIEW OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, (CAP 376)

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The State Department for Wildlife, under the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, has commenced the review of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (CAP 376). This review aims to:

- Align the Act with the Constitution of Kenya, particularly regarding the roles and responsibilities of different levels of government; Harmonize with the National Wildlife Policy 2020, the National Wildlife Strategy 2030, and other
- relevant policies;
- Address emerging issues in the wildlife sector;
- Reengineer wildlife conservation and management approaches in Kenya;
- Provide legal clarity and certainty in the governance of the wildlife sector;
- Enhance economic opportunities linked to wildlife.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments or written memoranda on the proposed Bill. Submissions may be:

- Hand-delivered to the NSSF Building, Block A, 21st Floor (Legal Office)
- Emailed to: wildlifeact2025@tourism.go.ke

The current Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (CAP 376) and the draft Bill are available on the Ministry's website: www.tourism.go.ke.

Submission Deadline: 25th May 2025

In line with Article 10 of the Constitution and legal requirements for public participation, the Ministry will also hold regional citizen engagement forums from 7th May to 25th May 2025, running from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at designated venues listed below.

We encourage all stakeholders to participate and contribute to shaping the future of wildlife conservation and management in Kenya.

S/N0	COUNTY	VENUE	DATES
1.	Lamu (05) Kilifi (03)	Malindi Nidhamia Social Hall	7th May, 2025
2.	Mombasa (01) Kwale (02)	Mombasa Kenya School of Government	9th May, 2025
3.	Taita Taveta (06)	Mwatate CDF Hall	12th May, 2025
4.	Kitui (015) Makueni (017)	Kitui Kitui Multipurpose Hall	14th May, 2025
5.	Tana River (04) Garissa (07)	Garissa Government Guest House Multi-purpose Hall	16th May, 2025
6.	Wajir (08) Mandera (09)	Wajir ICT Hall	19th May, 202
7.	Marsabit (010)	Catholic Hall	21st May, 2026
8.	Siaya (041) Kisumu (042)	Kisumu Regional Commissioner's Hall	7th May, 2025
9.	Homabay (043) Migori (044)	Homabay Kabunde Social hall	9th May, 2025
10.	Bungoma (39) Busia (40)	Busia Agricultural Training Institute	12th May, 2025
11.	Kakamega (37) Vihiga (038)	Kakamega Magharibi Social Hall	14th May, 2025
12.	Kisii (045) Nyamira (046)	Kisii Kisii Cultural Centre Hall	16th May, 2025
13.	Baringo (030) Nakuru (032)	Nakuru Regional Commissioners Hall	19st May, 2025
14.	Nyandarua (018) Samburu (025) Laikipia (031)	Laikipia County Rumuruti Catholic Hall	21st May, 2025
15.	Turkana (023) Trans Nzoia (026) West Pokot (024)	Kitale Museum Hall	7th May, 2025
16.	Uasin Gishu (027) Elgeyo Marakwet (028) Nandi (029)	Eldoret Municipal Hall	9th May, 2025
17.	Narok (033) Bomet (036) Kericho (035)	Narok Narok Youth Hall	12th May, 2025
18.	Kajiado (034) Machakos (016)	Kajiado Maasai Technical Training Institute	14th May, 2025
19.	Isiolo (011) Meru (012)	Isiolo Police Mess	16th May, 2025
20.	Tharaka Nithi (013) Embu (014) Kirinyaga (020)	Embu Talent Academy Hall	19th May, 202.
21.	Muran'ga (021) Nyeri (019)	Nyeri Ruring'u stadium Hall	21st May, 202!
22.	Kiambu (022) Nairobi (047)	Nairobi KICC	26th May, 2025

Principal Secretary STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE



Farmers reaping gains from the government's transformation agenda

(KNA)

The Government is implementing Guaranteed Minimum Returns (GMR) so that farmers get predictable in-

Consequently, the country's agricultural sector is experiencing a resurgence with gains in farmer incomes, economic growth and food security under the Kenya-Kwanza administration's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Government spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura (pictured), speaking at a media briefing held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre(KICC), Nairobi said the GMR programme has significantly stabilized farmers' earnings and reduced the vulnerability to market volatility.

"GMR is a true realization of the campaign slogan of 'pesa mfukoni' as a result of prioritizing production subsidies over consumption," stated Mwaura.

He said the realization reflects Kenya Kwanza government solemn pledge to transform Kenya's agricultural sector into a power of agency for economic growth, food security and farmer prosperity.

On macadamia, the



spokesperson announced that the price of the crop has increased from Sh24 to Sh100 per kilo thereby making Kenya a top global

producer of nut. "This is something we should be proud of, it reflects a strategic shift to production subsidies and better market scheduling," noted Mwaura.

At the same time, he observed that coffee farmers have also seen a significant improvement, with average earnings rising from Sh50 to Sh130 per kilo, through the Coffee Cherry Fund and direct M-Pesa payments.

Some of the farm produces whose prices have increased include milk, which has increased from Sh37 to Sh50 per litre, thus boosting daily income for thousands of farmers.

Sugarcane farmers have similarly benefited, earning up to Sh5,300 per metric tonne, up from Sh4,500 with bonuses flowing due to debt cancellations and production support.

Other beneficiaries of farm produce that Mwaura singled out are Miraa farmers who are enjoying record prices across all grades, with grade one rising from Sh700 to Sh1,300, grade two from Sh350 to Sh700, while Alele grade jumped from Sh500 to

Mwaura said the government has also promoted local value addition in tea, enabling the export of processed tea and increase returns to farmers.

Additionally, Kenya has become Africa's leading exporter of avocados and producer of the crop. which reflects a successful policy support and market access, he added.

The government is also focusing on leather tanneries with its expansion expected to create value addition opportunities and strengthening local production.

"The leather industry is also expanding, with local manufacturing receiving a boost. The school shoes, in particular, are excellent and our leather sector is creating jobs and promoting value addition," said Mwaura

These tangible results are a realization of our campaign for a more peaceful and self-reliant economy,

Correctional services to prioritize mental health amid increased cases of suicide

BY NICHOLAS KIGONDU (PCO)

The Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco(pictured) wants mental health to be mainstreamed and cascaded into the operations of the department as part of a broader plan to prioritize mental health.

Speaking during a meeting with top leadership of the Kenya Prisons Service including directors and regional commanders, the PS said mental health is the cornerstone of rehabilitation, effective correctional management, and successful reintegration into the society.

"Emerging evidence compels us to reconsider and refine our approaches and methods, ensuring we

support our staff by letting go of outdated practices; especially when new ideas are perceived as a threat to established notions of good

order and safety," she said. Lauding the officers for their efforts in addressing the problem of increased cases of suicide, absenteeism and desertions among their ranks, the PS said the real challenge lies in converting the push into compassionate, persistent and measurable action.

"We should consistently equip ourselves with skills that help those who need our support. I challenge us to care for each other. What maketh a man is the difference he makes in society," she noted.

Commissioner General of Prisons Patrick Aranduh urged the officers to culti-



vate a culture of care sunport and accountability in their respective stations.

Under the theme, "Enhancing mental health in prisons: Getting involved", the meeting sought to develop solutions to the challenge of mental health that has remained a bane in service delivery within correctional services.



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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER- GRADE XV

Job Purpose

This position is responsible for the implementation of strategies, policies and manuals in the University's Supply Chain Management function in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (PPADA), 2015 and Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations (PPADR), 2020.

This position reports to the Vice Chancellor and its duties entails:-

- Coordinating, development and implementation of policies, procedures, systems, structures and frameworks for all procurement related activities to deliver best practice procurement and contract management solutions to the University;
- Overseeing adherence to contractual agreements, recommending amendments, advising vendors and requisitioners on contractual rights and obligation as well as coordinating all phases of negotiation of disputes arising from contracts;
- Supervising/overseeing preparation and distribution of invitations to tender and managing/ conducting all aspects of the tender exercise;
- Establishing, maintaining work programs and time frames for processing requests in accordance with the procurement manual:
- Providing expertise, authoritative advice to key University stakeholders on all aspects of procurement strategies and practices to inform business planning, action, encourage innovative approaches and
- enhancing value through improved procurement efficiency and outcomes; Consolidating the annual procurement plan for the University based on departmental procurement estimates so as to offer input in development of the University's budget;
- vii) Overseeing the development and implementation of internal procurement policies for use in directing procurement activities in the University;
- Participating, overseeing the development of long term and short-term sourcing strategies for the University to enable attraction and retention of reliable suppliers;
- Establishing, leading University wide procurement governance and risk management framework to monitor, manage and drive procurement performance;
- Ensuring compliance with relevant laws, policies and managing risks related to procurement;
- Preparing, implementing, reviewing of the department's strategic plan and annual work plan; Conducting annual appraisal of members of staff in the department;
- Preparing the department's annual budget and procurement plan; and
- Any other duties as assigned from time to time by the Vice Chancellor.

Job specification mum requirements:

- PhD in Procurement and Supplies Management with twelve (12) years' work experience, three(3)
- of which as a Deputy Chief Supply Chain Officer Grade 14 or its equivalent OR

 Masters Degree in Procurement and Supplies Management with fifteen(15) years' work experience three (3) of which as a Deputy Chief Supply Chain Officer Grade 14 or its equivalent.

 Registered with the relevant professional body and in good standing.
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- Applications should be accompanied by a detailed Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of relevant academic and professional certificates, National Identity Card or Passport, testimonials, e-mail addresses, telephone contacts and any other relevant supporting documents
- Only successful candidates shall be required to submit valid clearances from the following bodies;

 1. Kenya Revenue Authority;

 - Higher Education Loans Board;

 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission; Directorate of Criminal Investigation (Certificate of Good Conduct); Registered Credit Reference Bureau.
- Applicants should also provide names, telephone numbers and contact addresses of three (3) refer-Applicants should request their referees to submit their confidential reports to the undersigned to be
- received on or before 12th May, 2025.

 One (1) copy of the application should be sent via registered mail or courier marked with the advert reference number on the envelope to the under-signed. A Soft copy in PDF running format should be sent to recruitmentcpo2025@mmust.ac.ke. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned to be received on or before 12th May, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.
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KETRB launches engineering services at Eldoret Huduma Centre

BY EKUWAM SYLVESTER AND FREDRICK MARITIM, KNA

¬he Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB) has launched registration and licensing services at Eldoret Huduma Centre for engineering technologists and technicians to enhance efficiency and accessibility up to the grassroots.

The service will be available through a collaboration with Huduma Kenya. Speaking during the launch, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Huduma Kenya Ben Kai Chilumo said the move would ensure that engineering services are brought close to the clients.

"KETRB is now officially in our Huduma centres and today we were signing the service level agreement and officially launching their first day offering services on our



Officials from Huduma Kenya and the Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB) sign the service level agreement to officially launch services at the Eldoret Huduma Centre.

platform," he said.

He said the programme was undertaken to bring onboard as many ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs) as possible to bring services closer to Kenyans and ensure access to a simplified citizen-centric ser-

Chilumo called upon other MDAs that have not yet deployed their services to Huduma centres due to insufficient staff to make use of Huduma universal agents who would ensure their presence without necessarily having to deploy their staff. KETRB acting CEO Kigo

Florence said the reason for partnering with Huduma Kenya is because most of their clients, members and students were unaware of their board and therefore this would efficiently accelerate and streamline service delivery for them.

She highlighted that KTRB is a professional body that undertakes licensing and registration of engineering technologists and technicians in the country.

"We register them as a professional body so that we can be able to monitor how the work is being done at various engineering sites out there in the industry, and ensure they have requisite expertise to do," she noted.

They also monitor the employers, who should work with the registered engineering technologists and technicians.

According to KETRB, their services are now available across 10 Huduma centres in Garissa, Eldoret, Meru, Makueni, Mombasa, Makadara, Nyeri, Bomet, Kakamega and Kisumu Huduma Centres.

The Board was established in 2016 to set standards for engineering technologists and technicians, register and issue licenses to qualified people as per the provision of the Engineering Technology Act No 23 of 2016 Part II Section 3. (1).

KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY

Transforming Urban Mobility



The silent enemies that Kenya's uniformed officers battle

BY PETER LELEY

olicing is one of the most psychologically taxing professions. The men and women in uniform of Kenya's police service operate in a crucible of relentless stress. Tasked with maintaining law and order, they are the first responders to violence, crime, and social unrest, often witnessing harrowing scenes that leave deep psychological scars.

This constant exposure to trauma, coupled with the pressure to uphold public safety, creates a perfect storm for mental health challenges. Studies indicate that law enforcement personnel are at a higher risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and substance abuse disorders compared to the general population. Yet, the stigma surrounding mental health within the Service still prevents many from seeking

The consequences of neglecting the mental well-being of our police officers are far-reaching. Untreated trauma can heighten aggression and impair judgment, potentially contributing to excessive use of orce, which in turn erodes public trust and confidence. When officers struggle with psychological distress, their interactions with the community may become strained, affecting the crucial relationship between the police and the public. Without access to proper support, many officers turn to alcohol as a coping mechanism, while others,

in extreme cases, take their own lives. Statistics paint a sobering picture indicating that at least 12,000 police officers in Kenya suffer from work-related mental health issues, while an average of 13 murders and 11 suicides is reported annually among police ranks thus given these realities, robust counseling and mental wellness programmes are not a luxury, they are a necessity.

The 2018 launch of the National Police Service Psychological Counseling Policy (NPSCP) was a landmark step in ensuring the structured provision of mental health support. This led to the establishment of the NPSC Counseling Unit with robust counseling programs within the National Police Service to offer structured psychosocial support to the officers.

Counselors and social workers have been deployed to provide direct interventions with their presence in various regions. Between FY 2021 and 2024, over 64,464 cases of counseling and psychosocial support have been handled. This includes 3,478 cases in 2021-2022, 29,934 in 2022-2023, and 31,052 in 2023-2024, highlighting the growing demand for these services.

Additionally, the introduction of NPSC tollfree counseling helpline (0800721070) is a crucial safety net for officers in distress, especially those serving in the most remote and forward-operating areas, where officers often face the harshest conditions and



psychological strain. These efforts are critical in addressing the unique challenges faced by officers stationed in highrisk and underserved loca-

The Commission acknowledges the immense support it has received through budgetary allocations from the National Assembly and the National Treasury. These resources have enabled significant progress in promoting mental health support for our officers across various regions of the country. However, financial limitations continue to pose a substantial challenge to the expansion and sustainability of these vital programmes. The demand for mental health services far outweighs the currently available resources, making it difficult to hire more counselors and social workers, establish wellness units, and roll out comprehensive mental health training across the entire police service.

mission remains actively engaged with relevant stakeholders to advocate for increased investment in police mental health initiatives. It also remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that every officer regardless of where they serve has access to quality psychological support. This is because investing in the mental well-being of our police officers is not just about their individual welfare; it is a matter of national security and public

Our officers protect us daily; it is our collective duty to protect them in return. If we fail to act, the silent burden will only grow heavier, with dire consequences for officers, their families, and the communities they serve. A mentally healthy police service is more effective, more professional in carrying out its duties and a worthy investment of public resources.

The writer is the Commission Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, National Police Service Commission

TENDER NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that an invitation to tender for Road Works funded by the GOK (Development) Fund and Legal Governance Audits for the Financial Year 2024/2025 has been uploaded on the **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INFORMATION PORTAL and** KENYA URBAN ROADS AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.

Bidders are requested to visit KURA's Website at www.kura.go.ke/tenders and www.tenders.go.ke for more information.

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TENDER CANCELLATION

The State Department for Higher Education and Research wishes to inform the prospective bidders of cancellation of the following tender advertised in My Gov on 15th April, 2025.

Tender No	Tender Description	Tender Closing and Opening Date and Time	Reserva- tion
MOE/SD- HER/001/ 2024-2025	Request for Propos- al for Development of Higher Education Management Information System (HEMIS)	29 th April, 2025 at 11:00 A.M	Open

Principal Secretary State Department for Higher Education and Research

Ministry urges administrators to curb cases of GBV

BY MERCY OSONGO (KNA)

The National Government Administration Officers have been urged to lead the fight against gender-based violence in the country.

Principal Secretary State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action Ms Anne Wang'ombe who was speaking during a courtesy call to the Kisii County Commissioner's office noted that administrators handle cases of domestic violence at the community level and can identify the root causes of such vices.

"Our administrators, especially those engaged in Nyumba Kumi community policing, know where we have rampant cases of GBV and they can pass this information to the higher authorities for policy formulation and action," she said.

The PS pointed out that any form of violence against women and girls is not only a violation of human rights, but also negatively impacts them in society.

Wang'ombe decried the increasing cases of GBV within Kisii County, saying that some of the cases arise from retrogressive cultural practices.

According to the PS, Kisii remains a hotspot of female genital mutilation (FGM), noting that such vices lead to lifelong negative impacts among the

As a result, she encouraged the community members to shun such retrogressive practices that continue to cause a



lot of harm to women and girls.

Moreover, Wang'ombe called for continuous collaboration among the relevant government agencies and development partners to tackle GBV-related matters.

Additionally, she pointed out the critical role that the clergy plays in addressing matters within the family unit, saying church leaders should be engaged in resolving domestic disputes.

"Let us encourage peaceful co-existence among family units because GBV also exists among men and occurs through physical violence and emotional abuse by women," she added.

To address the significant increase in femicide cases in the country, Wang'ombe urged community members to take part in the upcoming public participation that seeks to address femicide and other forms of GBV.

In January 2025, President Ruto appointed a 42-member taskforce to address the alarming rise in femicide cases in the country.

The team, led by former Chief Justice Nancy Baraza, has begun public participation forums to collect views on matters of GBV including femicide, and is expected to recommend measures to strengthen the institutional, legal, and policy responses to the vices.

On his part, Kisii Central Deputy County Commissioner Joseph Mwangi noted that gender-based violence greatly contributes to suicide cases in the region.

Mr. Mwangi encouraged the community members to seek help from the local leaders or peers whenever they were facing any challenges within their families.

In addition, the DCC said the sale of parcels of land without proper documentation also contributes to cases of violence in the region.

"Let us encourage our family members to embrace land succession so that when they buy a piece of land, we can confirm that the purchase followed the right procedures to avoid conflicts among families," he said.

Kenya partners with Italy to restore Cherangany Forest

BY RENNISH OKONG'O (KNA)

The Government of Kenya, through the National Environment Trust Fund (NET-FUND), has launched a Sh667-million project aimed at restoring the endangered Cherangany Forest Ecosystem

Dubbed 'The Restoration and Sustainable Management of the Cherangany Forest Ecosystem and improved livelihood project,' project, also funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, targets over 1,000 smallholder farmers in Elgeyo Marakwet and West

Pokot Counties who are expected to plant 18 million trees in three-years.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry, Dr. Deborah Barasa, who presided over the launch held at Chebara Agricultural Training Centre affirmed the government's commitment to environmental restoration.

"The government is committed to strengthening partnerships for restoring the country's precious but endangered forest ecosystems," Dr. Barasa said.

"To this end, I want to

thank our development partners and NETFUND for spearheading this initiative," she said.

Dr. Barasa urged all Kenyans to actively participate in the restoration

Italian Deputy Ambassador. Lorenza Maria Gambacorta, emphasized her government's commitment to supporting climate resilience in Kenya.

Gambacorta revealed that Italy has approved and funded two projects in Kenya to a tune of €224 million and is optimistic that the Cherangany Restoration Project will also be a success.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF OBSOLETE, **SURPLUS AND UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS**

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) hereby invites interested bidders for the Sale of Obsolete, Surplus and Unserviceable Items in the following KeNHA Regional Offices, Weighbridges and Centres through Public Auction on dates, venue and time tabulated below:-

No	Centre/Region	Viewing Centre	Auction Centre, Date and Time
1	KeNHA Head Office	KeNHA Head Office, Barabara Plaza, Blocks A & C	Corridor "A" Office, Off Athi River /Namanga Interchange, Next
2	Athi River Weigh- bridge	Athi River Weighbridge Station at Mlolongo Trading center along (A8) Road, Mavoko Sub County	to Mavuno Church, Opposite Laptrust Fund Garden. 7th May, 2025 at 11.00am
3	Isinya Weighbridge	Isinya Weighbridge station along Athi River-Bisil-Namanga (A2) Road, Kajiado County	and 8th May, 2025 at 11.00am
4	Juja Weighbridge	Juja Weighbridge Station along Thika Superhighway, Juja Sub County,Kiambu County	
5	Corridor C	Opposite Juja Weighbridge Station along Thika Superhighway, Juja Sub County, Kiambu County	
6	Nairobi Regional office	MOR&PW Main Building, Machakos Road, Industrial Area,Nairobi	MOR&PW Main Building, Machakos Road, Industrial
7	Lower Eastern Regional office	KeNHA Lower Eastern, Machakos, Opposite Machakos Boys High School	Area,Nairobi. 9th May 2025 at 11.00am
8	Western Regional office	Ministry of Roads Building, along Kisumu- Kakamega Road,	Ministry of Roads Building, Kisumu-Kakamega Road,
9	Webuye Weigh- bridge	Webuye Weighbridge Station along Nairobi - Nakuru - Eldoret – Malaba (A8) Road, Bungoma County	Kakamega 12th May, 2025 at 11.00am.
10	Busia Weighbridge	Busia Weighbridge along Kisumu-Busia Road	
11	Central Regional office	KeNHA Offices Off Ruringu Stadium, along Classic -Kiandu-Othaya Road,Nyeri	KeNHA Offices Off Ruringu Stadium, along Classic -Kiandu-
12	Upper Eastern Regional office	KeNHA Upper Eastern Regional Offices in Isiolo,Off Isiolo –Moyale Road	Othaya Road,Nyeri 13th May, 2025 at 11.00am
13	North Eastern Regional office	KeNHA,North Eastern Regional Office, Next to NEP Girls Secondary School off Kismayu Road Garissa	·
14	Nyanza Regional office	MoPW Building, Busia Road, Kisumu	MoPW Building, Busia Road, Kisumu
15	Rongo Weighbridge	Rongo Weighbridge Station	13th May, 2025 at 11.00am
16	Mtwapa Weigh- bridge	Mtwapa Weighbridge Station along Mom- basa -Kilifi (A7) Road, near Mtwapa Creek, Kilifi County	Coast Regional office, MOR&PW Main Building, Mahindi Road off Shimanzi Road, Mombasa.
17	Dongo-Kundu Weighbridge	Dongo Kundu Weighbridge Station along Mombasa Mariakani (A8) Road	15th May, 2025 at 11.00am
18	Mariakani Weigh- bridge	Mariakani Weighbridge Station off Momba- sa-Voi (A8) Road, near Mariakani Town	
19	North Rift Regional office	KeNHA Regional Office, Sugunanga Off Nairobi -Eldoret Highway (A8) Road Eldoret	KeNHA Regional Office, Sugunan- ga Off Nairobi -Eldoret Highway (A8) Road Eldoret 15th May, 2025 at 11.00am
20	South Rift Regional office	MOTI Building, Prison Road, Nakuru	MOTI Building, Prison Road, Nakuru.
21	Corridor B-Gilgil	Former Public Works office Resealing unit 5 along Gigil-Olkalau (B4) Road, 3Km off Nairobi – Nakuru Highways	16th May, 2025 at 11.00am
22	Suswa Weighbridge	Suswa Weighbridge Station along Maai Mahiu - Narok Road	

- Appointed Auctioneer: M/s. Trenad Auctioneers
 - Viewing Dates: 22nd April, 2025 to 16th May, 2025 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during the week days prior to the auction
- To obtain bidding number, interested bidders must deposit a refundable fee of Ksh 50,000.00 for scrap metal and Kshs 5,000 for other lots in cash to KeNHA at the Cash office at the Auction Centre by 10:00am before being allowed to bid. The Deposits for unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.
- The successful bidder must pay 25% of the purchase price in cash or deposited in KeNHA Bank Account provided in the catalogue at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within 14 days.
- Reservations have been made for Youth, Women & Persons with Disability.
- The sale is subject to reserved prices and the goods are sold on as-is-where-is basis
- Other conditions of sale are attached in the catalogue.
- Catalogues containing details of the items to be auctioned may be downloaded from KeNHA website (www.kenha.co.ke) or PPIP Procurement portal: www.tenders.go.ke free of charge.

 All interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website:
- www.kenha.co.ke for any addendum (s) or clarifications that may arise before the Auction date.
- For any clarification, please get in touch with the Deputy Director- Supply Chain Management-KeNHA or Mr. John Mwangi (Telephone No 0721-491-990 of M/s. Trenad Auctioneers)

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Schools' LPG adoption project earns praise

BY FATMA SAID, KNA

ome 20 schools have pioneered and benefitted from the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Adoption Project which aims to increase LPG usage in Kenya by promoting it as a clean and affordable cooking fuel in public schools and institutions.

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Petroleum, Mr. Mohammed Liban, who led a high-level assessment visit to Bahari Girls and Shimo La Tewa National Schools in Mombasa County Liban expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the project and commended the schools for embracing the new cooking technology.

These two schools are among the first beneficiaries of the government-led initiative aimed at transitioning from traditional biomass fuels to



Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for Petroleum Mohamed Liban (Second R) during an inspection tour of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) project at Bahari Girls' School, Kaloleni. Photo by Andrew Hinga

clean cooking solutions.

The PS gave resounding praise for the program's impact on daily opera-

tions, health, and the environment.

The LPG in Schools Project is part of the gov-

ernment's broader commitment to promoting clean energy access and environmental conservation

"This is not just about gas. It is about our health, our forests, and our future. What we are seeing here is a transformation in how we care for our children, our workers, and our environment," he said.

School administrators and kitchen staff from both schools expressed their enthusiasm about the change and adoption of LPG, citing reduced workload and increased productivity.

According to Bahari Girls' Principal, Sylvano Hamaro, the introduction of LPG has significantly improved efficiency in the kitchen.

She stated that they previously spent a lot of money on firewood and charcoal, not to mention the health risks for their staff due to prolonged exposure to smoke.

She noted they are saving time and improving

the overall kitchen environment.

At Shimo La Tewa, the impact was similarly notable. The principal, Mathew Mutiso, stated that it takes the cooks a shorter time to prepare meals while emphasizing that they no longer deal with smoke-filled kitchens or soot-covered walls.

The government is committed to scaling up the program to reach more schools across the country. Training sessions on safe usage, regular maintenance, and long-term sustainability have also been prioritized.

PS Liban said the shift from firewood and charcoal to LPG is a strategic step in reducing deforestation and carbon emissions, aligning directly with Kenya's climate change mitigation goals under Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Kenya, Uganda sign a bilateral agreement on Angololo water resources development project

BY SALOME ALWANDA AND RODGERS OMONDI, KNA

enya and Uganda have signed a bilateral agreement on the Angololo Water Resources Development Project (AWRDP).

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eric Muga and Ugandan Environment Minister Beatrice Atim signed the agreement on the trans-boundary water project.

The project, which is implemented in collaboration with the Nile Basin Initiative through the Nile Basin Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Program (NELSAP), is expected to boost food security, power access, employment and regional integration between the neighboring countries.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Busia, CS Muga said the project which was conceptualized in 2015 will cost a total of \$137 million (approximately Sh17 billion).

"Let's look at the benefits this project will bring. It will create employment to our people here and our neighbor Uganda, it will supply clean water to the more than 300,000 people in Busia and Bungoma in Kenya and Tororo, Namisindwa and Manafwa Districts in Uganda," he said

He stated that more than 4,000 hectares of land will



The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eric Muga (L)together with his counterpart from Uganda Beatrice Atim Minister for Environment (R) exchanging documents after signing the bilateral agreement between Kenya and Uganda on Angololo Water Resources Development Project (AWRDP) in Busia.

be irrigated contributing to food security in both countries and regions as 47 per cent hectares will be in Kenya with 53 per cent being in Uganda, adding that there will be restoration of 30 per cent of the 447 square kilometers of degraded upstream catchment area.

The official further said young people will benefit from employment from the construction of the project stating that residents of Teso North where the project is located will benefit more as they will provide services and labour.

"The aquaculture will be uplifted as the dam will have a water holding capacity of 31.6 million cubic meters. This dam will also produce power of about 1.3 MW hydro power with plans to add 20MW from the floating solar system which will help to tame the power problem around this region," he said.

Muga called on Kenyans and Ugandans to work together and show the world that Africans can work together seamlessly and harmoniously to achieve a project of high magnitude.

The Ugandan Minister Atim lauded the projects, stating that both Kenyans and Ugandans will benefit from it.

"We are blessed with many resources and now it's time for us to benefit from our natural resources. Let's do all that it takes to conserve and protect the source of these natural resources. Let us conserve our environment and stop polluting our lakes and other natural resources," she said

She said it is important that the beneficiaries understand the importance of the project as this will enable them to feel like its owners.

"We have the capability of doing great things if we work together. We need home solutions with less conditions without relying much on others," she said. Teso North MP Oku

Teso North MP Oku Kaunya appreciated the project stating that it will transform the lives of many people.

"This is a transformative project and will have a big impact on both countries in terms of food security and power which has remained a challenge among us. We will benefit together with our neighbors in food, agriculture and even market our products," he said.

he project is expected to transform lives and communities through food security and livelihoods, access to clean water and sanitation, energy for development, environmental conservation, job creation and regional integration.

The project was identified in 2010 and is aligned with Kenya's Vision 2030 and Uganda's Vision 2040.

Its tendering and construction are slated for 2026/2027 Financial Year with the operation phase expected to start in 2030.

Sh3b Kirandich Dam to benefit 80,000 in Baringo

BY BENSON KELIO AND JOSHUA KIBET, KNA

The construction of the stalled Kirandich Dam Phase Two Water Project in Baringo County has resumed.

The Sh3-billion project, which stalled seven years ago, involves the development of sewage and water treatment for Kabarnet town, the enlargement of the dam's spillway, the protection of the reservoir from siltation through the construction of check dams, and the provision of water supply to Kabarnet and the neighboring Kabartonjo town.

The Kirandich project is being implemented with funding from the Italian Government in cooperation with the Government of Kenya and is being undertaken by Cospin Company.

Speaking during a field verification visit to the project, Secretary in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary (PCS) Alfred Diru said that, upon completion, the project will provide approximately 60,000 people in Baringo

Central and Baringo North Sub-Counties with access to potable water and enable another 20,000 people to access sanitation services within Kabarnet town's Central Business District.

Diru, accompanied by Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency manager Kutol Cherutich and Baringo Central Deputy County Commissioner Henry Tiya, stated that among the activities being undertaken in this phase, which commenced in 2023, are the construction of the Kasoiyo-Kituro, Kasoiyo-Kaptorokwo, and Kabarnet-Kabartonjo pipelines.

He stated that the project's overall progress is approximately 26.79 per cent complete, saying there is need for more efforts to ensure that the project, which has stalled since 2017, is completed without further delays.

"The contractor was able to excavate a total of 22,102 meters' pipeline in Kasoiyo, Kituro and Kaptorokwo as well as the construct o six water tanks in several pumping stations within the coverage area," the official said.

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CENTRAL RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (on behalf of LAKE VICTORIA NORTH WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Engineer) & NORTH RIFT WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Beneficiary)

PROGRAMME: KENYA TOWNS SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM			
	Procurement of Construction Works for Kipkarren Dam Treatment Works and Associated Pipelines Water Project – REMAINING WORKS		
Date: 22nd April 2025			
Loan No.:	20020000501		
IFB No.:	CRVWWDA/LVN/AfDB/KTSWSSP/W/KIPKARREN/2024-25		

- 1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that first appeared in UNDB online on 31st March 2017.
- 2. The Government of Kenya has received Financing from the African Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for construction of Kipkarren Dam Treatment Works and Associated Pipelines Water Project - REMAINING WORKS.
- 3. The Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency now invites Sealed Bids from Eligible Bidders for the execution of the above project.
- The Scope of Works includes but not limited to the following (The Works will be implemented under one contract but Contractor is expected to demonstrate ability/resources to concurrently mobilise three [3No.] principal construction teams at the Treatment Plant, Storage Tank and Pipeline Works):
 - All the "TIE_IN" and "To Completion" Works for the New 695m, 600mm Diameter Steel Gravity Raw Water Main from the Dam to the New Treatment Works.
 - All the "TIE IN" and "To Completion" Works for the New Treatment Works of Capacity 24.375m3/day. All the "TIE_IN" and "To Completion" Works for the New 13.75km, 600mm Diameter Steel Rising Main from the New Treatment Works to a New Storage Tank and laying 3.85km of the remaining section of
 - pipeline.
 All the "TIE_IN" and "To Completion" Works for the New 10,000m³ RC Ground Storage Tank
 - All the "TIE_IN" and "To Completion" Works for the New 500m3 Concrete Tower, 20m high.
 - All the "TIE_IN" and "To Completion" Works for laying of new Distribution pipeline of length 30.5km (HDPE & Steel pipelines), of Diameter from 110mm to 450mm.

 - All site works within the treatment works and storage tank sites Laying of 9.67km of DN200 steel pipe from treatment works to Mosoriot storage tank site
 - Construction of RC ground storage tank of 1500m³ and all site works.

Electrical and Mechanical Works:

- Install, Test and Commission the already Supplied Horizontal or Vertical, Multi-Stage pumps which include, capacity 400m3/hr against 180m head, 320m3/hr against 45m head, 108m3/hr against 100m, 300m3/hr
- II. Supply, Install, test and commission Horizontally or vertically installed, multi-stage, axially-split volute casing pump with double-entry radial impeller, mating flanges to DIN, ISO, BS or ANSI standards water pumps each of capacity 120m³/hr against 175m head
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the
 office of The Chief Executive Officer, Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency, Maji Plaza,
 Prisons Rd, and P.O. Box 2451-20100 Nakuru, Kenya, Tel 254 512213557/+254 718313557 at the office hours from 08:00am to 04:00pm (East African Time) on Weekdays (Monday to Friday).
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in soft copy (CD) may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs. 1,000 (Kenya Shillings One Thousand Only)
- The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Works.
- Bidders are invited for a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit which will take place at Northern Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (NRVWWDA) Board Room in Eldoret Town on 6th May 2025 at 9.00a.m (East
- Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 12.00pm (Noon East African Time on 10th June 2025 and must be accompanied by a Security (Unconditional Bank Guarantee) of KES 16,000,000 (Kenya Shillings Sixteen Million Only) or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency with a Bid Validity period of 120 days from Bid Submission Date.
- 10. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend at 12.05pm East African Time on 10th June 2025, the bids shall be opened in the Agency's conference hall:

Chief Executive Officer. **Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency** Maii Plaza, Prisons Road Off Nakuru - Eldama Ravine Highway P.O. Box 2451-20100 Nakuru, Kenya Tel: +254 725 999 000 Email: info@crvwwda.go.ke





AUCTION INVITATION

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) invites you to the auction of KALRO Boarded assets that shall be conducted by M/S GARAM INVESTMENTS AUCTIONEERS and M/S IGARE AUCTION-EERS on the Date/Day, Time and Place indicated in the table here below. The items range from Vehicles, Laboratory Equipment, Office Equipment, Scrap Materials, Old Tyres, Used Furniture, Batteries, among others.

The schedule of disposal activities shall be as below;

Date	Time	KALRO Venue	Auctioneer
05-05-2025	10:00am	KALRO Headquarters - Loresho	Igare Auctioneers
06-05-2025	10:00am	Veterinary Research Institute, Muguga	Garam Investments Auctioneers
06-05-2025	10:00am	Food Crops Research Centre, Kabete	Igare Auctioneers
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Vihiga farmers receive fingerlings, fish feeds to boost aquaculture

BY ROSE WASIKE (KNA)

ome 450 fish farmers in Vihiga County have received a significant boost after a non-governmental organization provided them with fingerlings and fish feeds.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Corporation (NORAD), through the Advancing Resilient Nutrition Sensitive Aquaculture Project (ARNSA) implemented under the Aquaculture business development project (ABDP), supplied the farmers with 450,000 fingerlings and 3,600 bags of fish feeds

Speaking during the event at the county headquarters in Mbale, Governor Dr. Wilber Ottichilo expressed his appreciation to NORAD for their support in uplifting aquaculture in the area.

Dr. Ottichilo said the county has the potential to produce fish in bulk and make Vihiga among the top in fish farming.

"Let's do as we are required and once we succeed we will be the one leading and any challenge experienced will be addressed," he said.

The governor noted that the initiative lays ground for a more comprehensive aquaculture business development programme in the next

Dr. Ottichilo challenged more people to venture into fish farming, saying it contributes to food security and the much-needed nutrients in the body.

He also assured farmers that there was a ready market for fish locally and internationally, driven by increasing demand and a potential profitable aquaculture.

The governor asked fish farmers to strive and make their own fish feed locally to cut down on the overall costs and improve fish production.

Dr. Ottichilo urged school principals involved in fish farming in the county to ensure the exercise is taken seriously, calling upon them to encourage students to take interest in fisheries studies as a way of making sure they get experts in that area.

"I am calling upon school heads to make sure the youngsters are fully involved, with a view to encouraging this generation to take over fish farming as a serious business and act as future pioneers," the governor reiterated.

Nyang'ori Boys High school is one of the institutions that received the fingerlings. Other institutions that benefited include Moi Girls, Vokoli.

The governor assured farmers that the county will prioritize producing fingerlings from Mwitoko Fish



Vihiga County Governor Dr. Wilber Ottichilo (Right) hands over fingerlings to a farmer

Hatchery, currently undergoing renovation for the benefit of farmers and the residents at large

Meanwhile, Vihiga procured a vehicle and three motorcycles to be used to facilitate officers to reach farmers and offer advice on how to conduct fish farming, and how to handle nets to help thwart predators.

On his part, the deputy national programme coordinator for Aquaculture Business Development Program Dr. Isaac Wamalwa urged farmers and residents to invest in aquaculture as there is a huge demand for fish.

"A fish deficit of 400,000 metric tons is a significant gap in the supply of fish that is potentially impacting food

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security. Make use of the opportunity and support given to you in terms of fish feeds, fingerlings, value addition as well as the available market to grow the business to a higher level," Wamalwa

The fish farmers in Vihiga are expected to offer 44 per cent in-kind contribution to the project.





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Government launches "Kaa Safe" campaign

BY WANGARI NDIRANGU,

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has launched the" Kaa Safe" Mtaani campaign to create awareness and promote safety in the energy sector.

Speaking during the launch in Nairobi, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi said the government has made significant strides to improve safety regulations and enforcement mechanisms in the energy sector.

"We recently strengthened the framework for regulation surrounding LPG and petroleum storage and distribution, with a particular focus on quality control, and in the electricity sector, have increasingly ensured that power distribution infrastructure meets stringent safety standards even as we continue to conduct strict nationwide audits to ensure compliance," the CS said.

He acknowledged that there are disturbing statistics on safety in the sector but noted that even as the ministry attempts to ensure access to energy as demand rises, safety must be the cornerstone of the progress.

'The statistics report by EPRA shows that between July and December 2024



Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary James Opiyo Wandayi, speaking during the Kaa Safe Mtaani launch.

alone, nearly 195,000 new customers were connected to electricity, pushing the total number of fully connected customers to just under 10 million.

This, the CS noted, is very significant but added that with electricity access, particularly in rural and marginalized communities, there is need to strengthen safety education to prevent accidents.

Wandayi added that through the Kenya National E-Cooking Strategy, which was launched sometimes back, the government is laying the groundwork for a future where electricity becomes a primary source of energy.

"About 25 per cent of Kenyans already own an electric appliance. We propose to electrify most cooking needs by 2050 as part of our national drive towards zero pollution. This vision must be accompanied by trust in the safety of e-cooking solutions, ensuring that every household understands how to use them securely," the

Wandayi said LPG for Schools project is enabling learning institutions to adopt cleaner, safer cooking solu-

"As we launch this campaign here, I want to call upon all of us to embrace this initiative, to integrate safety practices in our businesses and daily lives, and to be champions of safe energy use. Let us make safety a cornerstone of our energy sector and the value that every Kenyan embraces. I strongly believe that it is doable. So let us do it," the CS

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Petroleum, Mohamed Liban, said there have been increased uptake of liquefied petroleum gas for domestic industrial use as well as alternative automotive fuel.

"Growing demand for sustainable transportation supported by government initiatives such as the zero rate of taxes on LPG continues to drive the growth of the auto gas market.

He added that with the notable developments in the country, it is important for all to join hands and move the 'Kaa Safe' campaign to all, saying this will require collaborative efforts.

"This campaign is a tool to reach the last mile; it is a vehicle for us to reach all the regions through awareness campaign at the grassroots and ensure that the three products we are using; electricity, e-cooking and LPG are used prudently and safely," he said.

Recent data from the Energy and Petroleum Statistics report shows that demand for LPG increased by 13.38 per cent, from 195,445.13 metric tons reported in the first half of the year 2024 to 219,416 metric tons in the second half period of 2024, a clear indicator that Kenyans

are increasingly appreciating the benefit of this clean and efficient fuel.

Liban said that the State Department of Petroleum is working closely with EPRA and industry players to intensify efforts around petroleum safety education by including strict enforcement of safety standards, community sensitization, and ensuring that petroleum retailers and transporters adhere to the highest level of compliance.

State Department of Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira asked Kenyans to ensure that they adhere to safety measures by using certified electricians to ensure proper electrical installations and regular maintenance to prevent accidents.

"We recognize the important role energy plays in the lives of our citizens and the broader economic development of our country. The 'Kaa Safe' campaign is not just about raising awareness. It is a bold, clarion call to action that transforms how energy is accessed, consumed, and managed across the country," Wachira said.

The Director General of EPRA Daniel Kiptoo said everybody is a champion and that all should put their heads together to increase awareness on safety.

State commits to eradicate drought emergencies

BY ANITA OMWENGA, KNA

The Government is committed to ending drought emergencies in the country as it transitions into the Second Phase of the Common Programme Framework for Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE CPF II).

This is a strategic roadmap that will guide the country through to the year 2032.

The Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, the ASALS and Regional Development Beatrice Askul said the framework provides a common strategy around which all stakeholders can harmonize their interventions in support of sustainable livelihoods in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs).

Speaking during a high-level consultative meeting on the draft EDE CPF II in Nairobi, Askul said the persistence of drought in the country, including the national emergency declared in the year 2021, shows that there is still much more to do to ensure sustainable livelihoods.

According to Askul, the arid and semi-arid lands make up more than 80 per cent of Kenya's national landmass, and yet, ASALs remain at the epicenter of climate crises like droughts.

"These regions are rich in po-

tential endowed with natural resources, cultural diversity, and strategic economic importance,' she said, adding that the government is on track in unlocking the region's potential.

The speaker reported that Kenya experiences an increase in frequent, severe, and prolonged droughts, affecting 1.5 to 4.9 million Kenyans annually.

The 2021-2023 drought cost over Sh71 billion in response, resulting in losses of 12.1 billion US dollars between 2008 and 2011.

The Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE) initiative is a multi-stakeholder platform focusing on long-term resilience, coordination, and sustainable development to prevent future droughts from escalating into national emergencies, the CS said.

"We are not just here to reflect on our journey, we are here to reaffirm our shared vision and chart a bold, collective path as we transition into the second phase of this vital national initiative," she said.

She said drawing on lessons from the past decade, the framework is anchored on three priority action areas including: investment in foundations for development and resilience building; and coordination, institutional development, and knowledge management.



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2.	NCA/T/035/ 2024-2025	Retender for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Research and Data Analysis Software.	Open	7 th May, 2025
3.	NCA/T/036/ 2024-2025	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) System Solution and support of mobile Application	Reserved for AGPO	7 th May, 2025
4.	NCA/T/037/ 2024-2025	Provision of consultancy services for legal audit.	Open	7 th May, 2025
5.	NCA/T/038/ 2024-2025	Framework agreement for supply and delivery of airtime/scratch cards for financial year 2024-2025 for a period of one year	Reserved for AGPO	7 th May, 2025

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Government allocates Sh500m for propagation and distribution of coffee seedlings

BY BERNARD MUNYAO AND PURITY MUGO, KNA

The Government has allocated Sh500 million in the supplementary budget to facilitate propagation and distribution of coffee seedlings to farmers.

The Principal Secretary (PS) for the State Department for Co-operatives Mr. Patrick Kilemi said the programme aims to increase production with 20 million coffee seedlings earmarked for distribution of farmers across all coffee growing regions annually.

Kilemi, speaking in Murang'a where he met coffee farmers noted that the Coffee Research Institute (CRI) and New KPCU will be entrusted with the responsibility of propagating the seedlings of high yielding coffee varieties.

He stated that coffee production in the country is still low as compared to other neighbouring coffee producing nations.

"Last year, Kenya produced 50,000 metric tons while Uganda produced

400,000 metric tons and Ethiopia produced 750 metric tons of coffee.

"We want our farmers to plant recommended coffee seedlings as we target to increase our production by more than ten times. Properly planted and well nurtured coffee can produce more than 40 kilos per bush," Kilemi said at Ihura Stadium.

Old coffee bushes, the PS said, are to blame for low production saying a coffee bush can only be properly productive for a period of 20 years.

He noted that the government has revitalized the coffee sector and farmers have been receiving lucrative prices from their coffee.

"The reforms the government is implementing in the coffee sector are bearing fruits. We managed to remove cartels at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange as we separated licensing of millers, buyers and brokers," he added.

To increase production of coffee, Kilemi averred that the government is also streamlining distribution of subsidized fertilizer to farmers.

He said the New KPCU has been mandated to source fertilizer from National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) and take it to coffee factories where farmers can access it easily.

"The New KPCU has also been mandated to distribute chemicals which the government has subsidized at about 40 per cent so as to control diseases and pests that affect coffee production," the PS noted.

He said revitalization of coffee will greatly contribute to the country's GDP observing that the average price of a kilo of coffee in some areas currently is more than Sh100.

"Worldwide, coffee is number two after oil. The value of coffee trade in the world is estimated to be around \$600 billion. Kenya in 2023 got Sh33 billion from coffee. Well-natured and managed coffee can see returns from the cherry surpass income realized from tea," the PS stated.



Farmers receives coffee seedlings in a past event. (Photo: Courtesy)

The government, Kilemi observed, targets to generate Sh1 trillion from coffee in the near future saying the returns can only be achieved by cooperation with farmers for increased coffee production and attaining the required cherry quality.

Meanwhile the PS said the government is working to replace aging pulping equipment in all coffee factories with modern machines.

He noted that the old machines have occasioned farmers to incur losses and also interfered with coffee quality.

The PS further announced that the government has factored Sh6.8 billion in the budget to clear coffee debts saying this will see an increment of farmers' income.

"After verification of accrued coffee debts by societies, it was established the needed amount is Sh6.8 billion which has been factored in the next financial budget. By August the debts will be cleared and farmers will be relieved from the financial burden," Kilemi remarked.

On his part, Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata said his administration will set aside some funds in the next financial year to support farmers.

The funds, he said, will facilitate farmers to increase production, saying from next month, a team from the county government will tour the USA and China to search for a market for Murang'a coffee.

"We are delighted as coffee factories in Murang'a this year have paid farmers at average of Sh115 per kilo. This is a landmark payment," Kang'ata said.

Government allocates Sh5b for Gogo hydro power plant expansion

BY MAKOKHA KHAOYA, KNA

The Government has secured Sh5 billion to upgrade and expand the Gogo Hydro Power Plant, increasing power generation from two to 8.6 megawatts.

The Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, Opiyo Wandayi, speaking during a tree-planting session at Midida Primary School in Uriri Sub-County, noted that Migori County has so far benefited from a Sh6 billion electrification program.

He said Sh800 million of the funds had been allocated to the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) for infrastructure development, power distribution, and last-mile connectivity.

Wandayi disclosed that the Ministry of Energy is committed to addressing the country's power shortages. He stated that upgrading the Gogo Hydro Power Plant will help mitigate some of the power outages in the region and create job opportunities for local residents.

He also promised to ensure that more funds are allocated to counties to improve power connectivity nationwide.

Wandayi further revealed that the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum had, as of March this year, planted 11 million trees as part of an initiative to help the government achieve a 30 percent forest cover by 2030.

He emphasized the importance of sustainable environmental practices and urged residents to take personal responsibility in the fight against deforestation.

He stressed that tree growing—rather than just planting—must involve nurturing trees to maturity to ensure long-term ecological benefits.

CS Wandayi added that the initiative aims to engage forest conservators and hundreds of local farmers to plant more than 500,000 trees across the Nyanza region, with the goal of reversing deforestation and restoring degraded landscapes.

"My Ministry has issued out 100,000 seedlings to Migori County to plant during these long rains so as to help to improve and conserve Gogo Power Plant and other wetland areas," Wandayi said.

He encouraged the locals to continue with the tree planting programme to boost the forest cover, which, he said, is below two percent.

Migori Governor, Ochilo Ayacko, said that the Gogo Hydro Power Plant expansion is one of the government projects initiatives that will change the lives of people.

The Governor said his administration will work closely with the national government to initiate and complete key energy initiatives to improve power connectivity across the 12 sub-counties.



NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

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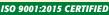
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Creative economy set for growth as Government pledges increased investment

BY ESTHER MWANGI, KNA

The Government is implementing policies and programs to support the creative and cultural industries, including strengthening copyright laws and ensuring artists receive fair compensation for their

Pledging increased investments in the sector, Principal Secretary (PS) of the State Department for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, Ms. Ummi Bashir, said the government is championing the passing of legislative policies that will benefit players in the arts industry. She called for more support from private organizations to promote the growth of the creative economy.

Ms. Bashir emphasized

that the government recognizes the immense value of the arts and is committed to overseeing the continued growth and development of the creative industry. She added that the fifth pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) emphasizes transforming the creative sector into a sustainable industry that supports decent livelihoods.

Speaking during the celebrations for this year's World Arts Day at the Agricultural Society of Kenya Showground in Nakuru, the PS noted that through continued investment in talent development, the government is creating an enabling environment where artists across all disciplines can thrive.

"The government will

continue to champion policies, infrastructure development, and strategic partnerships that uplift our creatives, celebrate cultural diversity, and position the arts at the heart of our nation's progress," Ms. Bashir pointed out.

She concluded by stating that the time has come for creatives to build meaningful livelihoods from their art, noting that the state has implemented strategies to open opportunities for all creatives and protect their intellectual property from exploitation.

The Economy Survey 2023 revealed that the arts, recreation and entertainment industry accounts for five per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 0.25 per cent of total wage



Traditional dancers entertain guests during celebrations to mark World Arts Day in Nakuru.

employment. It was also identified as a contributor to a happier and healthier lifestyle.

Kenya, with a burgeoning youthful population is targeting the creative and digital economy for job creation and employment.

Calling on Kenyans to reflect on the power of the arts to unite, inspire, and drive change, Ms Bashir

called upon all stakeholders, government agencies, private sector partners, development organizations, and the wider community, to continue investing in and supporting the creative sector as this will create more platforms, open additional opportunities, and amplify more voices.

Ms Bashir hailed the Kenya Cultural Centre for its dedication in promoting artistic excellence, adding that the organization has been instrumental in supporting the growth of the creative and cultural industry in Kenya, thereby helping to establish the country as a stronghold for artistic and cultural expression.

The PS noted that by supporting the creative industry the government is playing a key role in fostering creative thinking and addressing high unemployment rate.

She stated that by decentralizing national events such as the World Arts Day to counties, the State is expanding access to artistic opportunities and empowering communities across the country. The PS pointed out that the government had identified the creative economy as one of the fastest growing sectors not only as a source of employment but also as an enabler of national cohesion and innovation.



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Government unveils multi-million project to save Lake Naivasha from extinction

BY ERASTUS GICHOHI, KNA

The Government has launched the threeyear Lake Naivasha Basin Ecosystem Management Project aimed at saving the lake from extinction.

Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry Cabinet Secretary (CS) Dr. Deborah Barasa, speaking in Naivasha, said that the Lake Naivasha basin is a key natural resource for the region's flora and fauna. She added that it supports livelihoods through agriculture in the Aberdare highlands, as well as tourism and fishing in Lake Naivasha.

However, Dr. Barasa expressed concern that the lake basin is currently facing numerous environmental challenges. If not addressed, these challenges could have devastating effects on the region's flora, fauna, and the livelihoods of many



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry CS Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa and Nyandarua County Governor Moses Kiarie Badilisha (in white caps, both facing camera) onboard a boat during a familiarization tour of Lake Naivasha on the sidelines of the launch of Lake Naivasha Basin Ecosystem Management project in Naivasha. people.

The CS noted that the basin, which extends from

the highlands of the Aberdares to the downstream area of Lake Naivasha, provides rich agricultural lands that support farming activities. However, she also pointed out that the basin is facing numerous challenges, mostly driven

by unsustainable agricultural practices, the use of chemicals on farmlands, effluents from the hotel industry, and encroachment on riparian areas.

"If this trend continues, we will soon lose the vital ecosystem services that thousands of people depend on," she said.

To address this, Dr.

Barasa emphasized that the timely and prudent implementation of the project would lead to key outcomes, including improved basin governance, restored forest and wetland ecosystems, sustainable land management, and enhanced ecosystem services such as increased fish production.

Lake Naivasha is a designated Ramsar site, meaning it is a wetland of international importance. It is home to diverse wildlife, including hippos, flamingos, over 400 bird species, and an active fishing community. It also serves as a key tourism destination and hosts global events such as the World Rally Championship (WRC). However, this national treasure is under threat from degradation, pollution, and loss of biodiversity, according to Dr. Barasa

To restore the Lake Naivasha ecosystem, the government, through the National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND), has secured \$1.78 million (approximately Sh230.85 million) from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to support the restoration of the ecology. The fund will be used for restoring forest ecosystems and reducing land degradation within the Lake Naivasha Basin.

The project is a comprehensive three-year program focused on restoring catchment and riparian land in key zones across the basin.

Dr. Barasa called for concerted efforts from all stakeholders in conserving the ecosystem, noting that the sustainable management of the Lake Naivasha Basin Ecosystem requires cooperation, support, and contributions from all levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and local communities who are the stewards of these landscapes."The initiative aligns well with key government priorities, including my ministry's strategic focus areas on biodiversity conservation, environmental and forest restoration, and climate change action," she stated.

On his part, NETFUND Chief Executive Officer Samson Toniok said the project will enable the protection of key forests in Nyandarua County including 6, 600 hectares in South Kinangop, 6,800 hectares in North Kinangop and 22,000 hectares that form Geta forest in the same county.

Why we must formally recognize village elders

BY RAYMOND OMOLLO

ne of the most disturbing cases to ever reach our Ministry's headquarters involved a minor who had been defiled and later killed. Shockingly, the case was quietly swept under the rug under the guise of "out-of-court settlement." It might have ended were it not for the courage of the girl's mother, who defied the pressure to stay quiet and escalated the matter in pursuit of justice for her daughter.

It later emerged that some village elders had been compromised through monetary influence, choosing silence over accountability. This tragic incident was not just a crime against one child. Rather, it was among those that have laid bare some glaring cracks within our traditional village administration system.

For decades, the system has quietly held our communities together. At the heart of it all are dedicated village elders, who unpaid and often without formal recognition, have mediated disputes, settled some serious conflicts, and upheld social order. All this while, they have been operating outside the boundaries of formal governance structures, their service rooted in goodwill, cultural heritage, and our collective desire for social

equilibrium.

In recent years, some of the cracks have become too troubling to ignore. From our assessment, the absence of a formal legal framework and structured compensation for the elders has created significant gaps in oversight. Instances of nepotism, favouritism, and, in some cases, outright corruption are increasingly coming to

Even more alarming are grave matters, including sexual violence and murders, being casually "resolved" instead of being escalated and referred to the formal justice system, as the law requires. As such, without underplaying the invaluable role village administration system has long played, we must now ask ourselves: is it still truly serving our communities, or is it merely surviving on legacy? They say, "İf it's working, don't meddle - unless you're improving it.

The foregoing concerns highlight the urgent need to strengthen our village elders' place in local governance through structure, training, and accountability. The Draft National Government Village Administration Policy seeks to officially recognize village administrative units and provide a legal framework for the engagement of these elders.

The policy, which is a culmination of a journey we



began last year, spells a conscious evolution of our pluralistic legal identity, which has always balanced statutory law with customary practices. From our perspective, and the overwhelming memoranda we received from the public and our stakeholders, by anchoring the elders' work in law, the policy will not only empower them to play a more active role in governance, justice, and security but also draw a clear line between customary dispute resolution and matters that demand formal legal intervention.

In fact, we already have evidence of how well such collaboration can work. Through grassroots structures like the Nyumba Kumi initiative we have effectively dealt with serious security threats, including terrorism and organized crime, by leveraging community vigilance and information-sharing with our security organs.

The proposed policy, alongside the National Government Coordination (Administrative Units') Regulations, 2025, marks a critical turning point in how we envision our grassroots governance. This new framework aims to formally recognize the elders and provide them with a clear legal identity, defined responsibilities, and standardized roles across the country.

This formalization is a long-overdue step toward protecting both the communities they serve and the integrity of the office itself. Beyond recognition, the policy and the draft regulations will facilitate the equitable decentralization of national government services, ensuring that support, funding, and resources reach the last mile as envisioned in our Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The two instruments will also promote public participation in administrative decision-making. foster transparency, and establish clear lines of authority and accountability in service delivery at the grassroots level. Most importantly, they draw a clear path toward restoring public trust in the village administration system by proposing structured governance to replace the elders' informal discretion.

Our ultimate goal is to strengthen their leadership not just as custodians of our culture and community peace, but as legitimate and recognized actors within our governance architecture. We have selectively taken some lessons from other jurisdictions that have successfully integrated traditional justice into their legal frameworks and empowered their local communities to great effect. In fact, some of the systems we've learnt from have become a powerful extension of their national security and administration infrastructure.

In Canada, for instance, elders in indigenous play a central role in administering restorative justice. Papua New Guinea has Village Courts led by local elders, who address civil and minor criminal matters through customary processes. Bolivia's Constitution also empowers indigenous communities to administer justice based on traditional and culturally grounded laws.

India's Gram Panchayats and Samoa's councils of chiefs similarly settle disputes and conflicts at the community level with full state support. Not to mention numerous examples from African countries where village-level administration plays a prominent role. These models affirm one truth: formal institutions may not always reach the heart of community conflict.

Our village elders have given us a unique perspective on cattle rustling and helped us dismantle the criminal enterprise by revealing it as a warped expression of cultural identity, which had been exacerbated by poverty, peer pressure, and political incitement.

They also bring firsthand understanding of boundary disputes over land and water, highlighting issues that touch on heritage, livelihood, and survival, through which we are finding more viable ways to address these challenges. By giving them structured authority and accountability, we will not only create a governance system that is both responsive and responsible, but also ensure serious crimes are rightly escalated.

This will be a system that will also place justice within walking distance of every mwananchi. It will also mark a radical shift in mindset that will accord these elders their deserved recognition, tools, protection, and compensation.

With foresight and the input from all our stakeholders and partners, key among them national county governments, the civil society, inter-faith groups, community representatives, and members of the public, we hope to build an administrative and justice system that starts where the people

Dr. Omollo the PS for Internal Security and National Administration.

KRA unveils new patrol boat to bolster maritime security, combat illicit trade

BY CHARI SUCHE, KNA

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has launched a patrol boat for the authority's marine unit in a bid to safeguard the borders from illicit trade and enhance maritime security.

The marine unit fleet, KRA 009, is a vital asset in the fight against illicit trade and in strengthening maritime border security. It symbolizes not

just a physical asset but also a renewed commitment to protecting the borders and securing the economy, said KRA Commissioner General (CG) Humphrey Wattanga. He stated that despite sustained efforts by multi-agency teams, illicit trade continues to pose a serious threat to the economy, public health, and national security.

Wattanga added that the smuggling of goods, including contraband, narcotics, and weapons, undermines legitimate businesses, deprives the government of critical revenue, and places the lives of Kenyans at risk.

"As KRA, our mandate extends beyond revenue collection. We are a key player in national security through our role in border control. Working closely with other enforcement agencies under the multi-agency framework, we remain steadfast in our duty to protect the sover-



The newly commissioned Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) patrol boat christened KRA009 during its maiden patrol through the Likoni channel, Mombasa. PHOTO:

eignty and well-being of our country," he said.

The CG added that the authority has adopted a wide range of strategic and technological interventions to stop the surge of illicit trade.

These include market surveillance, advanced risk analysis and targeting, real-time information sharing across agencies, installation of scanners at entry points, and both land and water patrols.

Sh1.3 billion project to transform Lake Victoria's blue economy



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki addressing members of the community at Kabonyo Kanyagwal during an inspection tour of the facility.

BY CHRIS MAHANDARA, KNA

The Government is committed to revitalizing Lake Victoria's blue economy through infrastructure projects, including the ongoing construction of the Sh1.3 billion Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Aquaculture Center in Kisumu County.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the Kabonyo-Kanyagwal project, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki described it as a cornerstone of Kenya's blue economy transformation agenda.

He called it a "game changer" that will boost fish production, support sustainable fishing practices, and create thousands of jobs across the lakeside region.

The Deputy President noted that the facility, currently 15 percent complete, will produce 28 million fingerlings annually.

Additionally, it will serve as a specialized training hub for farmers and other stakeholders in the sector, thereby advancing the broader blue economy agenda. The fish species bred at the modern facility, he said, will be supplied to farmers and used to restock Lake

Victoria, which has seen a significant drop in production.

Once completed, the aquaculture center is expected to significantly support thousands of small-scale fish farmers, complementing other government-driven blue economy initiatives aimed at enhancing food security and boosting income for fishing communities around the lake, he said.

In a bid to modernize the fisheries sector, Prof Kindiki also highlighted the ongoing construction of nine new fish landing sites across Migori, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, and Busia counties.

The sites which include three in Siaya, two in Homa Bay, two in Kisumu, one in Busia, and one in Migori will be equipped with cold storage facilities and value addition infrastructure to reduce post-harvest losses and improve earn-

ings for fishermen.

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Prof Kindiki pointed out that the first phase of the initiative, which included landing sites at Mulukoba (Busia), Luanda K'otieno (Siaya), and Sori (Migori), had already been completed and handed over to local communities.

To ensure sustainable harvesting of aquatic resources, Prof Kindiki stated that the government is working closely with Beach Management Units (BMUs) and has already released Sh124 million to assist them to acquire modern fishing gear.

He added that additional allocations will be made this year to further equip BMUs with the necessary tools to venture into deep-sea fishing.

The projects, he said, are in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) with thousands of job opportunities set to be created

"These projects will create long term jobs for our people. Already many people are working here as plumbers, artisans, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and several other short time jobs have also been created," he

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Kwale invests in irrigation system to boost food production

BY HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI, KNA

₹he Kwale County Government is targeting small scale irrigation schemes to boost agricultural productivity, food security and rural livelihoods.

More than 4,000 smallholder farmers have been incorporated into the program through a partnership between the county government and the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP).

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

Governor Fatuma Achani said the agricultural irrigation support initiative is aimed at enhancing food security, supporting livelihoods and promoting economic growth in the coastal county.

devolved government seeks to promote year-round agriculture, production and farming by embracing irrigation during the dry sea-

infrastructure and technology, we expect to achieve greater food security, reduce poverty and create employment opportunities for our



Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani inspects crops under drip irrigation during a farmer's field day. Achani says the county government is prioritizing irrigation to boost food security.

people," she said.

Over 25 mega and medium dams with components of small-scale irrigation schemes have been constructed across the region providing a reliable water supply to smallholder farmers.

The dams serving as res-Governor Achani said the ervoirs to store water for agricultural use and water for livestock include Nyalani, Mwena, Silaloni, Mwaluvuno, Kizingo, and Mwakalanga.

The dams serve as a cat-"By investing in irrigation alyst for modern irrigation farming, reducing dependency on rain-fed agriculture, and promoting agribusiness development.

prioritized sustainable agriculture in its dry zones in Lunga Lunga and Kinango sub-counties by spearheading a bold initiative that has seen 250 acres of land placed under drip irrigation.

With the irrigation schemes, arid and semiarid areas have the potential to transform from a basket case struggling with food security issues to becoming food barns," she said, add-ing that Kwale is dedicated to economic growth through agricultural transformation.

Achani said the county is undertaking several irrigation projects designed as a 'ladder out of poverty' for the smallholder farmers Achani said Kwale has in areas endowed with suf-

ficient water resources for irrigation-based intensifi-

She stated that the county is providing direct support to farmers by distributing certified seeds, improved varieties of crops, fertilizers, and irrigation equipment.

Achani emphasized the critical need for a climate-resilient agricultural system to counteract the increasing threats from erratic weather, droughts, and emerging pests and diseases.

The county boss reiterated the devolved government's commitment to expanding irrigation infrastructure and access to sustainable water reservoirs particularly to arid and semi-arid areas prone to drought.

"The dams and the irrigation projects play a critical role in building resilience to climate induced changes and making all year-round production and cultivation possible," Achani said.

She also emphasized the need for mechanization of agriculture noting that her administration has provided tractors and other critical equipment to farmers to enhance productivity, and underscored the significance of technology adoption in agricultural advancement.

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Migori Aquaculture groups receive Sh9.02 million grant

ВҮ МАКОКНА KHAOYAI, KNA

Migori entrepreneur groups have received to Sh9.02 million to empower them economically in the fish value chain.

They were given the grant by the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), through funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Speaking in one of the hotels in Migori town during the presentation of the cheques, Migori County **Executive Committee** Member (CECM) for Agriculture, Livestock and the Blue Economic, Lucas Mosenda, said that 44 groups will benefit from the grant. "We have 12 groups that have received Sh500,000 each with the rest receiving Sh100,000 in grants,' said Mosenda.

He said the grants will help fish farmers, fish processors, fish formulators and trainers to improve their productivity in aquaculture

The official added that the county is at the forefront boosting aquaculture to improve the economic activities of the county and the South Nyanza region. Mosenda called upon the

beneficiaries to utilise the funds well for sustainability and continuity of their ventures to generate income for their households as well as for the county. County Chief Officer in Charge of Fisheries and Blue Economy, George Ochola, said the grant will change the lives of the beneficiary groups.

'We want these groups who are in different lines of production; that is, feed formulation, value addition and fish farmers to utilise these funds prudently to boost their income generation," Ochola

He also disclosed that the county extension officers will be doing a follow-up to ensure the funds are utilised for the right reasons to economically empower the groups.

Ochola explained that the county will continue to empower the fish farmers both within the lake and those from the inland to make Migori a rich aquaculture county.

"Through our good governance and conducive environment that Migori has offered, we aim to improve and expand our fish production to generate more income for our people," Ochola said.

Kenya signs free-trade agreement with Ethiopia

BY CHARI SUCHE, KNA

enya and Ethiopia have agreed to collaborate to implement the African Continental Free Trade Area(ACFTA).

The two parties, represented by senior government officials of the respective governments, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to fast-track the implementation ACFTA between them on a simplified trade regime.

Speaking in Mombasa, the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, Lee Kinyanjui, said the government wants to fasttrack trade at the border following continued challenges within the border communities living in Moyale.

Kinyanjui said there have been significant challenges, thus the need for the agreement, hoping to ensure that



Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Trade Lee Kinyanjui (R) and his Ethiopian Counterpart Dr. Kassahun Gofe during the 3rd bilateral trade meeting between Kenya and Ethiopia on the simplified trade regime, Mombasa.

communities living within the border can trade freely.

"We are emphasizing that within the bigger scope of things Kenya and Ethiopia will be looking for ways in which we can implement free trade so that goods produced here or Ethiopia can come and people can work anywhere in the two countries not forgetting tourism

in Mombasa and many other things that will boost our economy," he said.

The CS assured the public that the government will continue to engage with neighboring countries to make sure there is a good trading environment for the people.

He noted that Ethiopia has critical goods that Kenya needs, also having finished industrial products that are useful to Ethiopia.

He added that Kenyans should be encouraged to invest to reap the benefits of the signed partnership between the two countries.

Kinyajui said the government has invested in infrastructure to make trading

Ethiopian Minister of Trade and Regional Integration Kassahun Gofe underscored the concluding of the negotiations to kick start the implementation of the simplified trade regime and accelerate trade between border communities in the

two countries. Gofe said the considered two key outstanding issues which include areas of border trade. trading threshold, travel frequencies and the common list of product ice.

CS Kabogo urges Nandi residents to plant trees

BY GEOFFREY SATIA

Nandi County residents have been challenged to utilise the current rains to plant trees in their homes and designated public places. The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo asked residents to green their county with various types of trees, since their growth depends on the freely available water.

Kabogo regretted that the residents were not planting enough trees as they should, as some of the homes and farms had no trees at all.

'We can't water trees here like other places in this country, since here there's abundant rainfall. including children have trees so that we can take this county to another level," the CS said during a tree planting exercise in Chebilat Forest in Aldai Constituency.

He said residents should surround their homes with trees because they clean air and also make homes beautiful.

"If we plant trees, we'll breathe in clean air and enjoy many other advantages including beautification of our homes," he

Kabogo asked the residents to follow protocol led by the County Forest Conservator and his team to allow survival of trees alongside growing of crops.

He asked leaders not to politicize the tree planting campaign.

Nandi Governor Stephen Sang said survival of already grown trees remains a big challenge, urging Kenya Forest Service to allow agroforestry as a security for them

The governor pointed out that 16 per cent forest cover was not enough for the county that receives plenty of rain throughout the year.





